



GROW THE PRIDE



A Note from DG Vicki Hubbard

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! WOW!! Where has the last six months gone? As the saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun!" I am starting to believe that. Have you thought about your New Year's resolutions yet? When you make your personal resolutions, be sure to make some "Lions" resolutions too; set some goals for yourself and your clubs. Don't forget ASK ONE!! See how many new members your clubs can bring in by June 30, 2015. After the first of the year we will be chartering a new Lions Club in Lilburn, we are excited about the new club and the 26+ members that they are going to charter with. We will be able to provide services that we have not been able to provide in the Lilburn area in years.

We are anxiously getting prepared for our District Convention in March; you will find a registration form in the newsletter. We will have a reception for ID Lion Jack Epperson and his wife, Lion Mary on Friday evening, March 6, 2015 and we will have our District Convention on Saturday March 7, 2015. We will have a day full of events with new member orientation training, the 3rd Cabinet Meeting, a fabulous luncheon, our District elections and our speaker ID Lion Jack. It will be a great day to be a Lion, please go ahead and mark your calendar and make plans to attend in March.

So where will the District Governor be after the first of the year? I will be visiting the Athens Lions club for their 90th anniversary and the Oglethorpe Lions Club for their 1st anniversary. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions Camp will be holding their Joint Meeting on Saturday, January 31st in Warner Robins Georgia. I am hoping that many of you can attend the Joint Meeting and find out what is happening at the Lighthouse and the Camp. The Council of Governors will also be meeting that weekend.

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest was held and the theme of the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest was "Peace, Love and Understanding." and District 18-I had entries from 11 Lions Clubs in our District. The clubs were: Clermont-North Hall, Conyers, Dahlonga, Jefferson, Lavonia, Monroe, Norcross, Oconee, Oxford, Toccoa, and Winder Noon. I am pleased to announce that the LAVONIA Lions Club had the first place winner, Emma Maffett, the TOCCOA Lions Club had the second place winner, Izzy Bell, the WINDER NOON Lions Club had the third place winner, Caitlyn Evans and the DAHLONEGA Lions Club had an Honorable Mention winner, Taylor Greaney. Thank you for all of the clubs that participated and I hope to see an even bigger participation next year.

I would like to congratulate the Toccoa Lions Club for sponsoring the Mountain Education Charter High School Leo Club. The Leo club advisor is Lion Bill Graham, the President of the Toccoa Lions Club. The LEO club has already completed a service project; they made Christmas cards for senior citizens at a local nursing home. The MECHS Leo club will be holding their charter night after the first of the year. Please join me in welcoming the newest LEO club to District 18-I and a BIG thank you to Lion Bill and the Toccoa club for helping them get started.

As we continue on with our Centennial Service Challenge, our numbers are increasing. Please be sure to report the activities that you do concerning youth, hunger, environment and vision. If you have any questions is a service qualifies or how to report this please call our Centennial Service Challenge coordinator Lion Doreen Stalworth. As of December 30, 2014 District 18-I has reported 308 activities, with a total of 6,030 Lions hours and 23,169 people served. Twenty one clubs have participated by engaging our youth, nine clubs have helped by protecting our environment, seventeen clubs have assisted with relieving the hunger campaign and twenty one clubs have helped with vision services. Let's make these numbers grow bigger in the months to come.

As we come to the half way point of our Lions year, let me recognize a few clubs that have a Net gain in their membership. The Lawrenceville Lions Club leads the way with 7 members, Towns County Lions Club with 6 members, Atlanta Chinese American Lions club and Covington Lions Club both tied with 5 members, North Decatur Lions Club and Gainesville both with 4 members, Conyers, Hartwell, Martin and Winder Noon all with a net gain of 2 members. Let's start 2015 out with a goal for each club in District 18-I working on a net gain of 5 members before June 30, 2015. The need for services in our communities increase every day; we need Lions to be able to help to provide our communities with the needs and services that they require.

I would like to recognize our Zone Chairs and the great jobs that they have done the first half of our Lions year; Dede, DeMarks, Dr. Elbonie Preston, Ken Fuller, Bryan Gordon, Steve Williams, Teresa Dove, Olin Newby, Wayne White and Wayne Turnbull. Also, a VERY BIG THANK YOU to 1st VDG Anne Mundy and 2nd VDG Bob Norton for helping me with official visits and just being there when I needed an ear, and our Cabinet Advisor, PDG Ed Hashbarger for his leadership and guidance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Relieve the Hunger to benefit 25 million people and be part of the Centennial Service Challenge!

During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger.

- Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.
- Visit [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you. Access the [recorded webinars](#) which featured experts from these two partner organizations.
- Consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

Share Your Success

You can help spread the word! Encourage your Lions club officers to report service activities through MyLCI, the online membership and activity reporting system. For more information, visit MyLCI at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> and review frequently asked questions about service activity reporting. Lions clubs that participate and report activities through MyLCI's online service activity report will be awarded a special banner patch in recognition of their contribution to service.

Or, if you do not have a local project and would like to find out how you can work with your local food pantry, you can contact the Georgia Mountain Food Bank at (770)534-4111 or visit their web page at www.gamountainfoodbank.org. The GMFB provides food on a regular basis to the local agencies for distribution. Your Lions Club can be involved in this process to help feed the hungry in your community.

5 December: International Leo Day Making the World a Better Place for Children

International Leo Day – On December 5, Leos around the world celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to commemorate the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957, to applaud Leos for their dedicated service in the community, and to recognize their commitment to the Leo Club Program.

Leos and Lions celebrate International Leo Day in many ways, from hosting social events, to organizing special service projects. This year, consider holding a new member induction



event to welcome the newest Leo members into your club on December 5. However you celebrate, you can always share photos and stories of your International Leo Day event on the [Leo Club Program Facebook Fan Page](#).

International Leo Projects

Spotlight on Children is the international service project of Leo clubs. Spotlight on Children projects give Leos the opportunity to enrich the lives of children by:

- Collecting food and clothes for local street children
- Repairing playgrounds
- Implementing after-school tutoring programs
- Visiting children in hospitals
- Raising funds for immunization programs

Planning Ahead

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month 13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday

18-I District Convention



Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming District Convention

Inform all of your members to mark their calendars 6 and 7 March meeting at:

Location – **The Foundry @ Graduate Athens**
295 E Dougherty St,
Athens, GA 30601

Training sessions to start at 9am = **Member Orientation** – with GLT Pete Stamsen and PDG Richard Henderson

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 10:45 am = what's the 4 initiatives?

Lunch/Convention will start at 12:15 = our guest speaker will be ID Jack Epperson and his wife, Mary from **Dayton, Nevada**

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Come one, **come all...**

Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis. Registration Form located on next page.

Check your email or mail box

District Convention 18-I March 7, 2015



Join us Friday evening,
March 6, 2015 for a
Reception for ID Jack and
his wife, Mary

Our guest speaker will be ID Jack Epperson
and his wife, Mary from Dayton, Nevada

Training sessions to start at 9:00am **Member Orientation** with GLT Pete Stamsen and PDG Richard Henderson

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 10:45 am Lunch / Convention will start at 12:15pm

The Foundry
@ Graduate Athens
295 E Dougherty St,
Athens, GA 30601
Phone: 706-549-7020

Book your room today!
Be sure to use the code
GA0306
for a special
Lions rate



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline is February 23, 2015

Convention cost includes Friday night Reception,

Saturday Training Session, 3rd Cabinet Meeting, and District Convention Luncheon.



Name	Friday Reception 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Training Session 9:00am - 10:30am	Cabinet Meeting 10:45am - 12:00pm	Luncheon 12:15pm	Dietary Restrictions

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

Luncheon Reservations	#	@ 25.00 /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





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

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



Executive Director Roberta Green and Lion Pete Stamsen of the Lawrenceville Lions Club get to work on the Recycling Center.

Lighthouse volunteer Dr. Dixon of Albany performs an eye exam at Samaritan Clinic.



Autumn and Melissa from AGT (with Outreach Director Marsha Marshall) will be collecting glasses for the Lighthouse at their office in Kennesaw.



Service Numbers
From June to Sept
2014

People having eye exams
227 were from 18-I

People have better vision after receiving a pair of glasses
533 were from 18-I

Eye surgeries were performed.
17 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
35 were from 18-I

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

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:
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Georgia Lions Lighthouse Directory Update:

The GA Lions Lighthouse is in the process of remodeling our Eyeglasses Recycling Center . Listed below is the contact information if you have questions or need information.

Direct Dial Number- (404) 844-0121 Ext #329 Recycle Room

Email address- recycle@lionslighthouse.org

Volunteer Manager – Lion Harold Walker – Phone: 404-376-2126

Volunteer Assistant Manager – Lion Albert Green – Phone: 404-861-4371

Mark your calendars! Upcoming Lighthouse Events

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FALL COMMUNITY SCREENING OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings Lions across the great state of Georgia! We are receiving numerous requests for GLLF representatives to volunteer at local community health fairs and events over the next few months. Before we add these events to our calendar, we want to make sure we have proper staffing and an adequate number of volunteers at each event. Below is a list of events during the months of September and October. If you would like to volunteer as an individual or group, please contact Marsha Marshall, Outreach Director, at mmarshall@lionslighthouse.org or Michael Zelin, Outreach Coordinator, at mzelin@lionslighthouse.org .

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Staff

Main Line: 404-325-3630

Executive Director

Roberta Green, ext. 301

Vision Services - Questions, Patient Care, Clinics =

CFO and Vision Program Director

Shamae Crosswhite, ext. 302

Hearing Services - Questions, Patient Care

Hearing Services Manager

Anna Knippel, ext. 305

Eye Surgery Services - Questions, Patient Care

Eye Surgery Director –

Victoria Jordan, ext. 303

Volunteer Services - Questions, Scheduling

Outreach Director -

Marsha Marshall, ext. 345

Development Opportunities - Fundraising, Club Giving, Donations

Chief Development Officer –

Kembra Landry, ext. 322

Marketing Opportunities - Club Materials, Promotions, Website, Social Media

Marketing Director –

Alison Kuhlke, ext. 306

Recycling Center - Questions, Drop-off/Pick-up

404-844-0121



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



Fellow Lions:

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's time to get back to our Lions work. The Georgia Lions Council of Governors, Georgia Lions Camp and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation are hosting our Joint Meeting January 31, 2015. Our meeting place will again be The Assembly Church, 6040 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA (For GPS purposes, it is Byron, GA).

Attached is the reservation form for our luncheon, a layout of the Church facility, and a schedule of meetings. Please send your reservations, along with payment, by January 22, 2015. We must have a timely reservation to order food. At our last meeting, we had many last minute reservations. Please make every effort to get your reservations in on time. On the reservation form is a list of motels in the immediate area. You should make your own room reservations.

On the attached schedule, please note there will be no meetings on Sunday. The Council of Governors Work Session will be Friday night at the Centerville Lions Clubhouse. REMEMBER: All meetings on Saturday will be at the Church. Please enter the Church through the rear doors.

We look forward to seeing you for a great day of meetings and information from MD-18, our Lions Camp and Lions Lighthouse.

JOINT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, GEORGIA LIONS CAMP, AND GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, January 30 – 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Council of Governors Work Session = Centerville Lions Clubhouse

Saturday, January 31 – Location – The Assembly Church

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. – Camp Constitution/By Laws Committee – Room 118A

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. – Camp Fundraising Committee – Room 118B

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Council of Governors Meeting – Choir Room

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. – Camp Finance Committee – Room 143

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. – Camp PR/Promotions Committee – Room 118B

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. – Joint Luncheon & Program – Annex Building

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Camp Buildings & Grounds Committee – Room 118B

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Camp Personnel Committee – Room 118A

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Camp Long Range Planning Committee – Room 143

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Lighthouse Board of Directors Meeting – Fireside Room

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Camp Board of Directors Meeting – Choir Room

4:00 p.m. – Past District Governors Association Meeting – Room 118A

**JOINT MEETING
OF
GEORGIA LIGHTHOUSE and GEORGIA CAMP
REGISTRATION**

DATE: Saturday, January 31, 2015
LOCATION: The Assembly at Warner Robins, 6040 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA (GPS - Bryon, GA)

Cost: **\$12.00 per person (includes lunch)**

Name	Club	#	Amount
TOTAL			

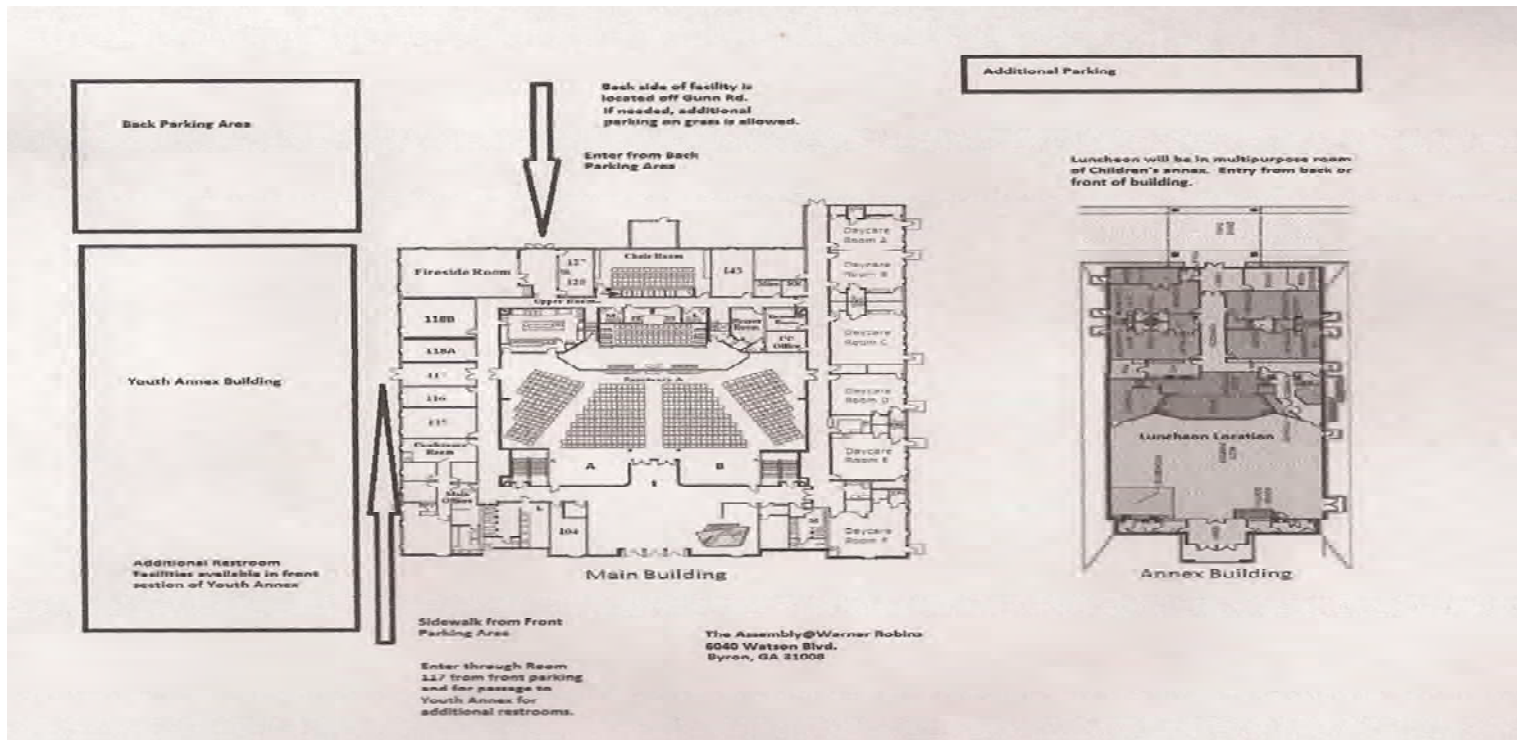
Contact Info: Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Bonnie Linscott ** MUST BE RECEIVED BY January 22nd******
 We will have to guarantee reservations with caterer

MAIL TO: Lion Bonnie Linscott Questions/Info Contact: Bonnie Linscott
 2836 Abilene Trail Email: bonhome@bellsouth.net
 Snellville GA 30078 Telephone: 770/972-4291

The format has been changed to have all meetings held in one day; no block of rooms have been arranged. If you will be staying overnight, the following is a list of motels/hotels near the church where Saturday meetings will take place. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH MOTEL/HOTEL** of your choice, using discount (AAA Auto, AARP, etc.) available to you.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Quality Suites 478-333-6940 | Hilton Garden Inn 478-971-1550 | Wingate Inn 478-333-6650 |
| Hampton Inn 478-953-9443 | Fairfield Inn 478-953-4200 | Holiday Inn Express 478-333-2737
(Brand new hotel) |



GEORGIA LIONS CAMP LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The LRPC is seeking input from the Lions of Georgia in preparation for developing a Long Range Plan for the Georgia Lions Camp. Please send your suggestions, comments, opinions, and recommendations to Dave Forrest – Chair of the LRPC. We, the committee, are considering the future years of 1, 3, 5, and 10 as our targets. Please consider the present condition of the camp and expand your thoughts.

Thank you for your input in the future planning of the Georgia Lions Camp.

Dave Forrest, LRPC Chair Email: forrestfamily@winstream.net Phone: 706-472-3862

REPORT FROM THE CAMP FALL MEETING

The Lighthouse and Camp had their fall meeting November 8. The attendance at the meeting was light. I would like to thank the people that were involved in the preparation of the Fall meeting. We would encourage the Lions of Georgia to support the Camp with donations. The Camp is in need of as many clubs as can possibly to help the financial situation the Camp is in.

The executive board voted not to have Christmas Camp due they lack of participation and the lack of funds.

I have a lot of raffle tickets and if any club would like to have some, I will be glad to get them some tickets.

Georgia Lions Camp can benefit from your purchases at Kroger or Amazon! All Lions (or any one) have to do is go to these web sites (<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>) and sign up. There is no cost and it does not affect your Kroger fuel points. On the Amazon Smile (<http://smile.amazon.com/>) is the same as Kroger; no cost and we get a percent of the orders anyone places. It only takes a couple of minutes to set up and at NO COST. It is a WIN/WIN for the Camp.

Due to circumstances beyond control of the Camp, Christmas Camp has been cancelled. The Camp is planning to investigate ways to reach out to the Waycross community to assist those less fortunate as they have done in years past. Details will be forthcoming as they became available.

Thank you for all you do for the Lions of Georgia!

The Georgia Lions Camp at Waycross is being supervised by Mike & Gail Williams. The South Ga Conference just used the camp for one of their programs. This provides some \$5000 in revenue for the camp. Renting out the camp to other organizations is a goal that the Board of Directors is working on this coming year. The Christmas Camp was canceled due to not being able to find a nurse to supervise the medical needs as well as having only a few applications from people that wanted to attend camp at this time of the year. I would encourage each club to consider having a special money making activity for the camp. As you might know I have distributed several hundred tickets for the annual raffle ticket sales. At the last District (I) Cabinet meeting we gave out tickets and the Zone Chairman got some of the clubs tickets in their zones. Try to sale all of the tickets that you have in addition to your regular contributions. If you have not received any tickets at this time let me know newby@wildblue.net and I will send you some tickets.

At the present time the Board of Directors is advertising for a Camp Director. The Personnel committee will review all applicants and select the top 3 applicants. The Board will interview these candidates and select the Director.

Thanks for what all of you do for the camp,

PDG Olin Newby District I Camp Vice President



Setting our sights on the future



Here is the Canine Development Center update for November.

I thought you might be interested in the December Canine Development Center Update. Feel free to share it with other Lions.

Leader Dogs for the Blind December Canine Development Center Update

Though there has been little visible progress on the construction of the building, we've made great strides in the planning and approval of the construction process and drawings. By the second week in December the storm and interior sanitary drains will be installed.

Exterior walls will begin going up as soon as the steel is delivered. The holdup is partially due to the fact that all door frames and exposed steel must be galvanized to keep from rusting where they meet concrete. This was an issue we had in the portion of the building that was demolished. Soon after the steel arrives, masonry work will begin and the construction process will move quickly.

Fundraising activity is currently concentrated on the Major Gift, and the Corporate and Foundation Giving phases. The Major Gift goal has been exceeded and we are at 86% of goal for the Corporate and Foundation phase. The Lions component of the campaign is currently focused on top giving clubs throughout the U.S. Lions Regional Coordinators are at work within their geographic areas arranging club visits and presentations.

If you'd like to view the Canine Development Center video, go to <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtl8>.



Audrey and Sophie a Perfect Team

Audrey has a degenerative eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa that has destroyed her vision. In 2011, she received her Leader Dog, Sophie . . .

Q: What are the greatest challenges of losing your vision?

A: I've run into doors, tables, windows, trees and other things in my path. I have walked off curbs and fallen down stairs, and sustained a variety of injuries, including cuts and bruises to my legs and face, broken ankles and a dislocated shoulder . . . As my vision receded, so did my confidence, my outgoing spirit, my freedom and my independence.

Q: How did your Leader Dog, Sophie, change your life?

A: Sophie is amazing. I adore her, she adores me. She leads me, I follow her. I feed and brush her and she repays me with warm snuggles and wet kisses . . . She's given me back a sense of confidence, freedom and safety which I had gradually lost. Now I can walk with my head up and enjoy the surrounding environment. The world does not seem as dangerous.

Leos: The Future of Lions

By Beth Slade = Published in: [Update - Issue 3 - 2014 »](#)

Here's a glimpse into the future of Lions from Sussex Lions Club (District 27-A-2) President and Leo Advisor Greg Meers and high school senior Alyssa Molinski, president of Sussex Leo Club (the Leo club that provides the most support to Leader Dog). The club raised an additional \$251 for Leader Dog this year by giving a paw print sticker to any MD 27-A-2 convention attendee that made a contribution.

What are some of your club goals?

Leo Alyssa: Our main goal as an entire club was to increase our membership numbers. We accomplished this goal in only a few years! We are now over 100 members strong and still growing. We met this goal by encouraging members to spread the word to their friends by inviting them to our meetings. I think it's safe to say that after attending a meeting or two, most people start filling out an application.

Lion Greg: My primary goal is stewardship of our clubs. A healthy, active club can do more for their community today and in the future. The more helping hands available, the more work we can do. Our Lions club recently celebrated our 75th anniversary and it is important that it is still serving 75 years from now too! Most prospective members state "to give back to their community" as their main reason for joining and Lions are very prominent in our community.



A group of Leos gather on a Friday night

How do you choose the services you support?

Leo Alyssa: Every year a donation to LDB is included in our budget. I feel even closer to Leader Dog since last year's district convention when our fundraiser was centered around the cause, helping us raise additional money. I also like how it fits the theme of supporting people with low vision that the Lions Club is so focused on supporting.

Where do you envision the Sussex Leo Club and yourself to be in ten years?

Leo Alyssa: In ten years, I envision the Sussex Leo Club to have almost twice as many members as we do today, with lots of the members joining the club at a younger age to increase our amount of experienced, committed members. I also envision us having even more events. After I graduate, I hope to become part of a Lioness Club and maybe even become a Leo Advisor!

What singular moment (big or small) has impressed you the most since becoming a Lion/Leo?

Leo Alyssa: The most memorable moment I've experienced with the club was one Saturday morning when I signed up to move tables at the Sussex/Lisbon Historical Society. It was a simple job that didn't require much help so my dad and I volunteered to do it ourselves. After a quick hour of helping move tables, Fred Keller (the owner) repeatedly thanked us, mentioning how much the Sussex Leo Club does for the community. About a week later, he sent me a thank you card noting the same thing. It made me feel very proud of us as a club.



Dear Lions,

[Message from the Chairperson: Lions Have Heart](#)

December 18, 2014

I recently returned from the Philippines, where I witnessed joy from those we are serving. I met with villagers in Tacloban and visited their new homes. I also saw smiles in the eyes of children, as they are nourished through a Lions feeding program.



As many of you celebrate the holidays and prepare for the new year, I ask that you keep these images in your heart. But I also ask you to think of the children we have not yet reached and who are still hungry.

With your [donations](#), Lions and LCIF will continue to fight blindness, support youth, provide disaster relief and meet humanitarian needs all around the world. We are addressing global health issues, such as measles, diabetes and Ebola. We are reducing poverty through microenterprise. We are addressing needs of people everywhere. We are changing lives and providing hope to millions.

Thank you for proving that where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Can Help Your Club Get Recognized

Your club is doing wonderful things for your community, and LCIF can help you get the recognition it deserves!

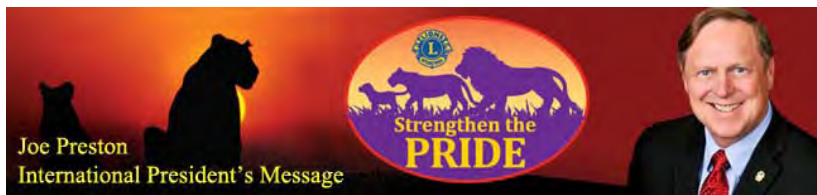
Public relations is a great way for your Lions club to garner media coverage for the service that is being done in your own community and worldwide. LCIF offers numerous resources to assist in contacting all types of media outlets that could potentially cover a story about your club's community service. Good public relations—informing the community that your club built the park, conducted the vision screening or provided disaster relief—will help foster community support and increase awareness of your club and LCIF. Good public relations can even advance your club's membership efforts. People want to belong to a successful and reliable organization. By actively promoting your club and its worthwhile activities, you'll be projecting a positive image in the community and showing that your club is worth joining.

- See more at: <http://www.lcif.org/blog/#.VKNr5Wcrjcs>

Give your club the recognition it deserves! Tell the local community about your club's support of LCIF to garner more community interest and awareness of your club and its various programs. [Read more](#) about how to promote your club and the Foundation.

Simply click on a sample release and localize the release by replacing the bolded text with your club's information before submitting it to the local newspaper. All releases are formatted in a Word document. Be sure to delete the bold and (parenthesis) and then copy the final text onto your club's letterhead and e-mail to the newspaper. Be sure to include a local club contact name, phone number, e-mail address, website and social media links so the newspaper and readers can contact you to follow-up for more information. It's that easy!

- [Fundraiser](#) — Make your LCIF fundraiser a success by telling your community in advance.
- [Club Project](#) — A general release that can be used to announce or promote any upcoming LCIF club program or event.
- [LCIF Grant](#) — Inform the community about the LCIF grant your project has received and the benefit the completed project will provide to the area.
- [LCIF Disaster Grants](#) — Notify the community how your club is providing [relief following disasters](#) with the help of LCIF funding.
- [Melvin Jones Fellow](#) — Recognize individuals who have reached the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow status.
- [Lions Individual Award](#) — Recognize an individual who has received an award from a LCIF.
- [Lions Quest](#) - Inform the community that your Lions club supports Lions Quest in your local schools.



Dear Lion,

The holiday season is a special time of year when we celebrate, reflect and give thanks. And no one deserves thanks more than you.

Thanks to you, we're strengthening our communities. Each day, Lions are making a difference through service. In big ways and small, we're changing lives in our communities. And when 1.35 million members serve together, we can change the world.



Thanks to you, we're strengthening our clubs. Lions around the world are inviting new members who are energizing their clubs and revitalizing our association. I hope you'll continue inviting family and friends into the New Year.

And thanks to you, we're looking forward to another great year. We wouldn't be the largest service club organization in the world without your hard work and dedication. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, have a wonderful holiday season!

Period 2 of the Lions Pride Award is now underway. Here are some key action steps you can take to achieve your goals:



Start One. *Chartering new clubs is critical to positive growth in your district, and it's the key to maximizing your recognition in the Lions Pride Award. Use every resource available, including your DG Team and your GMT coordinators, to charter new clubs in your district. If you haven't chartered your first club, Start One today!*



Ask One. *Clubs have embraced Ask One because it works! Continue to make inviting new members a priority throughout your year, and remind clubs to put an emphasis on membership satisfaction to keep new and current members active in their clubs.*

Together in service, Joe Preston

Worldwide Week of Service in January

Ask One!

The [Worldwide Week of Service](#) during **January 10-16** is an opportunity to serve with Lions around the world and showcase your club to potential new members in your community. The Worldwide Week of Service club press release gives you a great way to promote your project in your local media outlets.

Be sure to take pictures of your service project and share them on your club's Facebook page. Use the hashtag **#Lions100** and we'll share your photos on the LCI Facebook page. Download the club press release and promote your project today!



http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5801%20FORWARD%20President%20Preston%20Club%20Nov%202014%20EN



Clubs around the world have energized their membership with Ask One, so check out the [Ask One Web page](#) today. You can watch the Ask One video, find tools to promote your club in the media and download the Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide. Send photos of your new members to AskOne@lionsclubs.org with your club name in the subject line, and we'll share them with Lions around the world.

Inviting new members is something that all Lions can do throughout the year, so ask your Lions to Ask One today!





Where in the World

International President

Joseph Prestor



Hunger Affects Diabetes



The [Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action campaign](#)

is going strong through January! According to the American Diabetes Association, food insecure adults are at high risk for diabetes. To help reduce food insecurity, especially for people with diabetes, consider the following partners in your community:

- Restaurants and markets can retrieve fresh food donations for a local food pantry
- Healthcare professionals can provide free classes on nutrition and food preparation
- Local residents can help establish a community vegetable garden or food co-operative

Report your hunger service via [MyLCI](#) to qualify for the #LIONS100 [Centennial Service Challenge](#). Help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by 2017!

Invite Your Friends to the Lions Worldwide Week of Service

Invite Your Friends to the Lions Worldwide Week of Service. The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is kicking off January 10, and we want you to join in the Centennial celebration. It's been nearly 100 years since Lions started helping communities locally and globally. Show the world the positive impact Lions can make by inviting your friends and family to your Worldwide Week of Service project.

[Visit the Centennial website](#) today and fill in our sample press release to get the word

out. And remember to use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your Centennial social media communications!

<http://www.lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php>

Announcing the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest Theme



The new theme for the 2015-16 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is "Share Peace." Kits for the contest, which include the official guide and rules, flyers, stickers and certificates, go on sale January 15. Lions clubs interested in sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in their community must order a kit, either online through [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit) or by [downloading the Order Form](#).

For more than 25 years, the Peace Poster Contest has encouraged children across the globe to express their thoughts on peace through art. [Learn more about the contest](#) and order your kit starting January 15!

Lions Clubs International Rose Parade 2014

Lions, I am excited to announce the news that our float from last year's Rose Parade, "Lions Built Matteo's Dream," won the Tournament Special Trophy! This trophy is presented for having exceptional merit in multiple classifications. This year, our "Inspiring Challenges" float features Lions providing recreational activities for the blind and visually impaired. The activities that will be displayed on the float are the Bling Fishing Derby, Blind Surfing, Blind Buddies Gold Challenge, Bling Bicycling and the Miracle League Blind Beep Baseball. Make sure you visit the Lions Rose Float website and Facebook page for more videos and pictures of our past floats. I look forward to seeing this year's float and getting to greet our fellow Lion friends in California! Be sure to watch for Joni and me on our "Inspiring Challenges" Rose float on January 1st. - See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2014/12/19/prestons-blog-2015-lions-inspiring-challenges-float/#sthash.3bpiE9qz.dpuf>

New Video: Disaster Relief Public Service Announcement

By providing local media outlets with [Lions public service announcements](#) (PSAs), you can raise awareness about your club's services in the community. A new disaster relief PSA is now available for download on the LCI website. This PSA provides a brief look at how Lions are the first to respond when disaster strikes, and how members and non-members alike can get involved to help rebuild lives. Download and share this PSA today, and let your community know that where there's a need, there's a Lion.



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LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions helped a young Melvin Jones return to school.

CONTESTS

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Submit Best of Show photo to your District Office. Due 15 January

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions100.org](#)

Visit the Centennial website for all #LIONS100 news and updates.

[Ask One](#)

Get the tools to invite new members!

[Lions Blog](#)

Stay up-to-date on Lions programs and stories from around the world.

EVENTS

[Relieving the Hunger](#)

Participate in December and January's Global Service Action Campaign.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Thank you for joining us on this journey to Lions Clubs International's Centennial in 2017. As we approach 100 years of service as an association, Lions around the world are celebrating by coming together to meet our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. Every club can play a part in this historic event that will showcase the strength of Lions and the power of service to the world.

To honor the legacy of our founder, we're kicking off the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January to celebrate the birthday of Melvin Jones. Lions all over the world will be participating, and we want you to be a part of it! It's a great way to get involved in the Centennial celebration and show your friends and family what it means to be a Lion.

Visit the [Lions Worldwide Week of Service website](http://lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php) = <http://lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php> and start planning your project today. Remember, when Lions join together in service, we can change the world!

Together in service,

Joe Preston
Your International President



Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January (Jan. 10 - 16)



The Lions Worldwide Week of Service kicks off January 10, 2015, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Centennial Service Challenge event! The Worldwide Week of Service is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

[Download Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaZAIrRJ1Fw) = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaZAIrRJ1Fw>

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

Here's how your club can take part in this special service event:

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10-16.
2. **Share your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
3. **Report your project** – Report your service on the [MyLCI](#) Service Activity Report to earn a [Centennial Banner Patch](#) for your club.

Celebrate Your Service

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!

Start Planning Today



[Download the event flyer](#) and share it with your club, then start planning your service project. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January!

Worldwide Week of Service Resources

- [Worldwide Week of Service Club Flyer](http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf) = <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf>
- [Centennial Service Challenge Brochure](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad465.pdf) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad465.pdf>

Hello Lions,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and exciting Christmas with your family and friends.

I want to share with you our Centennial Service Challenge **November** results for our **four** Campaigns:

Campaign	Clubs	Activities	Lion Hours	People Served
Engaging our Youth	21	74	1,779	5,640
Protecting our Environment	8	34	364	1,503
Relieving the Hunger	14	54	1,088	7,508
Sharing the Vision	20	101	1,900	5,770
District Totals		263	5,131	20,421

Our **Year-to-Date** results show that **24** clubs reported **562 Service Activities**, logging **19,540 Lion hours** and **55,066 people served**. These numbers represent **24 clubs out of our 58 clubs**, which means **38** clubs did not complete their Service Activity Report or are doing so, but are not checking the box for these campaigns. Also, District I collected 11,505 eyeglasses. And, we continue to collect hearing aids.

Please remember that our **Lions goal for 2017**, when all Lions celebrate our 100th Anniversary, is to **serve 1,000,000 people**. Your numbers in your Service Activity Report each month are counted towards this goal.

Lion officers, please work together to make sure that you are logging your service activities and especially “check the box” for our 4 Centennial Campaigns. **Engaging our Youth** could mean Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, class reading, camp, and more. **Protecting our Environment** could mean park and waterway clean-up and planting trees. **Relieving the Hunger** could mean collecting canned goods, feeding and cooking at homeless shelters, and feed the children projects. And, **Sharing the Vision** could mean eye exam applications, eyeglasses for the needy, eyeglass collection for mission trips and more. Even one hour could serve 25 people!

I mailed a letter to 30 U.S. Postmasters throughout our District about our Centennial Service Challenge, talked about our 4 campaigns and the importance of 2017 to request that they consider making our **Centennial Stamp** a reality. This is a U.S. wide campaign by our LCI Centennial Service Committee.

We are at a 3 ½ year Lions commitment, it’s actually no different from what we’ve been doing every year, except that with the **ASK ONE** campaign, the more Lions we have, the more we can do within our communities. And our officers will need to be diligent in reporting their SAR and “check the box” each month! So, officers, be prepared to pass the baton to your incoming officers next March (PU-101) to continue this important function.

Please share my message and extend many THANKS to your club members for all that they do to help the needy in your community. We have a great District; let’s continue to persevere!

When you have time, please visit the Centennial Service Challenge page by visiting www.lionsclubs.org.

I wish you and your families a very **Prosperous New Year** and safe **2015!**

ALOHA!

Lion Doreen Stallworth
District I – Centennial Service Coordinator
District I – Cabinet Secretary
Home: 770-860-1414



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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>



Ask One Works!

Take Advantage of Membership Resources and Improve Your Club



When it comes to starting new clubs, inviting new members and keeping your current members happy, the LCI website offers all the materials you need to get started and improve you club. The [Just Ask! Guide](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf>) offers steps to recruiting new members, while the [Membership Satisfaction Guide](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf>) helps your club Provide the experiences your members are seeking. Take the [How Are Your Ratings? Survey](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me15b.pdf) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me15b.pdf>) to evaluate your club, and download the [New Club Development Guide](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/tk1.pdf) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/tk1.pdf>) if you're thinking about organizing a new Lions club. [View the complete list of Membership Resources](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/publications/resources-pub-mem.php) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/publications/resources-pub-mem.php>) available to help your club grow and make a bigger impact today!

NEW!

Ask One buttons are now available! Click on the image to order your supply!



ASK 1 BUTTON 10/PACK S271

[E-mail this product to a friend](#)

As worn by IP Preston himself, this 2" wide by 1.5" high button with pin back fastener is a reminder to yourself and your fellow Lions to "Ask 1" person to join your club. Add to the level of service you can provide to your community and Strengthen the Pride! Sold in packages of 10.

Price: \$7.95

Mentoring Program

Overview

The objective of the Lions Mentoring Program is to help every member achieve the goal of better serving his or her community. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that their unique skills and knowledge offer. The Lions Mentoring Program prepares them for leadership in clubs, in the association and in their personal lives as well. For Lions Clubs International, this means more hands and better service for the people who need it most.

The Lions Mentoring Program is completed in two parts, basic and advanced. Each part is completed in two levels.

Basic Mentoring Program

- **Level One, The Responsibility of Being a Lion:** The first level of the Basic Mentoring Program is devoted to developing an understanding of who Lions are, their vision of [humanitarian service](#), the traditions, the organizational structure and the responsibility of being a Lions club member. It should be a goal of every club that all new Lions complete the level one in their first three months of membership.
- **Level Two, Relationships:** The second level of the Basic Mentoring Program is for developing relationships and organizational skills in preparation for leadership at the club level. Level two should be completed in the new Lion's first six months of membership.

Advanced Mentoring Program

- **Level One, Results:** The emphasis of this level is upon developing accountability for results by focusing on [community projects](#) and programs that provide useful and needed humanitarian service. Completion of this level provides a stepping-stone for accepting a leadership role within the club.
- **Level Two, Replication:** This level concentrates on the mentee's role in developing others for leadership in the association and for humanitarian service. It ensures long-range growth and can serve as a basis for leadership within the district structure. This phase can be augmented with additional training at district level and at area forums.

The Extension and Membership Division invites you to attend our free monthly webinars!

Webinars are recorded and posted on the LCI [website](#).

Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.

Save the Date! Space is limited so register today!



Show Your Lions Pride with Awards and Recognition

Lions Clubs International offers many awards to recognize Lions, clubs and district for outstanding efforts. This webinar will review ways to earn recognition in areas of membership growth, years of service, member satisfaction and more!

Register ▶

Thursday, 29 January 2015 3pm-4pm

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/707964718>

Membership Tools

Lions Clubs International offers a number of easy to use tools to help you grow your club, keep members satisfied and achieve excellence. Use these tools to guide yourself along the path to success.

Just Ask! Guide - The concept is simple! Use the [Just Ask! Guide](#) to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf>

Membership Satisfaction - To ensure your Lions club remains healthy and vital, you need to consider what members expect from their experiences in your club. The [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) will help to ensure your members are getting what they need. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me301.pdf>



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.



Lions Learning Center

The Lions Learning Center (LLC) provides Lions with the opportunity to develop leadership skills through online learning courses. Download [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (pdf).

New Improved Login: Create a personal profile to take courses and keep a record of your completed courses. View a [quick video](#) on this process. Go to the [Course Registration Page](#) to login.

LOGIN

<https://secure.starfieldtms.com/lci/TMS/Security/Login.aspx?Url=%2fcli%2fdefault.aspx&culture=en-US>

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

For course recommendations based on Lions position, [click here](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-recommendations.php>

Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

2014-2015 Webinars Schedule

To convert the times below to your location visit the [Time Zone Converter](#).

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p>Because a Cape Would Get in the Way Become a Lions superhero! Presentation will guide Lions in discovering their superpowers, understanding their mission, considering the right tools, knowing their fatal weakness, and the importance of sidekicks. Join us for this fun and enriching perspective on Lionism. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 1/7/15, 12:00pm CST Friday, 1/16/15, 7:00pm, CST</p>
<p>Project Management Effective project management is one of the foundations of a successful Lions club. Participants will learn the characteristics of effective project managers, review the five phases of service project management and enjoy a case study of a current successful Lions club project. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 2/4/15, 12:00pm, CST Friday, 2/13/15, 7:00pm, CST</p>
<p>Minding Your Members—Leading Strong Teams Develop confident and creative Lions teams through intuitive leadership that includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and communication skills. Presentation offers practical scenarios in which Lions demonstrate best team leadership practices in everyday club situations. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 3/4/15, 12:00pm, CST Friday, 3/13/15, 7:00pm, CDT</p>

Lion leaders from across the Southeast will convene in
Eufaula, Alabama, March 12-15, 2015



WILL YOU REPRESENT
YOUR CLUB?

Dear Lion Leader:

You are a valued member of the Lions Club International team. Because of your dedication to serving your community and the leadership you have provided to your club, you are invited to participate in the Lions Leadership Institute of the South, Eufaula, Alabama, March 12-15, 2015.

The meeting will be held at Lakepoint State Park Resort. Therefore, space is limited. Please reserve your spot by submitting the registration form in the next few weeks.

Lions Clubs International Provides Professional Leadership Training

Many corporations pay hundreds of dollars for their management team to receive training similar to that which will be provided at the Lions Leadership Institute of the South.

Topics to be presented include:

- Working As A Team
- Value of Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Motivating Others
- Personal Mission Statement
- Setting and Reaching Goals
- Fundamentals of LIONS Clubs International



Cost:

Registration \$95.00 (includes three breakfast, two lunch and two dinners)

Please Note that dinner on Thursday is on your own.

Lake Point State Park and Resort has offered LIONS a special rate. Participants are encouraged to find another LION and share a room to reduce the total cost.

Links to the Agenda and Registration Form have been included below.

[LIONS INSTITUTE OF THE SOUTH - AGENDA](#)

[LIONS INSTITUTE OF THE SOUTH - REGISTRATION FORM](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP



Lions Leadership Institute of the South
Lakepoint State Park Resort
Old Highway 164
Eufaula, AL 36072-0267
March 12 -15, 2015
Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Lions Club _____ Position _____

Registration Fee = \$95.00/per person

Make checks payable to and mail to:
Lions Leadership Institute of the South
c/o CC Julia Pacheco
1400 Osceola Street
Dothan, Alabama, 36303

Hotel Reservations at Lakepoint State Park Resort: Call 1-334-687-8011

State you are attending the Lions Leadership Institute of the South, March 12 – 15, 2015 or give the

Group Number 2568

GLT UPDATE

I hope this New Year brings everyone Joy & Happiness. We are half way through our Lions Year. To me, time flies when I am having fun. Are you having fun? Are the members in your Lions Club having fun? Are your meetings fun? Are they enjoyable to all? Why do I ask these questions?

The main reason I have asked those questions is; are your Guests & Visitors having an enjoyable time? The best way to show Guests & Visitors that they are welcome is to show that you are an outgoing & vibrant Lions Club. Why would anyone want to join a club where everyone sits around with dower looking faces, are not friendly or greeted with a smile and a hand shake?

Does your Club have a Tail Twister? If not, maybe it is time for one. Certainly, there is one person in your Club that has a sense of humor and can share that with your members. What is the responsibility of the Tail Twister? *He/she promotes harmony, good fellowship, and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts, games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no appeal of his/her decision in imposing a fine, provided, however, that no fine shall exceed an amount fixed by the board of directors of the club, and no member shall be fined more than twice at any one meeting. The tail twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the tail twister shall be immediately turned over to the treasurer and a receipt shall be given. (LCI Officers & Team Manual)*

So why not liven up your meetings. Bring Joy & Happiness to your members. Show your Visitors & Guests that you are an enjoyable Service Organization and FUN to be around. Life & Club meetings can be fun if you make it that way and you may find that your Club has an increase in membership.

Pete Stamsen
District 18-I GLT Coordinator



From the desk of State
Chair Lion Tom Williams
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The Great Reading Games' Top Schools



This fall, students with print disabilities across the country were invited to read more books to win prizes for their school in Learning Ally's **Great Reading Games** contest.

The contest provided a simple and fun way to help encourage students to read more and get them excited about listening to audiobooks from Learning Ally's library.

Thank you to all the schools that participated in The Great Reading Games and a special congratulations to those who went above and beyond and ranked in the top ten! These schools rallied their students who have learning differences to read thousands of pages of Learning Ally's audiobooks during the contest.

We'd like to give a round of applause to the incredible teachers who go the extra mile every day to support their students with learning differences, and we also want our student members to know that we're so proud of them for all their hard work.



Here are the top winners who read the most pages during Learning Ally's Great Reading Games:

1. **Schenck School, Atlanta, GA: 302 students read 24,624 pages**
2. **Arcola Elementary School, Arcola, IL: 62 students read 15,808 pages**
3. **West Navarre Intermediate School, Navarre, FL: 24 students read 10,586 pages**
4. **FD Roosevelt Elementary, Weslaco, TX: 23 students read 9,706 pages**
5. **Kleb Intermediate School, Spring, TX: 38 students read 8,199 pages**
6. **Crockett Elementary School, San Marcos, TX: 12 students read 8,138 pages**
7. **Barton Middle School, Buda, TX: 103 students read 9,963 pages**
8. **Young Women's Leadership Academy at Arnold Middle School, Grand Prairie, TX: 17 students read 7,207 pages**
9. **Jefferson Junior High School, Naperville, IL: 46 students read 8,201 pages**
10. **Ortiz Elementary School, Brownsville, TX: 37 students read 5,686 pages**



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
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Slowing the Progression of Huntington's



In October 2007, Bob learned why he had been struggling with reasoning, concentration, fatigue and uncontrollable muscle movements. He was diagnosed with Huntington's disease, a progressive disorder of the brain that inhibits patients physically, emotionally and socially.

Because of his disease, Bob learned he could no longer drive, work or participate in the activities he did growing up in Colorado and Idaho. He was relegated to the sidelines watching his three sons do the things he loved to share with them, like downhill skiing and water sports.

A neurologist mentioned to Bob's wife, Nila, that an assistance dog could help ease the physical and emotional pain of Bob's illness. And in 2010, Canine Companions for Independence made it possible for Bob to graduate with assistance dog Exeter, free of charge.

Exeter is always there for Bob as his disease progresses; picking up the many things that Bob drops, turning out the lights or helping Bob get a soda from the fridge.

Donations from people like you helped make it possible for Canine Companions to give Exeter to Bob free of charge.

Bob's disability often goes unseen or is misinterpreted. "Huntington's disease robs a person of their motor control and behavioral capabilities," says Nila. "Often, people would see Bob stumbling and assume he was intoxicated. They didn't understand that he was only under the influence of Huntington's."

After being matched with Exeter, that story has changed dramatically. "People see Exeter in his blue Canine Companions vest and instantly understand that Bob has a disability. Now instead of confronting him, they offer their assistance."

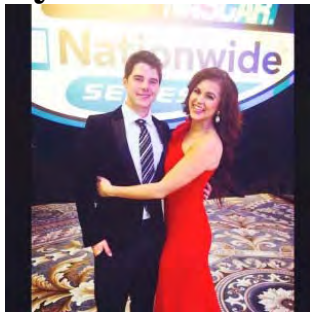
While Huntington's disease can cause a loss of interest in many activities, Exeter has captured Bob's heart. They spend hours together snuggling while Bob holds Exeter's paws. The physical and emotional benefits Exeter has provided Bob has even slowed the progression of Huntington's disease.

"Stress hastens the progression of Huntington's disease, but knowing that Exeter will get the phone if Bob falls and letting the public know that he has a disability has reduced stress for Bob," states Nila. "Both the doctors and I can agree that Bob is doing as well as he is because of the presence of Exeter in his life."



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Ryan Reed – One Season Down!



Last month Ryan attended the NASCAR Nationwide Banquet and had the privilege of bringing Miss Idaho Sierra Sandison as his date! Sierra also lives with type 1 diabetes and sparked the #showmeyourpump social media movement this summer.

The 2014 season was the best yet for Ryan Reed: It marked his first full year representing Roush Fenway Racing in the NASCAR Nationwide Series, the second-highest level in professional racing.

From Daytona to Miami, Ryan showed the world that you can compete in this grueling sport while living well with diabetes. That’s right, Ryan was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 17—but as you can tell, it didn’t get in the way of his dreams.

Nor was he content to dismiss or minimize his disease. Instead, Ryan is determined to raise awareness of diabetes, largely through his role as spokesperson for [Drive to Stop Diabetes](#)SM, a joint campaign between Lilly Diabetes and the American Diabetes Association.

So how does it feel to complete a full season behind the wheel of the No. 16 American Diabetes Association Drive to Stop Diabetes presented by Lilly Diabetes Ford Mustang? What were some of the highlights? We let Ryan catch his breath after his final race in mid-November, then went to find out.

What does the Drive to Stop Diabetes movement mean to you?

I never get tired of saying it: This movement means so much to me. Nearly four years ago, local doctors told me my racing life was over because of diabetes. I love proving them wrong! Having the ability to do what I love while spreading diabetes awareness is amazing.

What was your favorite moment of the 2014 season?

On the track, definitely the 4th-place finish in Daytona, my best-ever. Off the track, I loved visiting the Diabetes Camps this summer and meeting all the kids there.

How about the most challenging moment?

On track, my first trip to Watkins Glen International was super-challenging. It’s a really tough road course! Off the track, I was learning to keep up with diet and exercise while running in a 33-race circuit. I was in a different state each

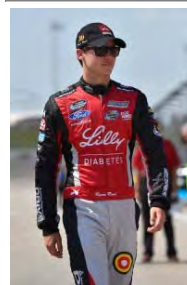
weekend, and being constantly on-the-go makes managing diabetes fairly difficult.

Speaking of diabetes management, do you have any new tools that helped you maintain control on the track?

This year I started using the Dexcom G4 continuous glucose monitor (CGM). It really helps me watch my blood glucose levels during a race.

What did you learn during the 2014 season that you hope to implement in 2015?

I fine-tuned the way I work with the guys on the Roush Fenway team, so we can perform our very best during each race. We do this through constant communication about how I’m feeling, how the car feels, stuff like that. We’re a great team!



FAST FACTS of 2014

Number of NASCAR Nationwide Series races completed:

The full schedule included **33** races over a period of 10 months.

Standings: Ryan finished **9th** in the overall NASCAR Nationwide Series standings for 2014. Go, Ryan!

Calories burned: Not sure that racing is a real sport? During a typical three-hour NASCAR race, a driver can burn **between 2,000 and 3,000 calories!** All the more reason to keep blood glucose levels in check.

Help when he needs it: A member of Ryan’s pit crew is **trained to administer insulin**, in case his blood glucose gets too high during the race. (Likewise, they can give him glucagon if he has a low; luckily, this has never happened.) Ryan’s track suit even has a bull’s eye on the left thigh to indicate the right injection spot.

Number of 21st birthdays celebrated: One – Ryan celebrated this personal milestone on Aug. 12, 2014. Happy belated!

Staying on Track During the Holidays!

The arrival of the holidays brings special challenges for people with diabetes because so many celebrations are centered around food. When enjoying time with friends and family, the last thing you or your child want to do is worry about blood glucose spikes. Planning ahead is the best step you can take to make this season joyous instead of stressful. Here are a few simple tips to get you started.



- Work with your child to map out a plan to stay on track during the holidays. If Grandma's chocolate-covered cherries are your child's favorite, include one or two in the meal plan and make a deal to pass on other sweet treats.
- For pot lucks or parties where everyone brings something, volunteer to bring a healthy appetizer or side dish so you and your child will know what's in it and how much insulin will be needed.
- Instead of sweet treats in advent calendars and holiday stockings, include small toys or a slip of paper with an act of kindness to do each day.
- Plan to include exercise in your holiday celebrations. Enjoy a game of soccer or jump rope after a meal or go out for a family walk. Tell guests ahead of time so everyone can bring their walking shoes.
- Take some of the focus off of the food and create new family traditions involving games, crafts, sharing, and fun outings.
- Keep calm and test blood glucose often.

Read more tips on holiday planning.

<http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/everyday-life/food-fun.html>

Read the Diabetes Forecast article for ways people with diabetes cope with food and the holidays.

<http://www.diabetesforecast.org/2011/nov/something-more-to-celebrate.html>

Take the Pledge to Stop Diabetes®!

Pledge to do all you can to Stop Diabetes® and add your name to the map. Our growing movement supports research, advocacy and community outreach. Help us take a stand against this disease.

Take Action Now >

<http://www.stopdiabetes.com/>

Start Your Own Team Red

Team Red is a Step Out team made up of Red Striders and the loved ones who support them. Get your family and friends together to raise money to Stop Diabetes!

Take Action Now >

http://stepout.diabetes.org/site/TR?company_id=13810&pg=national_company&utm_source=email&utm_medium=familylink&utm_content=teamred-btn&utm_campaign=SO&src=email_familylink&subsrc=teamred-btn

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A Place for Parents

Connect with other parents of children living with diabetes in our online community.

I have a 17 year old son who was diagnosed with type 1 at the age of 12. He was great with his care in the beginning until a few years ago when he almost completely stopped. His A1C is over 14%, he will not check his blood sugar and rarely takes insulin as he should...

Read more and add your comments.

<http://community.diabetes.org/t5/The-Place-for-Parents/Teenager-won-t-comply-with-diabetes-management/td-p/566441>

Thank you for a fantastic 2014!



Here's to serving more children in 2015.

As Camp Kudzu completes its fifteenth year of offering vital programs and resources to children living with diabetes, we want to share with you just how important you and your support are. Over this past year alone, you helped:

Empower campers living with diabetes from 72 of the 159 counties in Georgia

- Provide for 30,000 blood glucose tests
- Count 590,000 grams of carbohydrates at mealtimes
- Administer over \$300,000 worth of insulin
- Conduct 7,500 blood glucose checks after midnight and before dawn
- Give awards for new self-management skills at least 360 times in one summer
- 315 volunteers have the best diabetes learning environment in Georgia
- Model responsible diabetes self-management behaviors
- Create a network of resources, education and care to 46 newly diagnosed families

And...



You put a smile on the faces of 640 children living with type 1 diabetes during summer camp!

As we enter into a new year, we're committed to delivering programs and resources to children all across the state of Georgia so they can build the skills they need to thrive with this demanding disease.

Join us today and make a difference in 2015!



Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest was "**Peace, Love and Understanding.**" Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, were eligible to participate. Each poster was judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Eleven clubs from District 18-I sent a Peace Poster entry. These Peace Posters are remarkable – *congratulations to our Middle School Students!* They were:

Clermont-North Hall

Conyers

Dahlonega

Jefferson

Lavonia

Monroe

Norcross

Oconee

Oxford

Toccoa

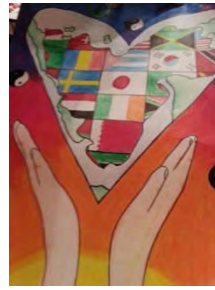
Winder Noon

I am pleased to announce that the **LAVONIA** Lions Club had the first place winner, the **TOCCOA** Lions Club had the second place winner, the **WINDER NOON** Lions Club had the third place winner and the **DAHLONEGA** Lions Club had an Honorable Mention winner.

Please put this Contest in your plans for FY 2015 – 2016—something to share with your incoming new officers. This is certainly a huge way to work with your community to pull the school systems into Lionism—our “Engaging our Youth” Centennial Service Challenge. Not to mention that these students are our future leaders.

I congratulate all of these clubs and the Middle School students who participated.

Thanks
Lion Vicki Hubbard
District Governor
District 18-I



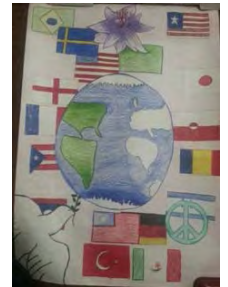
LAVONIA LIONS CLUB
1ST PLACE
Emma Maffett

TOCCOA LIONS CLUB
2ND PLACE
IZZY BELL



WINDER NOON LIONS CLUB
3RD PLACE
CAITLYN EVANS

DAHLONEGA LIONS CLUB
HONRABLE MENTION
TAYLOR GREANEY



Chinese-American Leo Club of Atlanta

LEOs donate supplies and food to "Interfaith Outreach" transitional home and learn about the program, taking time to organize the goods into the supply closets and storage rooms.





I hope you guys had a great Christmas. Just a reminder that we have a last minute project January 1st! We will be going on a hike and along the way we'll help pick up trash on the trail. After the hike, there will be activities and games to participate in.

Lions Clubs are encouraged participate in the kick-off of the new 2015 year with hiking at Murphy Chandler Park with LEO, LIONS and community?

The LEO Club will start a Jan 1st New Year hiking initiated by sponsored by Chinese Cultural Center and Lions.

It's 1/1/2015 2-4pm at Murphy Chandler Park. 1551 West Nancy Creek Drive, Brookhaven, GA 30319. In addition to hiking, we will have similar to Tai-chi Kung Fu demonstration, fun games, cleaning up the park and raffle. This is a great way to start new year in a fitness fashion. Please plan to attend and ask as many friends who are interested to join! I hope you guys had a great Christmas. Just a reminder that we have a last minute project January 1st! We will be going on a hike and along the way we'll help pick up trash on the trail. After the hike, there will be activities and games to participate in. If you are planning on going, don't forget to notify me at ashley5ashley@gmail.com.

WAYS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN & YOUTH TO HAVE A LOVE FOR LEARNING

Youth Programs: Numerous programs exist to assist Lions in fulfilling the needs of the youth and children in their communities.

LIONS SERVICES FOR CHILDREN = Lions provide local and international health and education services that improve the lives of children and young adolescents who suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, disease, and disabilities.

LIONS QUEST = Lions sponsor school-based programs that teach young people basic life skills and civic values that promote social and emotional learning, character development, substance abuse and violence prevention skills, and a commitment to service. Lions Quest brings the school, family, and community together.



Important Dates For Your 2015 Calendar

We're excited about all the events in store for 2015, which is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for these important dates and events in the coming year:

- * State Indoor Winter Games and Southeast Powerlifting Competition, Cobb County, January 23rd-25th
- * Polar Plunge, Lake Lanier, February 21st
- * R-word Rally, Atlanta, April 15th
- * Over the Edge, Atlanta, May 2nd
- * State Summer Games, Atlanta, May 29th-31st
- * Duck Pluck, Atlanta, August 14th
- * State Masters Bowling Tournament, Warner Robins, August 21st-23rd
- * State Fall Games and the State Horse Show, October 9th-11th

LETR Kickoff January 14th

Past, current and future Law Enforcement departments are all welcomed and encouraged to attend the 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run of Georgia Kick-off Conference Wednesday, January 14th at the UPS Headquarters from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This informative conference will explain the Law Enforcement Torch Run movement and how your department can become involved in community fundraising events to benefit Special Olympics Georgia! Lunch will be provided as well as a continuing education session for Law Enforcement personnel on how to better serve your community. For more information and to receive an invitation, please contact **Lucy Faxon** or 770-414-9390 x118.



State Indoor Winter Games, January 23-25, 2015



Marietta - Get out of the cold and volunteer for the Indoor Winter Games. Over 1,500 SOGA athletes compete in basketball, bowling, power-lifting, floor hockey, roller skating, and gymnastics. To apply please visit: <http://sogorgia.vsvshost.com>



**Polar Plunge, February 21,
Lake Lanier Islands**

Come join Georgia Law Enforcement Agencies in the 6th annual Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics Georgia. The programs and services being supported include three State Games, a Horse Show, Masters Bowling as well as year round athlete training and free health care screenings to ensure optimal health and performance during competition. Don't miss the opportunity to help over 26,000 athletes in Georgia with intellectual disabilities to experience joy, pride and respect. Just follow these three easy steps:

STEP 1: Click the REGISTER tab to pay the \$25 fee that will be applied to your \$55 minimum fundraising total.

STEP 2: Click the BECOME A FUNDRAISER tab to get the details on how it all works.

STEP 3: Click the JOIN NOW link to setup your own individual or team fundraising page. Just follow the prompts from there!

The 2015 **Polar Plunge** for Law Enforcement Torch Run of Georgia and Special Olympics Georgia will be held Saturday, February 21st at Lake Lanier Islands Beach & Water Park! Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the Plunge will begin at 1:30 p.m. You can register now by visiting www.plungega.org. In order to plunge, you must raise a minimum of \$55, which will include a t-shirt. You won't want to miss it this year as Lake Lanier is adding SNOW MOUNTAIN! If you have questions concerning Polar Plunge, please contact **Lucy Faxon** or 770-414-9390 x118. This event has participants "plunge" into the freezing cold waters of Lake Lanier all to benefit the athletes of SOGA. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, set-up, games and activities, attending the course, etc.

**Over the Edge
May 2nd**

Over the Edge is back for its fourth year! On Saturday, May 2nd, "edgers" will rappel 20 stories off the Buckhead Tower in Atlanta for Special Olympics Georgia. Registration will be open soon at www.oteatlanta2015.org. For more information contact **Lucy Faxon** or 770-414-9390 x118.



“Share Peace”

2015-16 Contest

Youth Exchange:

Lion Hannah Flynn, MD 18 Youth Camp & Exchange Chair, received the following email:

Dear Hannah Flynn,

How are you? I hope you can remember me. Let me introduce myself, I am Oscar Ivan Guido, coordinator from the district H-4 in Peru . I would like to ask you if you could look for and accept a host family for a youth in the period of time from January to February (this winter season). The name of the youth is Aimi Miyagi. She is 16 years old and is very enthusiastic to know your country.

I'll be waiting for your nice response

Thanks for your cooperation.

Best Wishes,
Oscar Ivan Guido

If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting this young lady for a part of her stay, please contact Lion Hannah Flynn. Her email is hannah.flynn@att.net



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions,

2015 Lions International Convention - Hawaii – June 26 - 30

Aloha Everyone!

Some of you might've already gotten your Honolulu, Hawaii airline reservation. For those who have not, we are asking everyone to please share your airline research (cost) experience.

Lion Olin says he visited Lions International, clicked on "airline" and got "Star Lines", which is a Lions travel agency. The going airline rate is \$1,160.00 R/T. If your research matched or better this price, please share with the rest of us.



Fellow Lions:

Upcoming District 18-I Convention will be here soon. At the present time the following Announcements have been made by individuals who wish to run for the following offices:

District Governor for 2015-16 =
1stVDG Anne Mundy of Dahlenega

1st Vice Dist Gov for 2015-16 =
2ndVDG Bob Norton of Winder Noon

2nd Vice Dist Gov for 2015-16 =
Lion Mark Bradley of Jefferson Lions Club

District Librarian = ?

Vice President Camp = ?

Lions Pride Award

Here are some key points to help you stay on track for recognition in Period 2:

- **Period 2 runs from November 1 to June 30, 2015.**
- Earn 2 or more Gold Paws during the award's year and you'll receive a Presidential Medal.
- All district governors can earn recognition in Period 2.
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Visit the [Lions Pride website](#) for complete awards information. Remember, there are only two earnings periods in the Lions Pride Award, so don't miss out on your opportunity to earn recognition in Period 2!

Lions Clubs International = <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjke7HcmOISRzEcFbCRJmyV-ws06JM5gE>

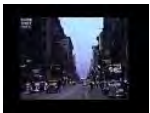


Lions Centennial
by [Lions Clubs International](#)
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Serve to Celebrate the Legacy of Melvin Jones

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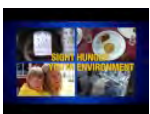
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Lions to Celebrate Birthday of Melvin Jones through Service

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#LIONS100 Centennial Launch and Service Challenge

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IF YOU CAN'T SEND TO TROOPS THINK ABOUT THE USO!

service members and



The **United Services Organizations (USO)** is the way Americans support their troops. A private, nonprofit organization since its founding in 1941, the USO provides morale, welfare and recreation services to military personnel and their families.

The USO is committed to improving the quality of life of service men and women and their families. Whether at a USO center where a soldier on rest and recuperation (R&R) gets a warm welcome home, or at a deployment site where USO Volunteers send our troops off with support, gratitude, and, of course, good old-fashion "Southern Hospitality."

Clubs and Organizations: Benefits of Partnering with the USO

More than 70 years ago, the USO was founded by bringing together the volunteer efforts of six organizations to support a common goal: Support for U.S. troops sacrificing in defense of our country. Since then, organizations across America have provided vital support to troops and their families through the USO.

As a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, the USO has relied on the generosity of organizations to support its mission of lifting the spirits of our troops and families. Support through sponsorships, in-kind donations and charitable contributions is vital to advancing the USO mission. We can suggest [many effective ways](#) for your group to get involved. For more information please contact [USO Clubs and Organizations](#).

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USO of Georgia is operated by the USO Council of Georgia, Inc. and assists over 400,000 individuals annually; making it one of the very largest USO operations in the world.

Permanent staff and volunteers help provide the services.

USO of Georgia, Inc. operates three physical locations throughout the state, USO at Robins Air Force Base, USO at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and USO at Savannah International Airport. In addition USO Outreach Services to Ft. Benning, Ft. Gordon, Hunter AAF, and Ft. Stewart.

Military Population Served: Enlistees heading to basic training, new soldiers, military personnel and their families (specifically those heading for overseas duty), troops deploying and redeploying on military charters at Hunter AAF., transient military families, Wounded Warriors, Families of The Fallen, and transitioning Veterans.

their families annually.

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The mission of the USO is "to lift the spirits of America's troops and their families".

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, SOLDIERS, MARINES, AIR FORCE, NAVY AND COAST GUARD PERSONNEL RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE USO.

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Show your club's presence in your community with Lions Highway Signs and let the community know where and when to find you with lettered panels, available in various sizes!



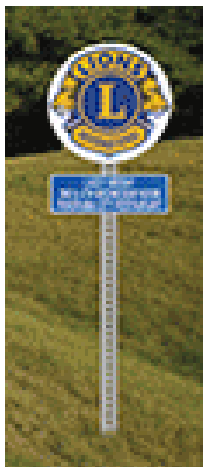
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- 8" x 24", Double-Faced, Reflective, 3 Lines
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Lion Bob Watson
District 18E
Columbus, Georgia

"When I was initiated into the Lions of Tallahassee 52 years ago, broom sales were our major fund raiser. To this day, broom sales still remain one of our major fund raisers. Selling brooms produces many dollars for our projects and affords us the opportunity to be seen and heard in the community."

Lion Chuck Mohr
District 35F
Tallahassee, Florida

"The Lions of Spartanburg, South Carolina have been selling brooms to the public for over 30 years. During that time, the Broom Project has been a major fund raiser year after year with many repeat customers."

Dr. Eugene Spiess
DC 2008-2009, District 32A
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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CLUB REPORTS



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 Lions Club =

ATHENS LIONS CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY:

Lions and Leos-please join us as we celebrate 90 years of service!

Athens Lions Club 90th Anniversary celebration
Saturday, January 24, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Athens
Dress: Semi-formal Cost: \$25.00/person
Guest speaker: TBD

RSVP by 1/10/15 to club President Richard Cronic
1951 Broad Street, Athens , GA 30666-1711
706 614-1158

Athens Classic City Lions Club = Served 80 needy people at Our Daily Bread (outreach ministry) 14 volunteer hours. Participated in the Charter Night LEO program for 12 students from Monsinger Donovan private school. 8 Lions along with Lion Vicki attended. Netted \$1,300 from semi-annual pancake breakfast. Had 12 volunteer hours with Interfaith Hospitality.

Chinese-American Lions Club = LEO parents gather at the Fernbank to decorate a Taiwan-themed Christmas tree! The tree was embellished with butterflies to represent the beautiful animals that span Taiwan. Event supported by TECO. I hope you guys had a great Christmas. Just a reminder that we have a last minute project January 1st! We will be going on a hike and along the way we'll help pick up trash on the trail. After the hike, there will be activities and games to participate in. Thank you so much for coming to our LEO Winter Formal! The photos are too large to fit in this email, so I have uploaded them to a link which I have shared below. Do tell me any updates if our photo goes into the Lions Magazine, that would really be exciting! Please see attached link below for LEO Winter formal and year end activities success!



Clermont North Hall Lions = Had a great Christmas Party with fellows and spouses. Good food and conversation with the Lions and friends. We are planning to have a canatron in January for the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Have busy new year in 2015 planned.

Comer Lions Club = Fresh Fruit (Oranges, Apples (3 kinds), Bananas, and Grapes were boxed or bagged to deliver to Comer Elementary School students and staff, other schools in our county, plus community service agencies. At least 30 boxes of fruit were delivered. We reviewed the activities of the year, especially the Fair and the Christmas Parade. We had Finger Foods and bought supplies for the clubhouse as our Christmas presents. We sang Christmas songs. Presentation of \$200 donation to the Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter. Our decorated Float was beautiful in the Comer Christmas Parade. Five Lions walked behind the Float and handed out oranges to the children along the route. Prepared the Trailer and Truck to safely operate in Parade. Decorated the Ferris Wheel with Christmas garland, wreaths, wrapped presents, flowers, and candy canes. Represented our Club at the Boy Scouts Award Banquet.

Commerce Lions Club = Approved glasses for Zena Hayes and Donnie Kitchens. Collected 200 pairs of used eye glasses from the community. Club raised funds for selling advertising and calendars in the Commerce area. Club donated \$50 in memory of Lion Hailey Fleming's wife (Runelle) who passed away. Club donated \$50 to the Jackson County Community Outreach to be awarded with other donations to an area student graduating from High School and going to college.

Conyers Lions Club = On December 13, 8 Lions (John Martin, Lee Cronan, David Rainwater, Larry Cornwell, Lynn Magnuson, Charles Walton, Tom Linek and Nancy Morton-Linek) prepared and served a pancake breakfast to 132 children and their foster families. Lions Tom and Lynn dressed as Santa and Mrs Clause to hear the children's wishes and to check the "Naughty" list. Throughout the month of December, Lions Larry Cornwell and David Rainwater assisted the elderly, disabled by providing home and yard maintenance. On December 15, 3 Lions (Lynn Magnuson, Nancy Morton-Linek and Tom Linek) donated 10 warm coats to Rockdale Emergency Relief for distribution to needy families. The following club members turned in a total of 128 pairs of used eyeglasses: Lion Mary Michael-50 pairs, Lion David Rainwater- 8 pairs, an unknown member-70 pairs. Eyeglasses were provided to three people in Rockdale County. Throughout December, Lions Lee Cronan and Larry Cornwell work in the garden harvesting 175 pounds of fresh produce (cabbage and greens) for donation to the Rockdale Emergency Relief. During December, 10 Lions donated 60 pounds of canned goods to the Rockdale Emergency Relief for distribution to families in need. December 15 during the annual Christmas Party, 17 Lions collected and donated 60 toys to the Rockdale Emergency Relief (RER) for distribution to needy families. Members conducted their annual gift exchange (Santa's Thieves game) where unwanted gifts were auctioned off and funds (\$22) donated to the RER. On December 1, Lion Ara White worked with 111 children at the Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. Five club members, Lions Larry Cornwell, Ara White, Barbara Southern, Mary Michael, worked with 88 children at the Kids' Workshop at Home Depot on Saturday, 1 November. We are planning to have a can-a-thon in January for the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Have busy new year in 2015 planned.



Covington Lions Club = Eyeglasses collected for October were 86, November we had 118, and for December 40.

- The Covington Lions Club Christmas Parade on December 6 was a wonderful community event in spite of the rainy weather. We had 75 entries show up (of 100 who were registered) and a great time was had by all. This is always such a fun and exciting way for the community to welcome in the Christmas holidays. All entry fees will be donated to Toys for Tots and the Newton County Community Food Bank. Many thanks to our community for making the holidays better for so many!
- Twilights at Chimney Park was on December 7 and again was well attended. Our club helped make about 500 free S'mores in just a couple of hours and enjoyed this chance to connect with members of the community.
- On December 11 our annual Christmas party took the place of our regularly scheduled meeting. We had about 70 members, spouses, and guests attend the event, held at The Oaks golf course. A delicious meal, trivia game, and fun gift swap were surpassed only by our donation of 2 big boxes of toys to Toys for Tots. We also presented a check for almost \$900 to Toys for Tots which came from entry fees to the parade and the winnings from the Trivia game.
- Our members had almost 900 hours of volunteer hours for the month.



Decatur Lions Club = Collected 119 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date - 733 pair. A \$25.00 donation was sent to Phi Upsilon Omicron to apply on scholarships for college students. Purchased and delivered the following to the Methodist Children's Home: ½ bushel of yellow squash - 1 bushel zucchini squash - ½ bushel cucumbers - Total cost \$38.00. December is the month for the club's Christmas social. A \$25.00 donation was sent to Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Dawsonville Lions Club = The Dawsonville Lions Club and Dawson County Woman's Club hosted their annual Christmas Party at Achasta Golf Club. There were 63 attendees.



Forsyth County Lions Club = At our last meeting in December, the Forsyth County Lions Club raised and donated \$275.00 to the Forsyth County Senior Services "Meals On Wheels" Holiday Gift Certificate Program and collected non-perishable food for distribution to local food pantries via the "Food For Thought Project". We also had 3 guests, Justin and Allison, and Forsyth County Senior Services Director Judy Theilman. Ms. Theilman gave a wonderful talk about the county's "Meals On Wheels" program. Thanks to all who attended and donated in our efforts to fight hunger in the Cumming-Forsyth County community.

Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club = Merry Christmas to all of my Lions, have a great and awesome day while we spend time with friends and family. Let's also Celebrate our Savior birthday.



Hartwell Lions Club =



Lions help with Wreaths Across America Day



Jefferson Lions Club = Lion Jerry Legg of the Jefferson Lions Club visited the West Jackson Lions Club on November 5, 2014. Lion Jerry asked the West Jackson Club to join with the Jefferson Lions Club and the Commerce Lions Club to purchase a \$300 table to support the Jackson County Community Outreach at their annual fundraiser banquet. Each Club would donate \$100 to purchase a table. The funds raised are used to fund scholarships for area graduating high school seniors. The Jefferson Lions Club in conjunction with the Commerce Lions Club and the West Jackson Lions Club voted to donate \$100 to purchase a \$300 table at the Annual Jackson County Community Outreach Banquet fundraiser. The money collected goes to fund scholarships for local graduating high school seniors. This was accomplished thanks to the efforts of Lion Jerry Legg.

Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 52 eyeglasses and 3 sunglasses and 4 lenses collected and 4 cell phones collected for recycling in November.

The Jefferson Lions Club Board of Director Meeting was held on November 10, 2014 with 10 members attending. Lion Jerry Legg asked the Board to approve donating \$100 to purchase a table at the Jackson County Community Outreach Banquet. After the motion and a second, the Club approved.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Jefferson Club House with 19 members and 17 guests attending. After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Lion Bill Rosenberg reminded everyone to honor veterans on Veterans Day and he asked the Members to attend Veterans Day activities at the local American Legion. Lion Teddie Lohmeier who was in charge of the Peace Poster Contest for our Club introduced Emily Carroll and her family. Lion Teddie presented Emily a \$100 check as the first place award for her poster. The Club had voted at our October 10 meeting and Emily's poster was selected for first place. Her poster was sent to the District for competition at the District level. Lion President Gay Bradley introduced our guest speaker, Lion Dede dMarks the MD 18 Chairperson for Diabetes Programs and Activities. Lion Dede passed out flyers promoting World Diabetes Day on November 14 for Lions International Diabetes Partners and Organizations. Lion Dede gave each Member a list of 25 project ideas for Diabetes Awareness and Action in which the Club could participate. She explained each idea and suggested several that our Club could easily do to promote diabetes awareness in our community.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at the Jefferson Club House with 22 members and 7 guests in attendance. Lion Jimmy Mock gave the invocation and Lion Joe Dorough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Teddie Lohmeier introduced our guest Charisma Farmer and her family. Charisma was the second place winner in the Jefferson Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Lion Teddie presented her with a \$50 check from the Club. Charisma displayed and explained her poster. Lion Jerry Legg reported that the Board of Directors had approved \$100 to purchase a \$300 table for Annual Jackson County Community Outreach Banquet in conjunction with the Commerce Lions Club and the West Jackson Lions Club. The money raised is used for scholarships for local graduating seniors. After a motion and a second, it was approved by the Club. Lion Bill Rosenberg presented our program. He related a very touching story about his previous experience when his Kiwanis Club purchased and wrapped gifts for a girls' detention center. He told how it affected both the girls and the club members. Lion Bill told us that one girl said that she had never received a wrapped gift before that time. He told us about how the Jefferson Lions Club had carried a truck load of toys to Janis Mangum who was in charge of getting toys to families in need through the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. She said that it was an answer to prayer because they had not collected enough toys to serve the need. Lion Bill encouraged each member to bring a nice unwrapped gift to the Annual Rotary/Lion Banquet on December 8 to be distributed by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department to children in need.

Lion Teddie Lohmeier was in charge of the Peace Poster Contest for our Club. She contacted the Middle Schools and the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County in our area to let them know about the contest. The Club had several entries and the Club Members voted on the poster that they felt best illustrated the theme. First place winner Emily Carroll was presented with a check for \$100 and second place winner Charisma Farmer was presented with a check for \$50 at our Regular Meetings. Emily's poster was sent to the District Governor for competition in the District. The winners and their families enjoyed dinner with the Club at our Regular Meetings. Thanks to Lion Teddie for her dedication to this project.

Lions and guests and Lions who were unable to attend brought toys to our annual Lions/Rotary Christmas Banquet for the Jackson County Sheriff's Department annual toy drive to be given to needy children at Christmas. Thanks to the encouragement of Lion Bill Rosenberg who was in charge of this campaign, many families were helped. Lion Bill delivered the toys to the Sheriff's department.

The Jefferson Lions hosted Annual Lions/Rotary Christmas Banquet held on December 8, 2014 at the JEMC Auditorium. Sixteen Lions and ten guests attended along with the Rotarians and their guests. Guests included the wives of deceased members. Lion President Gay Bradley presided over the banquet. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and special entertainment by soloist, Brooks Benton. With the encouragement of Lion Bill Rosenberg who was in charge of our Toys for Tots Campaign this year, Lions and guests brought a large array of toys to be given to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department annual toy drive for needy children. There were enough toys to serve many families.

LaVista Lions Club = Continuing project. Fifteen hours in December. An annual event. Served luncheon to 75 seniors at local retirement home. Meal included hot dogs with condiments, potato salad, chips and dessert. Eleven club and family members participated. This was our fourth time providing this annual lunch. This event was held on Halloween but was not reported in any earlier Activity Report. Continuing project. Contributed 12 hours tutoring reading to 2nd graders at Sagamore Hills Elementary School. Collected 1700 pairs of glasses in November and December. We held our second and third sales the year at local stores. Each sale lasted six hours. Contributed \$300 to a local program which provides healthy weekend food to low-income elementary school children. This well-established program (Snax Sax) provides a sack of snack food to 150 - 200 children each weekend during the school year.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Good afternoon everyone, I am very pleased to forward this email to you from Joe Kiefer with a picture of Noah using his new iPad. If a picture is worth a thousand words, this picture has to be worth far more. Those of you that were not able to be at the LLC Annual Christmas Party may not be aware that the Lawrenceville Lions Club and the Loganville Legacy Lions Club partnered to present Noah Kiefer, a 14 month old boy who was born with Down's Syndrome. He also had a hole in his heart which required open heart surgery. He had that surgery one year ago and has since recovered. He is now in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy. In order to enhance those Therapy sessions, it was recommended that he be provided with an iPad Mini where special apps could be downloaded to assist him in developing his language, fine motor and gross motor skills. As you can plainly see from the picture attached, Noah has embraced his new "tool". I would like to thank the Lawrenceville Lions Club and the Loganville Legacy Lions Club for their cooperation in making this possible. As always, WE are Lions & WE Serve. Together WE do make a difference in people's lives.

Yours in Service

Pete Stamsen
Lawrenceville Lions Club



We collected 289 used eyeglasses. Our club donated \$300.00 and canned goods to Lawrenceville Co-Op. We had 2 members attend the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Club's Christmas party. We held our annual Christmas party and a few members of the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Club attended. We had our Annual fundraiser at Burger 21 with 5 members of our club and 3 members of the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Club. The proceeds will be donated to our Georgia Lions Camp. We had 2 members do 35 vision screenings for a Career Day event at Peachtree Ridge High School.



Loganville Legacy Lions Club = 4 members involved in planning for city's annual Christmas parade 12/6. 3 in-need individuals scheduled for eye exams/new glasses this month provided by Wal-Mart optical and Loganville optical. 12/8; 2 in-need individuals received eye exams. Prescriptions filled and glasses delivered. Transportation needed and provided for one patient. despite all the planning effort for our parade, the weather intervened causing it to be called off altogether. 8 lions prepared to volunteer disappointed. 12/9; 4 members joined Lawrenceville lions to present an ipad to aid in the development therapy for down syndrome individual. Ipad was recommended by his development therapist to aid in his basic motor skills and cognitive awareness development. in addition to his down syndrome, he also has survived surgery to repair a hole in his heart soon after birth. this need was first brought to the attention of the clubs by Kim Moore, our communications director who was contacted through web site information. Great things happen when we work together! 12/12; 60 members, families and friends attended our 4th annual Christmas gathering. our kids and grandkids enjoyed a visit from Santa. the evening also celebrated the 102nd, birthday of lion Ivy Morgan mother of lion John Morgan. decorations, meal planning and entertainment were handled by lions Ann Jones, Helen Thorsby and John Morgan. we were also honored by special guests district secretary Doreen Stalworth, her husband district lion tamer Earl, and also GLT leadership chair Pete Stamsen and his wife Judy , food donations were collected for Shepherds Staff food bank. Illc committed to seasonal pecan sales for first time. Results were outstanding for our first effort - sold all 10 cases ordered before Christmas. Loganville Optical a long time resource for glasses for in-need individuals closed for good 12/19 - They donated their remaining frames in inventory to Lions Club LIONS Darrell and Jackie Risser devoted 8 service hours to remove 470 frames from displays, packed separately in plastic bags ,count ,and pack for transporting to the Lighthouse by Grace Clower. Loganville Optical's support has been a true blessing to the Lions and will be greatly missed



Christmas food boxes were delivered to the families in their children's school parking lot on Dec. 22nd. The school parking lot ensures privacy to the family. I contacted 7 local elementary schools in Walton back in November and 5 replied with "thank you's" and information to contact a family they felt needed it most. We had two of those families receive a double food box due to the size of the family. One family had 2 adults and 10 children in the same household and the other had 7, 3 adults and 4 children. All had at least one child in elementary but also had some in middle and high school. We delivered to Sharon Church Elementary at 12:30, Loganville Elementary at 1:00, Atha Elementary at 2:00, Walnut Grove Elementary at 3:00, and Youth Elementary at 3:30.

The food boxes contained 1 turkey per family, (did not double on large families, not needed), and enough food for a full day of food for everyone. The box contained bread, eggs, sausage, pancake mix, syrup, cheese, bologna, mustard, cheese puffs, gravy packet, stuffing, potatoes, mac n cheese, sweet potatoes, marshmallows, green beans, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail, biscuit mix, margarine, juice, milk, tea, cookie dough, mini cupcakes, disposable Christmas tablecloth, plates, and napkins, along with a Christmas card from LLLC. The cost breakdown for each family was approximately \$35.00. I was allowed \$300.00 and spent \$245.65 which sends \$54.35 back to the club. All those receiving the food were extremely appreciative and thankful.

Norcross Lions Club = Lion Trudy Rudert and 18 members of the Kittredge Magnet School Garden Club cleaned the pump in the school pond, fed the animals and birds, cleaned and filled the bird bath, and planted pansies in the school garden. Lions Club members donated canned goods to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. During our holiday party, we enjoyed music played by young Timothy on his keyboard. We also sang holiday songs to his accompaniment. Timothy was joined by his mother. In attendance was the Treasurer of the Norcross Art Fest. At the meeting we took care of some Art Fest business to pay for web addresses and manage the budget. The Norcross Lions Club provides hot chocolate for community members who attend this event. Lion Trudy Rudert met with Girl Scout Troop 21443 three times. The girls are planning and preparing for a special event for younger Girl Scouts to be held in late January or early February.

Social Circle Lions Club = closed out a year of service with its annual Secret Santa Toy Drive Program and Christmas Dinner on December 1 at the historic Gunter Hall Home in Social Circle. The club collected 35 toys! Our guest speaker for the evening was Council of Governors Chairperson, PDG Olin Newby. DG Vicki Hubbard (club's member too) served as our honorary hostess for the evening. Special guests were the 2nd Vice DG Bob Thornton, GLT Pete (wife's name ???) Stamsen, and members of the newly formed Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions including the campus lions' Co-Advisor/Sr. Associate Provost for Student Affairs, Lion Jim Fatzinger. Other guests were Past Zone Chair, Lion Earl Stallworth and District I Cabinet Secretary, Doreen Stallworth. A fabulous dinner was served. The event concluded with gifts for every attendee and all singing Christmas music. The Secret Santa Toy Drive Program chairperson was Lion Paul Best who delivered the collected toys to the City's Firemen's House for distribution. Food was distribution to those in need. Lion Larry Knox was the program chairperson. The Lions participate by volunteering at the City's Welcome Center. Lion Sue Ellis leads the club efforts of volunteering at the center. Members collected toys for children in need. Program chairperson was Lion Paul Best.



Oxford Lions Club = The Oxford Lions kicked off the holidays on November 20th with their annual Thanksgiving Dinner with the four scouting groups they sponsor and their families. At their regular meeting on December 4th PDG Lion June Phillips presented a program on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. On Saturday, December 6th members helped the Covington Lions with their parade by judging the 100 float entries. Also that day, they assisted the City of Oxford with their 175th celebration by shuttling visitors from the city hall to Old Church. Oxford Lions continued to serve on Sunday, December 7th by giving away free popcorn at Twilight at Chimney Park, a fundraiser for the upkeep of the park. Lions popped popcorn for the DFCS foster children at their Christmas party on December 9th. Members provided vision screening at Allen Memorial UMC's Holiday Market on Saturday, December 13th and sold brooms, mops, cookbooks and talked about Lionism. The club's Christmas Party featured a catered dinner and a gag gift exchange. Each member and guest also brought a new toy which was donated to the Department of Family and Children Services. All of the above took place in addition to regular board meetings and members volunteering at the Newton County Library, Newton Medical Center, and as GED tutors for Newton Reads. And a good time was had by all. We serve!



Toccoa Lions Club = Toccoa Lions Congratulate Peace Poster Committee

The Toccoa Lions wish to share the news about the great job that Lions Beverly Vanderhoef and Bryan Gordon are doing on the Peace Poster Contest. Several years ago, our Peace Poster Contest had only 5 entries. This past year our club had well over 30 entries and our club's entry in the district contest won 2nd place. This is really a great improvement and there are plans for even more activities next year. Please join us in congratulating Lions Beverly, Bryan and the Peace Poster Committee in a job well done. Lions Rock. In addition the Peace Poster entries are featured in our Club Calendar which has increased sales and made selling calendars much easier. We call that Lion synergy.



Toccoa Lions Club President, Lion Bill Graham, dropped by the Toccoa Wal-Mart to thank Store Manager, Alan Howard, for all the support Walmart gives to help the Toccoa Lions live their Motto: We Serve. In addition to Diabetes Screening & Awareness, and Vision Screening, Walmart allows the Toccoa Lions to hold their White Cane event at Walmart.

Toccoa Lions Club = Mountain Education Charter High School LEOs join Toccoa Lions at Christmas Party

MEC High School LEO Club President, Delaney Jenkins and Amber Graham, MEC High School LEO Club Vice President, join the Toccoa Lions at their annual Christmas Party. The LEOs enjoyed the Blue Grass Christmas music, the fellowship and the food. The MECHS LEOs are off to a great start.

Pictured are (l/r): Delaney Jenkins - MECHS LEO Club President, Bill Graham - MECHS LEO Club Advisor & Amber Graham - MECHS LEO Club Vice President.

The Toccoa Lions all had a great time at their annual Christmas Party.

Pictured below are: Phylis & Dr. Frank Edmonds; Ray & Elizabeth Starling & Claud Smith. It was especially good to see Claud because he has missed many meetings lately due to health issues.

The Toccoa Lions Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 11th, 2014 at BJ's Restaurant in Toccoa, GA. The Lions had a good meal and were entertained with a Blue Grass Christmas by Chuck Taylor and the Loveland Express.

Pictured are: Margo Taylor, Drew Taylor, Glenda Barnard & Jack Barnard (facing camera). Also pictured are (l/r) Beverly Vanderhoef and Jack & Rae McLaughlin. The final picture is: (l/r) Loyd & Mona Prewett & Carlyon & James Black.



Toccoa Lions Club =

Mountain Education Charter High School enters a Tree in the Toccoa/Stephens County Festival of Trees

The Mountain Education High School LEO Club, sponsored by the Toccoa Lions Club, was chartered on November 24th, 2014. They held their first fund raising event on December 5th, 2014 by entering a Christmas Tree in the Toccoa/Stephens County Festival of Trees. Service organizations decorate a tree and the public votes on the best tree. Each vote costs \$1.00. The good news is the service organization gets to keep they votes (money) for their tree. The LEOs went right to work because they realize you have to raise some fund to be able to do community service effectively. the MECHS LEOs are off to a great start.



Toccoa Lions & MECHS LEOs Hanging out before the Christmas Parade

Toccoa Lions Club Mascot (Katlyn Brown) energizing the crowd before the 2014 Toccoa/Stephens County Christmas Parade. MEC High School LEOs (& friends) L/R: Dalton Burton, Delaney Jenkins, Matthew, Katlyn Brown & Morgan Roach. Bryan the Lion is socializing with the Stephens County High School JROTC Cadets. Wet & cold weather did not dampen the Toccoa Lions and MEC High School LEOs at the 2014 Toccoa/Stephens County Christmas Parade. Everyone had a great time and the Christmas Spirt was high. The rain stopped and the sun even broke through a couple of times at the beginning of the parade.



Mountain Education Charter High School LEOs Continue to Serve

The MECHS LEOs held a meeting on December 16th. After a few quick business items, the LEOs started on their first of two service projects, making Christmas Cards for senior citizens at local nursing homes. All of the Christmas Cards are hand made with original Christmas messages. After the first service project was completed, the LEOs were transported by a school bus to a local church to help wrap Christmas Presents. Pictures of each service project will be in a separate post.

Mountain Education Charter High School LEOs showing their concern for others

The MECHS LEOs handmade Christmas Cards with original and personalized messages for senior citizens in local nursing homes. Pictured are: LEO Zoe Covington displaying one of the Christmas Cards she made; LEO Joe Kennedy displaying one of his Christmas Cards; and LEO Jonathan Parker displaying one of his Christmas Cards. LEO Bryce Plunkett is also pictured.



Union County Lions Club = Union County Lions Club of Blairsville, Georgia, USA held its regular Board meeting at the Civic Center in Blairsville, GA on December 4, 2014

- The Board approved a \$150 donation to Union-Towns Volunteers for the Handicapped
- Discussed Trash and Treasures Indoor Yard Sale which is scheduled for Saturday Feb 22, 2015. Lions will have Information Table for Prospective members- Will have sign-up for members to staff the table. Club will also do own yard sale. Lion Mildred Thompson will handle the food.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - 1st Meeting in January – David Sargent – Food Bank
 - 2nd meeting in January – Fire Safety
 - 1st meeting in February – Valentine’s Day- Lion Bob Wood will take couples portraits.
 - 2nd meeting in February – Spotlight

December 11, 2014 Regular Meeting – held with 16 members (42% Attendance) and 10 guests. This was our annual Christmas party and was held at G & G Restaurant.

- Lion Arthur Gurr presented a \$250 donation to representatives of the Alleghany Lodge toward their Christmas food basket program.
- Following dinner, the club held a white elephant gift exchange and a Christmas card exchange. Christmas Music was supplied by DJ Paul Clark.

WORKING LIONS - 69 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 128 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS -15 hours
Total: 212 hours Submitted: 5 news article

<p>Washington Lions Club = 4 members provided Bingo to nursing home people. Club bought eye exams and glasses for 6 people. 3 members helped with food pantry during the month of December. Members cooked 200 chicken halves as a fundraising activity.</p>

<p>Winder Noon Lions Club = 34 pairs of glasses were collected during the month. The club provided glasses for a Barrow County Middle School student. 48 toys were donated by members of the club to be used by the Winder Fire Department for their Christmas Toy Drive.</p>
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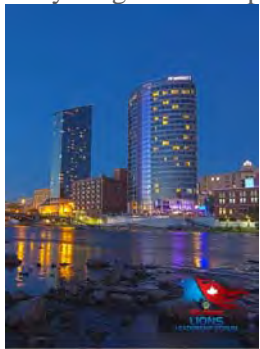
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