



We Serve

District Bulletin 18-D



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

February 2011



District Governor
Ron Bennetti

Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

This has been an exciting month for the **Lions of Georgia in District 18-D**. I have attended several zone meetings this month, and the information that I have received from the clubs has been extraordinary. I'm amazed to see some of the services the clubs in **18-D** are performing in their communities. On January 20th, I attended a Zone meeting of **Region I, Zone I** that was sponsored by the **Royston-Franklin Springs Lions Club**. During this meeting the participants selected **District 18-D's Environmental photograph** for our district. The participants did a great job in selecting the photograph to represent our district. One of the projects that I heard about during this meeting was a project being performed by the **Lavonia Lions Club** in which they refurbished old computers and give them out to needy students in their community. As part of the project a number of clubs in the district are supplying them with older computers to make their project even but stronger, please contact the members of the **Lavonia Lions Club** to see if your club can help, they would greatly appreciate additional equipment.

On January 28th, I attended the **Ribbon-Cutting** ceremony with almost 100+ dignitaries from all over the state, opening up the new building for the **Georgia Lions Lighthouse**. This has been a project that the Lions of Georgia have put a great deal of time, money and effort into and to see that it is finally complete was a wonderful thing. The day and the weather could have not been better for this epic opening. All that attended were given a first-hand view of what the building looks like, the services that they will provide for the residents of the state of **Georgia**. The optical center will open in several months once all the new equipment has been installed and the proper education has been given to its new employees. I believe that once his optical center is open our clubs will take full advantage of their services to help the people in their communities. I would like to take this time to thank all the members of **District 18-D** for their support of the **Georgia Lions Lighthouse**. Now that the building is complete, we still must continue to support our **Lighthouse** and make sure that this project will continue to survive and flourish, as one or states supported projects.

On February 4th, 5th & 6th, I attended the **Council of Governors** meeting in Warner Robins, GA and also the **Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind** winter meeting. A lot of new business transpired during the **Council of Governors** meeting and part of this information needs to be transferred to our clubs in the district. The most important information that needs to be told is that the **Council of Governors** will start the process of redistricting in the state of **Georgia**. This is something that has been long talked about, and finally, we are in the mode to start doing something about it. The governors have approved a plan from the long-range planning committee that will divide the state into four districts instead of six districts. In the next several months I will start giving you more information on what the process for this redistricting is and how it will affect the **Lions of 18-D**. I believe that this will only strengthen our position in the district if this plan is approved by **Lions Clubs International**. If the plan is approved by **LCI** it should take effect approximately July 2013. There will be more information about this in the next several newsletters and as I continue to visit the clubs in our district.

I would like to take this time to thank all the clubs in **18-D** for the services they perform in their communities and to continue with the great work that you're doing

Remember, **"WE ARE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND and WE SERVE"**

Thanks for all you do for Lionism,

Best wishes,
DG Ron

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

5-6 February 2009



**Camp For The Blind
Warner Robbins**

Check out page 20

Planning Ahead

13 March = District 18-D Convention:

**Location: Dawson County High School
1665 Perimeter Road
Dawsonville GA. 30534**

Meeting Time: 2:00 PM (1400)
Doors will open at 1:00 PM (1300)

2:30 pm followed by the 3rd Cabinet

“Relieving the Hunger” Campaign

**ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE TO ALLEVIATE
HUNGER**

**Club Secretaries – place year-end awards and
gift presentation order with Club Supplies**

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

Georgia Lions State Convention



10-12 June 2011

Duluth, Georgia

SPECIAL Thursday Event: For those coming in early, Thursday, 9 June, we will have “Night Out at Stone Mountain with International President Sid Scruggs”. Transportation will be provided to Stone Mountain. The cost will be \$30.00 – this includes getting into Stone Mountain Park, a reserved pavilion, a meal, talk with the International President and watch the Laser Show.

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Seminars – **OPENING** Ceremonies you will enjoy – for those who have not been able to go to an International Convention we will have an International Flair. (Friday Night Meal Tickets TBA).

Saturday: District Breakfasts; General Convention Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor’s Banquet +

Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session; Sunday Surprise (Baseball Game?)

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only - \$95.00.

Reservations are due no later than May 15, 2011.

Books purchased by NEW LIONS as of 1 June 2010 - \$85.00.

Hotel Info:

Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place
1775 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, GA. 30096
770-923-1775



Toll-free Reservations 866-339-3132



Check Last page for Registration Form



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out = [Lions News Network](#)  • [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#) 



HIGHLIGHTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



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



[P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK](#)



TO: All Districts and Clubs
Subject to United States
Tax Laws
FROM: Legal Division
RE: Tax Information Available
on LCI Website

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

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

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

President's Blog

During my presidency, I want to meet as many Lions as possible, but with 1.35 million Lions worldwide, that's a tall order. Every Lion is important to me and our association because each of us has the power to be a "Beacon of Hope."

Recently, I traveled to Cusco, Peru, a remote area that sits at an altitude of 11,200 feet. Mayor Luis Florez met with Judy and me. He presented a scepter to me, which in his culture is a sign of great respect, because he has seen first-hand the wonderful humanitarian work Lions are doing in his community.

While I was in Miraflores, the main city near Lima, where Lions from Latin America and the Caribbean gathered for FOLAC Forum, I had the honor of meeting with mayor there. Jorge Muñoz and I had the chance to discuss the importance of Lions in his area and how we make the communities we serve better places to live. From simple projects like highway clean ups to life-altering improvements such as providing clean drinking water, Lions around the world make a difference.



The mayor presented me with a certificate of accommodation, and I gave him the Lions Clubs International Medal of Merit. Through partnerships such as these, we can shine a light on all the wonderful work our 1.35 million Lions do every day.

Lions Donate US\$6.1 Million to Provide Hope, Homes in Haiti One Year Later



Many families lost everything when a major earthquake struck Haiti one year ago. Thanks to Lions around the world, hundreds of these families are now moving into new homes.

Lions were among the first to offer help after the disaster, providing food, water and shelter. A year later, Lions around the world have donated more than US\$6.1 million to the LCIF Haiti Earthquake fund. And LCIF is using those funds to provide homes – and hope – in Haiti. [Read blog.](#)

Eye Donor Awareness Month in March

Each year in the United States, cornea transplants help restore the eyesight of more than 52,000 people – and Lions Eye Banks play a major role! Lions eye banks also help save eyesight by supporting important research to find cures for other blinding diseases. If your club would like to plan a community activity to promote eye donation during March, please [contact the Lions Eye Bank near you.](#)

How to Coordinate an Event with Other Lions Clubs

For the blind and visually impaired living in Northern Illinois, winter sports may seem out of reach. Local Lions wanted to give the visually impaired a chance to experience the joys of skiing. They also saw the

possibility of hosting an annual event that provides fellowship and outdoor activities for the blind. [Find out how Lions made this project happen – and get “Tips and Tools” that you can use to help your club plan a project like this in your community.](#)

International Convention Preview Video



It's that time of the year again!

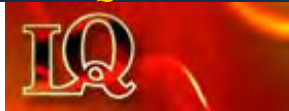
For more than 90 years, Lions from around the world have shared fun and fellowship at our international convention. We hope you'll join us July 4-8, 2011, in Seattle, Washington, USA to enjoy convention highlights including former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Inspirational singer LaDonna Gatlin. And Bill Gates Sr., co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. [Get a “sneak preview” of this year’s event – and watch our new Convention Preview video.](#)

For more information, email: convention@lionsclubs.org

To register, click on the following link, or type the address in your browser window:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-andevents/international-convention/for attendees/news-conv-register.php>

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions tackle an issue affecting a billion people.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs International Blog](#)

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

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

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

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Submit Multiple District photo entries by March 1, 2010.

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest in your city

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

[Lions Day with the UN](#)

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

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



Videos



["LCIF Partnering for Service"](#)

5:00 minutes

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



Dear Lion,

You know the sensation of remembering where you were when a significant world event took place. Renande from Haiti remembers all too well where she was and what she was doing when the devastating earthquake struck her home one year ago. Read her story in the below newsletter. Find out how we Lions have helped her, and many other Haitians, rebuild their life after tragedy.



This week marks the one-year anniversary of the historic earthquake in Haiti, but that is not the



only place where our relief efforts remain ongoing. Together, we have helped thousands of people worldwide. Lions, be proud of our record of success in disaster recovery and rebuilding. Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club nearby, ready to respond. In the case of disasters, we Lions are the first to offer help and the last to leave.

Know that much of this assistance would not be possible without the [generous support](#) of the international family of Lions. You give to our Foundation, so that our Foundation can give to those most in need. Thank you for making Renande's dreams of a home come true. Together, we are building bridges of compassion!

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF

Distribution of Contributing Membership Pins

Contributing Membership

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

Contributing Membership and the Melvin Jones Fellowship are both recognition programs for unrestricted donations to LCIF. The Contributing Member program is for those donors making smaller, but not less significant, donations. If a donor is planning to give larger donations to LCIF (at least US\$1,000 over the next five years) the Lion donor should be acknowledged through the MJF program. To clarify, contributing member donations do not receive MJF credit and vice versa. If the donor is unsure of the level of funds they will donate, the recognition can be applied at a later date.

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

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



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

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

Meet Your LCIF Coordinator

The LCIF Multiple District and District Coordinators act as ambassadors for the Foundation, traveling throughout their areas to promote the good work of LCIF. Working together, you and our coordinators have achieved a US\$5 million increase in donations compared to last year at this time. LCIF Coordinators serve as a great resource, so invite them to speak at your next club meeting or to attend an upcoming convention. To contact the LCIF Coordinator from your area, [e-mail](#) the LCIF Development Department.



Rebuilding Haiti One-Year Later

Six hundred families who lost everything last January are now moving into new homes, thanks to LCIF and Lions around the world. Renande Pierre-Louis and her family, whose story is featured in this month's [LION magazine](#), is just one of 600 receiving



homes. Pierre-Louis remembers the earthquake as if it were yesterday. Just before 5 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, she and millions of other Haitians ran for their lives. As homes, schools and hotels crumbled before their very eyes, all they could do was hope for the best. Through the promise of Lions and LCIF to rebuild lives and communities in Haiti, Pierre-Louis and her family now have hope moving forward. In October, they moved into a newly constructed house and are happy about having a place to call home.

Lions were among the first to offer help, providing food, water and shelter. One year later, Lions remain committed to helping in Haiti. Families living in the Lions' tent cities will benefit from the project. The 600

homes significantly add to the number of provisional houses in Haiti, as only 5,000 have been built to date. The end goal is to shift all people living in Lions' tents to provisional housing. Future projects will continue to rebuild lives and communities. More information on LCIF's ongoing efforts in Haiti is available [online](#).



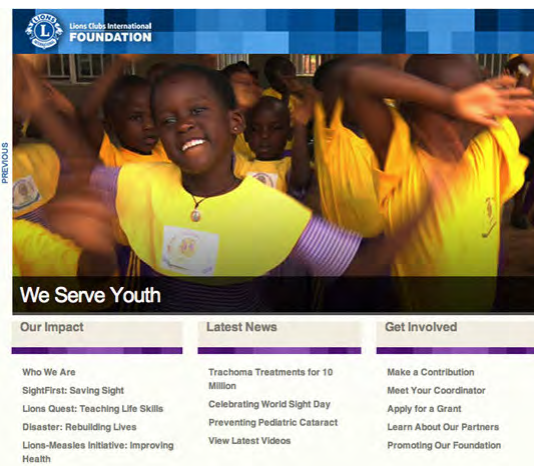
Disaster Relief Made Possible by Lions

When disasters strike, Lions are often first on the scene to provide immediate relief and the last to leave. Each year, LCIF awards nearly US\$2 million in funds to support both immediate and long-term relief. These humanitarian efforts are a direct result of Lions generous support from around the world. Because of Lions like you, victims received food following flooding in Pakistan, shelter after an earthquake in China and medical care following [disaster in Haiti](#). View recently awarded disaster grants [online](#) and continue helping LCIF provide hope to those impacted by natural calamities.



New LCIF Homepage Revealed

A new LCIF homepage was recently unveiled, matching the updated brand image. This is just one of the positive changes from the LCIF Steering Committee, with many more new and innovative ideas to come in 2011. The redesigned homepage features the successes of LCIF's programs and initiatives. This refined design is compelling and better communicates the value of LCIF to both the external community and Lions. Check out the page at www.lcif.org.





Editor's Note

Webinars

[Sign Up for a Free Leadership Development Webinar](#)

Go to page: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/leadership-development/webinars.php>

Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. To register and login, participants are directed to an Internet address. Please [review our Guide to Register/login](#).

Most webinars have one or two instructors and a moderator/host. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation and polling questions on their computer. They listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. The participants may use the phone for audio/speaking or a computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructors, similar to training conducted in a classroom. For more information [read our Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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.

2010-2011 LCI Webinars

The following topics are the focus of webinars during 2010-2011. Webinars will initially be offered in English only. When we have trained faculty for conducting webinars in other languages, webinars will be scheduled in other languages. Click on the date of the webinar of interest to you to register for that webinar.

Working on the Zone Building Site: Role of the Zone Chairperson – for Lions who are interested in becoming a Zone Chairperson.

Content: Role of the Zone Chairperson includes the position responsibilities, resources and typical activities and expectations.

Dates:

- [Wednesday, January 19, 2011: 7:00-8:00pm CST](#)
- [Friday, January 28, 2011: 6:00-7:00pm CST](#)
- [Tuesday, February 1, 2011: 10:00-11:00am CST](#)

Managing a Service Project – for Lions who are service project coordinators or would like to become a project manager.

Content: Managing a Service Project includes defining the purpose, setting goals to accomplish the purpose, determine the project structure, set milestone dates, form the project team and evaluate the project.

- [Wednesday, February 23, 2011: 7:00-8:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, March 2, 2011: 10:00-11:00am CST](#)
- [Friday, March 4, 2011: 6:00-7:00pm CST](#)

Setting Goals – for Lions who want to attain a high level of achievement.

Content: Setting Goals includes the benefits of having goals, how to write specific goal statements and evaluating your progress toward achieving goals.

- [Tuesday, March 22, 2011: 7:00-8:00pm CST](#)
- [Friday, April 1, 2011: 6:00-7:00pm CST](#)
- [Tuesday, April 5, 2011: 10:00-11:00am CST](#)

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GUESS WHAT'S COMING – are you prepared?

Club Officer Report (PU-101):

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

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

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

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



Dear Lion Leaders,

As we begin 2011 we are also beginning the second half of our year together as Lion leaders. During the first half of my presidency it has been my privilege to travel the globe and see first-hand the light that Lions bring to some of the most challenging places in our world. Lions are making a difference in the lives of millions of people each year and I have never been more proud to be a Lion!



A Beacon of Hope Resources and Activities

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

I am especially proud that this year the Global Service Action Campaigns have focused on a laser-like intensity. Each of the first three campaigns has been an outstanding success.

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

Traveling as your president I have visited some of our world's most beautiful places, as we troubled. It has given me a renewed appreciation for the precious and fragile resources we Earth. This is why I hope I can count on you to make the fourth and final Global Service Campaign, Protecting our Environment -- an equal success. This last campaign may be the most important as it affects all of us no matter where we live.

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

Lions know that we cannot fulfill the bumper-sticker mandate to "Save the Planet," but we always do: make a difference. We can shine a light on the environmental challenges we see and serve as an example for others to follow in solving these challenges. If we are to ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit a healthy, safe environment, we must raise awareness and demonstrate on a local scale what must be done.

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

Lions Protecting our Environment Global Service Action Campaign is scheduled for April with the international observance of Earth Day. I urge all Lions clubs to plan an event and participate in this global effort. Be sure to record your efforts on the Service Activity Report.

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

Best wishes,

Sid L. Scruggs III
International President

Light Keeper Award

Global Service Action Campaigns

Protecting our Environment

Lions Clubs International adopted environmental protection as an official policy in 1972 and as an Adopted Service Program in 2003. Today, the need for a global response to the environmental issues of our planet is greater than ever. We live in a world in which the forests that renew its air and the water that brings life to all things are in danger.

Connect With us online



These are not dire predictions of the future. They are happening today. According to the United Nations Environment Programme, only about 20 percent of the world's population has reliable access to clean drinking water. More people die each year from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war. The UNEP also estimates that the world has lost more than 80 percent of its forests in the last century alone.

In April, Lions Clubs International will shine a light on the environment. All Lions clubs around the world are invited to participate in this global effort by planning events and activities such as:

- organizing a community clean-up project;
- working with a local forestry department to plant trees in your community;
- educating your community about easy eco-friendly practices to adopt in daily life, and
- organizing a recycling project to collect old eyeglasses, batteries and small electronics.

There are many more project ideas available, along with a planning guide and other information at ["Protecting Our Environment" Global Service Action Campaign](#).

Beacon of Hope Highlights

Sharing the Vision

More than 400,000 people worldwide had their sight protected or restored because of Lions special emphasis on vision in October. Nearly 600 Lions Clubs in 61 countries helped make the Sharing the Vision Global Action Campaign a success by committing 71,917 volunteer hours to 849 projects. That's equivalent to one Lion working around the clock for more than eight years!

In one project alone, 300 elementary school students were screened for vision problems in a project conducted by the Quezon City Cubao Lions Club in the Philippines. The club also added to the nearly 225,500 eyeglasses collected in October.

Relieving the Hunger

In the 639 projects reported to date, Lions worldwide are helping to sustain the lives of more than 580,000 people by providing food and other necessities to those in need. During the month of December, the Manila Infinity Lions Club, in the Philippines, sponsored and toy and hunger project for 120 children. Each child received a bag with different kinds of small toys and were provided with hotdogs and drinks.

The Relieving the Hunger campaign runs through the end of January and clubs have until March 31 to report their activities.

Please visit [Lions Global Service Action Campaign Projects](#) for updates on the progress of the campaigns.

Set Your Sights High

Community service, membership growth, leadership development, communication and organizational management are the five essential elements for the ongoing health of any Lions Club. Clubs that succeed in ALL FIVE critical areas are eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

At the district level, the District Governor Team Excellence Award recognizes the leaders in districts that strive for excellence in leadership, achieve positive membership growth and actively encourage clubs to conduct effective service projects.

For more information and to download an application form please visit [Excellence Awards](#).

“When the raging storms of life rush in bringing darkness, When the dream fades and despair takes its place, Then like a faithful lighthouse on the distant shore, A Lion stands as a ray of light to show the way.”

On the Horizon

Light Keeper Award.

Last month I introduced the [Light Keeper Award](#) to recognize district governors for high club involvement in service campaigns and growth due to service. Districts where 50% of clubs participate in 2 of the 4 Global Service Action Campaigns or districts that perform a district campaign involving 50% of clubs will receive the **Silver Level: Harbor Light Master Award**. Districts that achieve the requirements for the Harbor Light Master award and exceed membership growth of 2% or more from July 1 through April 30, 2011 will receive the **Gold level: Light Keeper Master Award**. Membership growth excludes dropped members thru August 2010 from clubs cancelled for nonpayment.



RETENTION

UP, DOWN, BUT ALWAYS GONE

Last year when I started focusing on Lions retention in Georgia, I indicated that as a sociologist I had examined social science research to see whether I could pass on some club actions to improve retention. What I am now going to begin to do is review some of the specific studies.

The article I am going to discuss this month is entitled "A Time to Join, A Time to Quit: The Influence of Life Cycle Transitions on Voluntary Association Membership" by Thomas Rotolo, a Washington State University faculty member. The article was published in Social Forces in March 2000, pages 1133 – 1161. My focus will be on quitting, but as Rotolo points out "... membership involves two conceptually related but distinct acts: joining an organization and then remaining a member for a specific duration (i.e., not leaving)." His research is on both.

Why do members leave a volunteer organization they join? Unlike the actions I recommended that clubs use to retain Lions, we do know that some members quit for reasons unrelated to anything that's going on in a club. For example, we know that clubs are going to lose some members due to their departure for jobs and death is definitely an unpreventable loss. However, Rotolo's research was concerned with the impact on joining and leaving volunteer organizations when the lives of males and females change after they marry and then have children.

Based on the research of other social scientists, Rotolo was aware that becoming married does not change the lives of men and women in the same way; similarly, having children affects men and women differently. Given these male and female differences, Rotolo surveyed 1,050 individuals to see whether marriage and parenthood also impacted volunteer organizations. His research provides several interesting items.

Getting married did not have an impact on volunteerism leaving for men or women. Having children though immediately results in the loss of women, but not men. However, as the ages of children increases, women are again willing to become volunteers; many of them joining youth related organizations. Especially impressive were his findings on age. Young adults tend to join many organizations and leave them quickly; middle age individuals join fewer organizations and remain membership longer; older adults decrease their membership joining, but they continue to remain members.

As for our loss of Lions, for much of the year we have had a slight improvement over last year's loss of members. Then in October we exceeded last year's loss, but we recovered in November. However, at the half way point in the year, December, we have again exceeded our loss rate of last year. In December of last we had lost 495 (7.4%) Lions, but this year we have lost 511 (7.7%) Lions. In both years we have had two clubs turn in their charters. As my title indicates and Rotolo's research shows, we are going up and down in losses, but the fact is that we are continuing to lose members.

Yours in Lionism. Richard "Dick" Smith



Thriving Club Retreat:

Dear Lions Leader,

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

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

Dates: 2-3 April 2011

Location: Kingwood Resort, Clayton, Georgia

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

Registration of \$35 per person

SCHEDULE

Saturday, 2 April 2011

12:00-1:00 Registration

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

2:00-2:45 Dealing With Change

3:00-3:45 Club Meetings

4:00-4:45 Managing Speakers

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

6:00-7:00 Dinner

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

9:30-10:15 Vision Experience

Sunday, 4 April 2011

7:00-7:45 Breakfast

8:00-8:45 Winning in Conflicts

9:00-9:45 Community Image

10:00-10:45 Recruiting New Members 11:00-11:45

Keeping the Lions You Have 12:00-1:00 Lunch

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



For more information about the retreat, visit www.lionstraining.us. From there, you may also register online for the event. For more information about the Kingwood Resort, visit their website at www.kingwoodresort.com.

CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = During December we finished some work on a project that requires better weather to complete. An organization in our area, Challenged Child and Friends, is allowing us to assist them with some work in their facility. Challenged Child and Friends provides help of all types for children with “challenges” – physical, mental, emotional, and other. Our members were able to prep a wall, then paint and frame a large section of it with a chalk paint. Now the children can write and draw on their chalkboard. We are waiting on better weather to do some outside work for this same group. We continued our parking project at the Georgia Mountains Center. We worked one night for a gospel singing and a weekend for a bull riding contest. Parking fees must be collected in all kinds of weather. We also approved and purchased eye exams and glasses for four individuals.

We serve!

Jefferson Lions Club = **ACTIVITIES:** Leo Club Organization Report mailed to LCI on December 10, 2010. (There are 16 originating members for Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club). **Collected** 217 lenses and 41 used eyeglasses. **Donations:** The following donations were made this month: Paid for 2 Eyeglasses/Exams – during January (\$333.90) Paid \$130 to Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind (raffle tickets) **Awards:** Jefferson received an "October Growth Award" patch for 2009-2010 from Past International President Eberhard Wirfs. **Fund Raising:** ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER UPCOMING - March 19, 2011, Jefferson High School Cafeteria. Report of community birthday calendar profit of \$2,534.94.

MEETINGS:

January 10 meeting cancelled due to snow and ice. **January 24th** -- regular meeting. 26 members present plus one guest. PROGRAM: Ms. Courtney Bernardi, Director of Economic Development, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker. 2010 was one of the best years ever in Jackson County. Fifty companies looked to establish in Jackson County and five new businesses located here, creating 700 new jobs. Jackson County is a good place for business—the main attraction is its location: close to interstate, Atlanta, an airport, and the port of Savannah. Another attraction is the quality of life. Jackson County has 3 great school systems and 23 schools for higher education close by. There is a work force of almost a million within a 30-mile commute. Jackson County is one of the fastest growing counties in the country.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We did a vision screening at Your Bridge 2 Program and performed 15 screenings. We did a vision screening and hearing screening at Georgia Gwinnett County College Health Fair with 17 vision screenings and 15 hearing screenings. We collected 36 used eyeglasses at the Aurora Theater where we entered a Christmas Tree Festival contest. We also collected several canned goods for the Lawrenceville Co-Op. We presented the MD18 State Peace Poster winner with a certificate and Council Chair Grace Clower presented him with a \$100.00 check from the Council of Governors. Dominic Deac is a student at Twin Rivers School in Lawrenceville. Eye Glasses Collected 76

Loganville Lions Club =

The Loganville Lions were treated to a presentation by Ms. Sharifa Peart from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation at a recent meeting. Ms. Peart talked about the services of the Lighthouse to low income and uninsured Georgians, including full eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgeries, digital hearing aids and vision and hearing screenings. The Lighthouse recently moved to a new, larger facility on Peachtree Street in Chamblee which will be having its dedication on Jan 29th. The Loganville Lions pledged \$3,000 to help fund the new facility. Pictured are Peart and Loganville Lions president Wayne White.



Norcross Lions Club =

PDG John Rudert attended the GA Lions Lighthouse ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Jan. 28. PDG John Rudert was reelected trustee of the GA Lions Lighthouse at their meeting on Saturday, Jan. 29. Also in attendance were PDG Ed Hashbarger and Lion Trudy Rudert. PDG John continues to keep us informed about the Lighthouse and its new facilities and services. We participated in selling raffle tickets to benefit the GA Lions Camp for the Blind. We gave \$500 to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. We continue to seek new members. A potential member attended a club meeting at which Lion Ed Hashbarger provided a program on Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Snellville Lions Club =

Service Projects: No report. **Fund Raisers:** Join us for our Annual Benefit Breakfast in February 12, 2011 at the Snellville United Methodist Church Cafeteria in Wesley Hall. We will have a wonderful breakfast for you that includes: eggs, sausage, grits, pancakes, coffee, and juice. Come and enjoy. **Meeting:** PDG Thoïs Masters, District VP for Camp for the Blind was guest speaker. **Membership:** Joined two new members David and Jo Ann Langlois.



Toccoa Lions Club = NEW BUSINESS: (1) Recruitment Meeting: The board voted to have a recruitment luncheon on 02-24-2011 as part of our regular meeting. EVERYONE SHOULD FIND SOMEONE TO BRING!!!!!!!!!! A recruitment meeting is set for February 24th. Ruth Payton is planning that event. She has asked whether or not any funds are available for this event. The Admin Account is in good shape, so that should not be a problem. Bill Graham knows of two people who are interested in joining. Kay also knows of one former Lion who may rejoin. **(2) The Club** received a request to donate to the Humane Society but as we do not have allocation in our budget, we had to deny this request. There will be a request to the general membership at a meeting for financial participation. **(3) The board** requested feedback from the Christmas committee for a report on the family which was helped. **(4) Pancake Breakfast:** The February Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 26th from 7:00 am until 10:00 am at Toccoa Elementary School. It will be a benefit for the Open Arms Clinic. The date is February 26th. Bryan has ordered 1,000 tickets. Margo brought up a concern which she has expressed in the past about couples in the club being required to sell 10 tickets each, since they have the same friends and the same contacts. She feels that if they wind up paying for the tickets themselves, it is a financial burden. It was decided that they would be given 10 tickets each but would only be required to pay for 15 rather than 20. There was also some discussion about advertising. It was decided that we get little if any return on the ads. It would be better to distribute flyers **(5) Thriving Club Retreat:** The board was advised of a conference on the first Saturday in April for teamwork training for club officers. It was recommended by the board that all vice presidents attend. The cost will be paid by the club. Bill Graham will attend. **(6) Lion Dave** is seeking to move the Chilly Open to a Friday in May. The board agreed. **(7) Valentine Party:** Beverly Vanderhoef is working on it. It will be an evening meeting. She would appreciate any input. **(8) White Cane Day:** We need better participation from the members. Henry Fields will talk to Rex Patterson about getting the Boy Scouts to help. The date has not been set but we will plan to do two days, a Friday and a Saturday. **Lion Forrest Connelly** is reporting that our annual White Cane Days as been set with Wal-Mart. We will be collecting donations on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th. The white canes have been ordered and our club goal is to exceed \$1,000.00 in collections from the public. **(9) Golf tournament:** The Chilly Open will be moved to May. **Lion Dave Stancil** is reporting that our annual golf outing is scheduled for Friday afternoon, May 6th. It will be held at the Highland Walk Golf Course inside Victoria Bryant State Park in Royston. More than likely it will have a shotgun start at noon and a picnic with a variety of chilly at the completion of the round. Adaptive rules for visually impaired golfers will be in play. **(10) Emergency Request:** Kay has a patient whose glasses were burned in her house fire. She needs glasses fast, which means we can't wait for glasses from the Lighthouse. A motion was made and seconded that we pay for her glasses out of the Sight Conservation account. Motion carried.

Can You Eat The Whole Stack?



The Toccoa Lions Club
Benefit for
The Open Arms Clinic



**Pancake
Breakfast**

Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to the Open Arms Clinic in Toccoa. This is a free medical clinic for uninsured residents of Stephens County. Last year with community support the Toccoa Lions Club donated \$3,300.00 to the clinic.

If you know someone who needs help with a vision or hearing impairment call the Toccoa Lions help line at (706) 282-0444.

Saturday, Feb 26, 2011

7:00 am to 10:00 am
Toccoa Elementary School
Pond and Savannah Streets



"We Serve"



Pictured here are members of the Lavonia, Martin, Toccoa, Hartwell and Royston-Franklin Springs Lions Clubs. Charles Viers of Royston-Franklin Springs is reading to the group from the back of the room his club report.. PDG Ruth Payton of Toccoa entertained the gathering with a humorous story about what men do when they retire.



Picture of the Gate Cottage from the path to the waterfalls on January 13th as captured by Lion Flo Gordon.

Union County Lions Club = *Lion Mints*: 447 rolls dispensed, \$116.08 deposited. *Social Concerns*: Sarah Chumbley sent Birthday and Anniversary cards to members for the month of January. Several members or family members are having medical problems. *Lion and friends and family volunteer hours*: 324 hours. *Membership*: No applications. *Donations*: Wilderness Scouts of America, Canine Companion for Independence, and NEADS totaling 150.00. *Sight/Hearing Conservation*: 1 application for eye glasses approved for January. We collected and turned in: glasses- 260 pairs, Shaded glasses-73 pairs, glass cases-129, frames-17, lens-115 pairs, single lens – 94, cell phones-12 and hearing aids-2. *Meetings*: **January 13** regular meeting was cancelled due to snow and Ice. **January 27** regular meeting held with 25 members and 9 guests, and 79% in attendance. Our guest speakers were Arlene Gray and Judy Baldwin from “The Friends of Union County Library”. Arlene spoke about the progress of the new library building to be ready by spring of this year. The building will have a community room and an enlarged children’s area and many new computers. The Union County Library was awarded the “Fabulous Friends Award” by the Sate. They encouraged our members to become Friend of the Library because this helps get grants from the state. Even though the weather has been bad most of January, our lions have been busy with 199 hours of preparing for fund raisers such as White cane and a trash to treasure sale. The trash to treasure sale will be held in the civic center with over 45 spaces sold. When Lion Lisa Little was talking to some of the vendors, they mentioned how grateful they are to our club for sponsoring the sale because flea marketing is how they make their living and with the weather being so bad this is helping them out tremendously. While we work on club projects, many of our members are also helping others in the community. We had 125 hours of community service, such as cutting fire wood for the elderly, Ga Mtn Health, sitting with sick, helping out S.A.F.E and food banks.



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GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
jmhpdg@windstream.net

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



We've Moved!

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

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

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

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

Our new address:
 5582 Peachtree Road
 Chamblee, GA 30341
 (404) 325-3630



Service Numbers
 From July to December 2010

1868 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** at a \$115,461.79.
127 recipients were from 18-D

148 eye surgeries were performed. at a cost of \$1,052,167.39 – **Lighthouse cost - \$198,621.91.**
201 were from 18-D

905 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 654 hearing aids.
118 were from 18-D



Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Lighthouse Awards Deadline:
April 30, 2011

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

If your Club needs help or ideas on how to get involved in White Cane 2011, let me encourage you to contact our District White Cane Co-chairs – Lions Gene and Louise Little. They can be reached at 706/374-6638 or e-mail: genelittle1@hotmail.com or louiselittle@hotmail.com They are anxious to meet with your Club in order for you to have a successful White Cane 2011.

WHITE CANE 2011

Here it is, 2011, has your club thought about WHITE CANE? If you have not, it is time to start, in fact past time to start, because you (your club) could have had 6 months to collect extra finds for this worthy cause. Let's all start now, the Lions year is half over.

April, 2011 is designated as White Cane month, but you/we can collect and send donations to the Ga. Lions Lighthouse, signifying "for White Cane" on the check, any time of the Lion year. Remember, for each \$1.00 sent the patent will receive \$5.00 in services. If you send \$100.00 that will translate to \$500.00 in services to the patent or \$300.00 will translate to \$1,500.00 in services (\$1,500.00 is the cost of one cataract surgery). PLEASE all clubs send what you can, just \$20.00 will equal \$100.00 in services, a small amount will add up. If all clubs that did not send in donations last year would send in what they can, no matter how small, we will exceed last year's donations and reach the goal set by the Lions Lighthouse.

There are many ways your club can raise money to be used for white cane. One way is to set a jar in your club and have the members donate their pocket change into the jar at each meeting, this can add up to a decent amount. Another way is to put a jar at different businesses to let the public donate. Have a garage or yard sale with members, their family and neighbors donate items. Have club members come up with different ways to raise money for white cane.

Our district can become 100% white cane contributors if we all work at this. If you have not started your White Cane fund raising, Please start NOW so you all can be proud to know you have helped so many with eye surgeries.

District 18D white-cane chairs
Lion Gene Little and Lion Louise Little

WHITE CANE

White Cane had its beginning in Georgia in 1980 as White Cane Day. We no longer limit White Cane to just a day in the year. White Cane donations equal about 1/3 of the Georgia Lions contributions to the Lighthouse. The goal for White Cane 2011 has been set for \$167,500. Over the last 3 years White Cane donations have averaged over \$144 thousand dollars per year.

As everyone knows, prices have been on the rise and the services offered by the Lighthouse are no exception. The present economy is creating additional needs at the Lighthouse to help those who have lost their jobs and subsequently, their health insurance. The money collected through White Cane is instrumental in changing people's lives. While it is usually no problem for a local club to purchase a pair of eyeglasses for a needy person, it would be literally impossible for a club to provide eye surgery needed to restore someone's sight. The money raised throughout the state for White Cane can be combined to offer services to people who, without the Lions of Georgia, might have no hope. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help them help others. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. One hundred percent of all money collected for White Cane goes directly to sight services. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2011 the best ever. Lions get an excellent return on their investment in the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is now able to get \$5 in services for every dollar.

Not only is this a time to raise funds for the Lighthouse, it also gives us an opportunity to be out in our communities and to educate people about the services that we, as Lions of Georgia, can offer. A chance to put hands and feet to our motto, "We Serve".

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

J. C. Coefield, Jr.
MD-18 White Cane Chair
478-922-9023
coefield@cox.net

Contributions from 18-D Lions Clubs:

Club: \$9,450.00

White Cane: \$600.00

Luminary: \$1,300.00

Other: \$1,325.00

Total: \$12,675.00



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Register with the Lighthouse at dogoodgetrewards.com to earn rewards for your service. Questions? Contact Laura at lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org

Night of Spectacles Coming April 30

Each year the Lions Lighthouse receives over 100,000 eyeglasses and lenses to be recycled, and a portion of these glasses are scratched or broken beyond repair. Rather than throw out the glasses, they are given to local design schools and artists and turned into wearable dresses. The artists show off their work and compete for a scholarship at our annual Night of Spectacles. The evening includes a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. For more information about Night of Spectacles, please visit www.nightofspectacles.org.




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**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
Thois Masters, PDG
tstmasters@windstream.net**



To Our Fellow Lions:



Ways to Donate to the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Dear Friends of the Camp,
Century Club

Funds contributed to the Century Club become part of the Georgia Lions' Camp Facility Expansion Fund. This is a development fund, which provides Lions, Lionesses, non-Lions, businesses and others with the opportunity to give a gift that assures the continued expansion of the Camp's facilities. You can join the Century Club simply by making a contribution of as little as \$100.00 per year.

Go to our web site and download the [Century Club Application](#) for more information. It is a PDF and you will need the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view it.

General Donation

Your gift is applied to both monthly and annual needs of the camp, routine maintenance and summer programming. This donation directly helps us to provide recreation, socialization, education and rehabilitation to visually impaired individuals of Georgia.

Honorary Donation

The funds obtained through the Honorary Fund are allocated to both the Trust Fund and the General Operating Account, while providing the contributor the opportunity to recognize a loved one.

Memorial Donation

The funds obtained through the Memorial Fund are allocated to both the Trust Fund and the General Operating Account, while providing the contributor the opportunity to recognize a loved one.

Send a Kid to Camp

The month of September has been designated as the official month for clubs to fundraise and organize projects dedicated to "Send a Kid to Camp" for the upcoming year. Your gift is applied to the seasonal needs of the Camp associated with our activities, camper sponsorships, summer employment, and program supplies. This donation ensures the continuation of our efforts to provide recreation, socialization, education, and rehabilitation to visually impaired children and adults. Donations should be marked "SKTC" to ensure proper club credit.

You can mail your check or money order to:

Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.
5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31503-6488

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

The Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. is a 501(C)3 Non-profit Organization. Gifts are tax deductible.

Kristen

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Dates to Remember:

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

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

March 25, 2011 - LEO State Gathering

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

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

June 13, 2011 – Summer Camping Season starts!

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

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John Deere Gator Compact CX Series



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

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

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

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The Camp has received a Grant for \$419,500 for capital improvements. The grant is for capital improvements only. Thus, we still need donations toward our regular operating expenses. In a meeting with Kristen and Mike and a few Camp Directors (the new B&G person), we reviewed and selected bids for reroofing all of the buildings at the Camp, new hot water heaters and A/C units, windows replacements, vinyl siding, and remodeling of the barracks. The swimming pool will be finished before regular camp starts in Summer 2011. This will be the last phase of renovation and will bring the pool up to current regulations. Most of the improvements should be completed by camping season.

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Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

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



Receiving a Leader Dog

It's a different way of seeing things, through the eyes of a Leader Dog. Every month, people from all over the world come to Leader Dogs for the Blind to receive a Leader Dog.

The dog guide class is a 26-day, live-in training program at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan. The school trains adult dogs to bring increased safety and independent mobility to blind and visually impaired individuals. Leader Dog instructors go to great lengths to match students with dogs that fit their personality, needs and lifestyle.

“Both the person and the Leader Dog have been taught to work together through verbal commands, hand signals and a special harness. Leader Dog teams should experience an added level of independence and safety as they continue to enjoy every day activities, such as boarding a bus, shopping in a mall or crossing the street,” said Keith McGregor, class coordinator at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

When you see a working Leader Dog team traveling around town, please remember not to pet the dog without first getting permission. A Leader Dog's job is to keep his partner safe and has been trained to only focus on his partner while wearing the harness. Petting a Leader Dog is distracting for the team and could lead to unfortunate obedience and behavior problems for the dog.

Leader Dogs are provided completely free to qualified individuals, including travel and 26 days of room and board at the Leader Dog facility. Leader Dogs for the Blind is funded by donations from Lions and Lioness Club members, individuals, foundations and corporations dedicated to community service.

For more information, call Leader Dogs for the Blind at (888) 777-5332 or visit www.leaderdog.org.



Heroes Growing up All Around You

Who would ever think that a life-enhancing, sometimes life-saving resource could begin as a fuzzy little puppy? At Leader Dogs for the Blind, that's exactly how each four-legged Leader Dog hero gets his start. Future Leader Dogs grow up in homes just like yours, all around the United States.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers name the puppies, teach them house manners, basic obedience and expose them to the world. Puppy raisers are volunteers who generously take puppies into their homes and provide them with health care, food and life experiences. Some raisers are able to bring the puppy to work with them.

“We would not be able to provide Leader Dogs at all if it weren't for volunteer puppy raisers. Right now we have about 400 puppies in 22 states and Canada growing up learning about the world around them. The exposure that the puppy raisers provide is an intricate part of the dog's extensive training needed to become a Leader Dog,” said Beverly Blanchard, puppy program development manager for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Creating a responsible candidate to become a Leader Dog entails a great deal of socialization. The more the puppy sees and experiences during the first year of its life, the more adapting and calm it will be when exposed to future experiences. Many puppy raisers expose their puppies to shopping malls, loud sirens, cats and other animals, different kinds of staircases and floor surfaces, busy sidewalks, bicycles, sporting events, grocery stores, churches and much more.

When the puppies return to Leader Dogs for the Blind, they are thoroughly evaluated for medical soundness and personality traits. Puppies that pass this evaluation are trained one-on-one for the next four months by a professional instructor. The instructor then carefully matches each Leader Dog with an individual who is legally blind. The team trains together at Leader Dogs for the Blind for a month before leaving the facility and returning home.

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[Leader Dogs for the Blind](http://www.leaderdog.org) is an organization that focuses on providing dog guides to people who are blind and visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence, and quality of life. Leader Dogs for the Blind has expanded its services to provide other programs to enhance a person's independence and quality of life in other ways.

The following programs and descriptions are some of the services that Leader Dogs for the Blind provides to individuals:

- **The [Deaf-Blind Program](#)- This program provides training in the use of a leader dog to individuals who are both hearing and visually impaired. The student is taught to utilize sign language and touch to communicate commands and praise to their dog.**
- **The [Accelerated Mobility Program](#)- This program teaches advanced orientation and mobility skills to individuals who are visually impaired and use a cane to assist them in traveling.**
- **The Extended Services Program- This program embraces the new technology that aids clients in attaining greater independence.**
- **[Trekker Training](#)- This program utilizes global positioning system technology to teach users how to use a Trekker GPS unit to confidently travel in a community they have never experienced.**
- **The Basic and Advanced Computer Training Programs- These programs teach the use of assistive technologies to enhance employment opportunities.**
- **[O & M Professional Seminars](#)- These seminars broaden the reach of leader dogs and increase the resources available to students who may need post-graduation assistance.**
- **[The Youth Programs](#)- These programs are designed for students at least 16 years of age to offer dog guide use, Trekker training, and computer training.**

The [Leader Dog Campus](#), located in Rochester, Michigan, is a training center where individuals can be trained in any of the programs. The campus housing accommodates for 24 students in individual rooms, along with a kennel to accommodate for 310 large dogs.

The mission of the Leader Dogs for the Blind is to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.

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Hosting an Event

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

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



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



**Looking to
volunteer?
Speak up**

Helping those in need could be as easy as reading aloud. To do this, the nonprofit enlists volunteers to read aloud books and textbooks, which are recorded and placed in an audio library. The audio-books then can be accessed by teachers and students to give those who struggle with reading the opportunity to learn alongside their peers.

And now, students with a certified print disability can get a free RFB&D membership, thanks to a Department of Education grant, said Eleanor Cotton, production director of the organization's Southeast region.

Subject matter experts describe charts and graphs in math, science and other textbooks in order for the listener to receive the complete book experience. Cotton said there always is a demand for readers in specialty areas such as accounting/finance, biochemistry, chemistry, computer-end user, computer programming, economics, mathematics, medical/alternative medicine, microbiology, Spanish, statistics and theology.

"There are more than 65 institutional RFB&D members in Georgia," Cotton said, "including UGA, Cedar Shoals, Jackson County schools and Oconee County schools. UGA is a great source of volunteers as well; we get many faculty, retired faculty and students as volunteers."

Volunteer opportunities also are available for those who can direct or monitor readers while they're reading, make sure the recordings are accurate and to help with pre-production tasks such as marking the books that will be recorded and setting them up for the recording process. For those who want to volunteer, but are unable to get to the Athens location, the organization has created a home recording option.

"(Volunteers) will need a USB headset with a noise-canceling microphone, Windows OS computer or laptop and Internet access," Cotton explained. "They can download our software from the website, send in an audition, and if everything's OK, we'll send them a list of books to choose from for their first project."

WANT TO HELP?

- For information about the home recording option and to send in an audition, visit <http://bit.ly/d7Eo3n>
- Online membership forms are available at www.rfbd.org



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net



**Just
Imagin**

The past 10 years of caring, sharing and service for the Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence has been an amazing journey. We can celebrate many things that happened during the past decade, but our real achievements are measured by the adults and children with disabilities to whom we have given new hope.

During the past 10 years we have transformed from a very small office to a state-of-the art training center located on eight acres of land. We have also been inspired by the courage and determination of hundreds of graduates who have come through the doors to our campus, by our volunteers and staff who have given so unselfishly of their time and talents, and by the generosity of our donors which has allowed adults and children with disabilities the chance to live out their dreams.

But we still ask ourselves everyday - "What can we do to ensure a better tomorrow for the people we serve?"

No one can predict the future, but we can influence the future by having a vision and the resolve to reach it. We have come a long way since the days of that small office and we know that there is so much more we need to do, but we never want to lose sight of the reason that we do this work: to enhance lives and provide independence to adults and children with disabilities.

Some of the greatest turning points in history were rooted in moments when groups of people glimpsed a vision of something new, something different, something currently beyond their grasp. The unimaginable becomes a reality when an individual or groups of people pursue that vision and make it come true.

Just imagine the power of what we can do together! We invite you to be a part of our future and help us continue to provide exceptional dogs for exceptional people.



Lion Kathryn Higgins
 Diabetes Awareness Chair
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Statewide Diabetes Day for Churches

Attached are my documents for conducting Diabetes Day in churches. This is a program I have been doing for a number of years and will have approximately 175 churches participate. This is a great community service because it impacts awareness of signs and symptoms. Even though diabetes is increasing the good news is the general public is more aware and can act sooner in treating the disease.

We are simply asking the Lions to ask their church minister to read an announcement about diabetes signs and symptoms, plus understanding the connection between diabetes and complications such as blindness. Then we ask them to complete the participation form and I will ship the materials to the Lion.

With each church that agrees to make this announcement, **we will send free materials for a diabetes information table.** The information will be sent to the Lions member and they can man the table or give it to the health ministry to man the table. We do have some volunteers that help on that day too in the metro area and it is possible me might be able to get a volunteer match.

Lastly, we will also provide FREE GAS for the church bus to transport members to Diabetes EXPO April 9th.

Attached is

1. Letter of invitation of and explanation about Diabetes Day
2. Diabetes Day Script
3. Sample church bulletin
4. Participation form

Much appreciation, Carole



Statewide Diabetes Day for Churches

The American Diabetes Association is asking your attention, because diabetes is critically rising in our community. It is crucial that we acknowledge the signs and symptoms of diabetes, understand the consequences of undetected, unacknowledged and uncontrolled diabetes. Why? Because we can stop the diabetes epidemic and the burden of complications from diabetes.

ADA is asking your support by holding a Diabetes Day for your church congregation. To do so we simply ask you or another church leader to read the enclosed script about diabetes. Out of respect for the worship service, the announcement would only take 2-3 minutes. At the conclusion of the script, please invite the congregation to educate themselves more

about diabetes by visiting the Diabetes Informational Table provided by ADA on Diabetes Day.

Enclosed you will find materials to implement Diabetes Day:

- ◆ A Diabetes Day Script to read or use as a guide
- ◆ A church bulletin script announcing the upcoming Diabetes Day
- ◆ Diabetes Day participation form
- ◆ Save the date flyer to post announcing the spectacular Diabetes Expo (which is the largest diabetes education program in the Southeastern USA)

To thank you for conducting Diabetes Day, ADA will provide all of the following:

- ◆ **FREE materials** for the Diabetes Informational Table displayed on Diabetes Day.
- ◆ **FREE Gas for church bus** to transport church members to the annual **Diabetes Expo April 9, 2011** at the Georgia World Congress Center. This is an unforgettable experience for the whole family to learn about prevention and management of diabetes and overall healthy living. Church buses from all over Georgia attend yearly for workshops, free screenings and exhibits that demonstrate a long and healthy life with diabetes and healthy living in general.

If you would like to conduct Diabetes Day, please return the enclosed participation form.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you and your congregation on Diabetes Day!

Carole Helms
 Program Director, ADA



Church Bulletin Announcements Prior to DIABETES DAY

To assist you in preparing to host a Diabetes Day at your church, the American Diabetes Association has prepared two bulletin inserts to further assist you in conducting a successful Diabetes Day. We suggest the announcement is posted 2-3 weeks prior to Diabetes Day.

Version 1:

The prevalence rate of diabetes has increased. If present trends continue, one in three Americans and one in two minorities born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime. The good news is that by simply incorporating a

healthy diet along with daily exercise you can prevent or delay developing diabetes and the devastating complications of diabetes.

Did you know that diabetes is the leading cause of blindness? If you have diabetes or at risk of diabetes, you can learn more about the prevention, management and control of diabetes and its complications. This program is brought to you by the American Diabetes Association.

Version 2:

Did you know that diabetes is the leading cause of blindness? If you have diabetes or at risk of diabetes, you can learn more about the prevention, management and control of diabetes and its complications on _____
_____ 2011. This program is brought to you by the American Diabetes Association.

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Diabetes Day Sample Script

Today is Diabetes Day at our church. It is important for each of us to understand the serious impact that diabetes is having in our lives. Did you know that the prevalence of diabetes has increased? If present trends continue, one in three Americans and one in two minorities born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime. However the truth is this does not have to happen and the devastating complications of diabetes such as blindness, amputations and strokes can be prevented.

You owe it to your family, your community, yourself and to God to be aware of your risk for developing diabetes and address the symptoms of diabetes.

Have you experienced any of the following?

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Frequent urination | Excessive thirst |
| Extreme hunger | Fatigue |
| Sores that do not heal | Blurry vision |

If so, please see a physician for a simple blood test, so you can be appropriately evaluated. You may have diabetes or pre-diabetes. Further we know an early diagnosis is the first way to prevent complications.

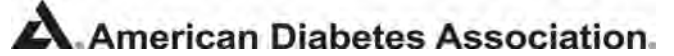
Further, if you have diabetes, the above symptoms mentioned are symptoms of high blood sugar. Continuous high blood sugar changes your blood flow from a quick moving stream to a sluggish flow much like pouring molasses out of a jar. Though this is simply stated we know that continuous high blood sugar from diabetes is the leading cause of blindness...a sluggish flow that breaks the small blood vessels in the eyes and blinds you by pulling the retina away from the back of the eye.

We ask of you today to acknowledge your risk of diabetes and we ask of you to pay attention to the signals your body sends. "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [John 8:32NIV] Though the reference is not about diabetes, it does tell us that by facing the truth we can be free from the burden of the unknown, the unacknowledged and the pain of surrendering to the thoughts of inevitability. In turn, life's

signals are like the light to our eyes which can guide us to a pathway of good choices and positive outcomes. A good choice that can save your sight from diabetes is an annual dilated eye exam.

To learn more about diabetes awareness, management, and prevention of complications please visit the Diabetes Day information table, provided by the American Diabetes Association, which is located _____ (insert location) after the service.

Thank you.



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Diabetes Day Participation Form

To receive your free Diabetes Day materials for your information table, please complete and return this form.

**To: Carole Helms
American Diabetes Association
225 Peachtree St. NE Suite 550 Atlanta, GA 30303
Fax: 404-581-1904
chelms@diabetes.org**

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Minister's Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

We prefer to ship the materials to your home because FedEx will not leave a package at the church if no one is in. Also, no PO Box addresses please!

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Average Church Attendance: _____

Would you like a volunteer to staff the Diabetes Information Table? _____ (yes or no) ADA volunteer staffing is developed by the number of churches participating in Diabetes Day and the number of available volunteers. You will be notified of the volunteer match.



LIONS QUEST



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

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

"Children Know Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

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



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

GEOGRAPHY (Time: 1 Hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does it depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climates in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall, and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the major trade centers of the United States.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the oceans returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.



<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/leo-zone/awards-and-recognition.php>

This is the web site you go to for Awards and Recognition

Lions Clubs International offers various rewards to recognize Leos and Lions active in the Leo Club Program and there are more than 20 award programs to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Please note that only Leo and Lion officers officially reported to Lions Clubs International are eligible to receive awards and certificates from the Youth Programs Department.

- [Individual Leo and Lions Club Member Awards](#)
- [Leo Clubs and Sponsoring Lions Clubs](#)
- [Districts and Multiple Districts](#)
- [Other Awards](#)

Processing time: Please allow 2-4 weeks after receipt of required forms. Contact the [Youth Programs Department](#) for more information.

Lions Clubs International
Youth Programs Department
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Phone: 630-468-6994

Check it out so you won't be late in submitting for these Awards and Recognitions. Time flies and than it's too late.



FOR EVERY LEO WHO HAS EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A TEACHER: CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT TEACHER

- You can hear 25 voices behind you and you know exactly which one belongs to the child out of line.**
- You walk in a store and hear "Mr. Chris!", you know you've been spotted and its one of the students you worked with over the past 27 years.**



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

Components of Service-Learning: Student Voice—Beyond being actively engaged in the project, students have the opportunity to select, design, implement, and evaluate relevancy and sustained interest.

Reflection—Structured opportunities are created to think, talk, and write about the service experience. The balance of reflection and action allows a student to be constantly aware of the impact of their work.



25 PROJECT IDEAS TO SERVE CHILDREN

1. Organize a monthly food drive and donate collections to the food pantry.
2. Provide meals at a homeless shelter.
3. Assist with a school lunch program.
4. Make hygiene kits for children at homeless shelters.
5. Collect children’s clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
9. Assist at children’s camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Collect safe soft toys (no small, removable parts) and/or coloring books for a children’s hospice or children’s hospital.
12. Supply Braille and large-print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
13. Help to provide safety identification for children with serious/chronic illnesses (medical bracelets, necklaces, etc.).
14. Establish a tutoring program (reading, math, science) for children or youth.
15. Develop a reading program or “story day” for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
16. Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.
17. Refurbish used bicycles and distribute to children and youth.
18. Assist local law enforcement with a neighborhood photo identification project for children.
19. Collect usable furniture for an orphanage or family in need.
20. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children’s after-school center, hospital facility or school library.

21. Remodel a children’s center or school room: paint, repair and landscape.
22. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
23. Donate blankets (or crochet, knit or make fleece blankets) for orphanages, foster children or other children in need.
24. Prepare and send handmade cards to youth affiliated with children’s shelters and organizations.
25. Sponsor a sports day for children and youth facing physical challenges and other disabilities.



Youth Exchange & Youth Camp—

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



Dates to Remember

- April – Leo Awareness Month**
- April 15 – Suggested election date for next year's Leo club officers**
- May 1 – [Leo Leadership Grant](#) application due**
- May 15 – [Leo Club Officers and Membership Report](#) due**
- June 1 – [Leo of the Year Award applications](#) due**
- June-July – [Lions International Convention](#) and [Global Leo Conference](#)**



Connect with Us Online

- Facebook - facebook.com/leoclubs & facebook.com/lionsclubs
- Leo Zone - lionsclubs.org click: Member Center/Planning Projects/ Youth/ Leo Zone



Lions Quest Supports Semester of Service

Semester of Service 2011 launches on January 17 with King Day of Service. Thousands of educators and students will plan and implement high-impact service-learning projects throughout the semester leading up to Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011).



Semester of Service links prominent national service events through an extended service-learning framework of at least 70 hours. Participating students apply new knowledge and skills to solve problems of local, national, or global importance. Successful service-learning projects include investigation, preparation and planning, action, and reflection stages followed by demonstration/celebration.

[Youth Service America](#) offers free planning guides and resources to help develop and implement meaningful experiences. Service project ideas and resources are also available on the [Lions Quest Web site](#).

Post information about your project on the [Lions Quest Facebook Fan Page](#).



SALE!

Cathryn Berger Kaye's *Complete Guide to Service Learning* is on sale now for just \$10 while supplies last. Are you looking for a student award or motivational tool? Q-Bear, the Lions Quest mascot, is a perfect teacher's aide for the classroom, library or media center. On sale now, just \$1.25 for the 3" bear and \$9.95 for the 9" bear. Call 1-800-446-2700 to order.



USCCD Youth Service Recognition

In November 2010 Lions Clubs International was named a Top 10 organization by the Youth Service Task Force at the [U.S. Summit for Global Citizen Diplomacy](#). The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy (USCCD), in partnership with the U.S. State Department hosted the Summit, which convened more than 100 NGO leaders working in groups of nine Task Forces to vet hundreds of proposals for new, innovative programs to increase the number of Americans engaged with the world.



Lions Quest Seminars

Lions Quest is available to host seminars at your Lions convention this Spring. We also facilitate half-day and full-day Lions Quest trainings. If you have dates available, we'd love to come and work with you. We can customize our sessions to your audience and time frame. For details, please call 630-468-6960 or e-mail [Sandy O'Lear](mailto:Sandy.O'Lear).



Schools That Work

[Edutopia](#) online is highlighting a South Carolina school where after school learning cultivates emotional intelligence. The *Schools That Work: Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) After School* series explores strategies for teaching essential SEL skills, and provides practical tools and resources valuable to new programs and those looking to add SEL to an existing program.



This Spring, Lions Quest will be piloting new approach models for implementing **Skills for Adolescence (SFA)** in out-of-school time (OST) settings. Program guides and blended learning training options will prepare OST educators to align SFA with one of three approaches: evidence-based drug and alcohol prevention; consolidated, comprehensive SFA; or extended learning opportunities. Models will include 24-90 lessons for implementation in 20-week to three-year time frames. SFA for OST products and training will be available for the 2011-12 school year.



Working with Youth

The Mililani Lions (MD 50) are working with preschool youth, reading Lions Quest Big Books and providing Lions coloring books. For more information about the project, contact [Roberta Jenkins](mailto:Roberta.Jenkins). If you would like to start a similar project, e-mail info@lions-quest.org to inquiry about receiving your own set of Lions Quest Big Books.

Contact Us!

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Liberty Day



Founded in 1996 by Andy McKean and his late wife, Kathy, Liberty Day is a nonprofit, nonpartisan effort which spans the nation and is dedicated to educating all Americans, but especially the next generation, about the contents of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Day event? If you start now, you'll have plenty of time to have a really special day! Civics is no longer taught in our public schools so our children know less and less about the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Multiple District 18 (Georgia) decided to adopt Liberty Day as a method to make young people aware of and interested in their government; and, to make them competent and responsible self-governing citizens. Liberty Day is officially celebrated on March 16th, which is the birthday of James Madison who is considered the "Father of the Constitution." So, on this date, Lions Clubs are encouraged to create a program to teach students about these very important documents.

There are several ways a Lions Club can sponsor a Liberty Day program:

- **Through a school program.** Lions Clubs should arrange a speaker who would be interesting to students 8th grade and up. Pass out Liberty Day Booklets to each student and arrange an essay contest or other class work with their teachers. The students could even write a letter of thanks to the speaker/Lions Club on the subject.

- **A project with a Boy Scout Troop.** Boy Scouts must earn the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge as a requirement for rank promotion. Again, use the speaker and the booklets. The Liberty Day Project has been endorsed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

- **Let a group of youth work a project in a public place to promote the Constitution of the United States.** There are a series of questions they would ask an adult. Whether right or wrong, the adult receives either a flag pin or flag sticker. The booklets are used to coach the youth on the Constitution. They should work under the guidance of adults and in a place where they have permission.

Booklets containing these two documents can be ordered from **Lion Heather Hulsebus**, District 18A Liberty Day Chair, for 60¢ each, including shipping. If you would like more information or have any questions about the program, please contact Lion Heather by email at galionheather@hotmail.com or by phone at 706-216-2220.

You may also visit <http://www.libertyday.org/> for more information and ideas on how you can participate in Liberty Day in your community.



Improving Local Communities and the World

Wimberley Lions Club

One of the means of communications for the Wimberley Lions Club. This club has about 172 members. The Wimberley Lions Club generates annual donations budget between \$118,000 and \$170,000 through its Market Days the first Saturday of the month, March - December. In addition to this blog please go to shopmarketdays.com and visitwimberley.com. These community oriented Websites provide essential information for the Lions Market Days and the latest club news.

We all teared at the Mid-Winter Conference



Districts 2-S3 and 2-S5 had a combined Mid Winter Conference 1/15/2011 in Manor Texas. The most memorable portion for most of us was comments by the Ramirez Family. You could tell how proud the whole family was with the Father, mother, older brother and Camper all proud of the camper's accomplishment. Mom did most of the talking, telling how she had been bugged by a Lion to let her son attend Texas Lions Camp. She said she could not consider it because he would be away from her and he could not survive in such an environment. After all he was only nine years old and required frequent visits to the hospital. This harassment continued until her son decided he wanted to go and started a campaign to get permission. With much foot dragging by Mom, the camper gets to go to the camp. He did fine at the week of camp. During the awards ceremony, Mom takes pictures of the various campers getting their awards. When the ceremony is about to end with only the Outstanding Camper award to be presented, she packs up her camera and returns to her seat. Big Brother asked her to wait in case little brother gets the top award. She says no, he is only 9 and could not get such an honor. His name is called for the award. What really got to me was when his mom was asked questions. He was asked what was his favorite activity? He responded "Swimming". He was asked if the counselors helped him with the swimming? He responded, "The FIRST day"

**LIONS OF GEORGIA
2011 MD 18 CONVENTION
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUNE 10-11-12, 2011**

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Each book covers two district breakfasts and the District Governors' Banquet on Saturday night.

Cost will be \$95.00.

After May 1, 2011, cost will be \$120.00.

New Lions joining after May 31, 2010 cost will be \$85.00.

Name	Lion	LEO	Guest	Hospitality Books	Melvin Jones Luncheon	Dietary Restrictions
Club:				District:		
Address:			City, State, Zip:			
Email Address:						
No. of Hospitality Books	#	#@		Total		
Melvin Jones Luncheon Tickets	#	#@ \$ 30.00 each		Total		
Thursday "Night Out at Stone Mountain With International President Sid Scruggs"	#	#@ \$ 30.00 each		Total		
				Check Number		
				Amount Paid		

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