



We Serve

18-D

District Bulletin



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

In order to make a smooth transition into the new Districts, the Council of Governors encourages your District to adopt at its 2013 Convention, the following resolution:

Resolution: The delegates of the clubs in District 18-D, per the exclusive authority granted to said delegates under Article VI, Section 1 of the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws, herein resolve that this District's 2013 Convention shall be held as follows:

Jointly with District F on 1-3 March 2013 and Jointly with the Organizational Convention of District "I". Said convention will be held at a site to be selected by the 2012-13 Governors for Districts D and F.

So approved in convention this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Cabinet Secretary

Fellow Lions,

If you check out the info above, you will see that we are preparing for the future in regards to becoming District "I". We along with members of District F will be voting - you must be registered voters and cards will be issued for 1 delegate per 10 members. This will be in conjunction with our normal election of officers for the year 2012-2013 Lions year. Check out page 2 in regards to the location (Dahlonega) - put it in your GPS and see you there. We will also be voting for District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor's, District Librarian and Lighthouse District Director.

As you know, time is getting short and each club should start and prepare for your nominating committee to nominate Club officers in March. The sooner you get the PU 101's out, the sooner the new Presidents and Secretaries can get the information that they need from Lions International (Of course - if you go to the Research Center on LCI web site you can get this information now).

I will be sending out with this email the Order of the Golden Chain - please print this form for all those Lions who sponsored a new member and can complete the rest of the form and send to Lion Bonnie Linscott as soon as possible. Also, check out your State Directory and go to the rear of the book and find the applications for State Awards. There are 36 awards that can be applied for. Please look at each one and see how many awards you or your club can apply for. If there are any questions - please do not hesitate to ask.

Tanx for being who you are - LIONS

Publicity and Communication are the KEYS - use them.

Yours in Lionism, Ed Hasbarger

Quote of the month: "Get a Good Idea and stay with it and work it until it's done Right" ~Walt Disney

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

4-5 February 2012

Council Of Governors Meeting



Camp For The Blind, meetings to be held at the Wingate Motel in

Warner Robbins

(Check page 23 for details)

Planning Ahead

17 March = District 18-D Convention:

Dahlonega Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

234 Hawkins Street

Dahlonega, GA. 30534

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Doors will open at 9:00 AM

10:30 am followed by the 3rd Cabinet

5 May 2012 CHANGE

4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic/Outing FORT YARGO STATE PARK, Winder GA. Mark this on your calendar and be prepared – this is FOR ALL.

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

2012 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



May 25-27, 2012
Savannah, Georgia

Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):

We will have “Night Out with Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden” at The Historic Charles H. Morris Center, located across from the Marriott Hotel. The meal will be catered by Paula Deen’s The Lady and Sons Restaurant. The Deen’s will be on hand to welcome the Lions!

The cost will be \$35.00 – This includes a buffet meal and a talk with the Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden. Other activities are also planned for this exciting evening!

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance (TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!

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

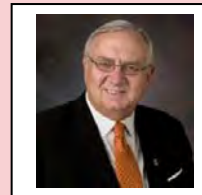
Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session.

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:

Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2012

Hotel Info:



Savannah Marriott Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, Georgia 31401
912-233-7722 or 1-800-285-0398



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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](#) 

I Believe in You



**Wing-Kun Tam,
International
President**

I Believe Resources

Use the following resources to help your club – and our association – make a difference through service and impactful projects this year:

- [I Believe brochure](#): Read about 2011-2012 international president's theme brochure, *I Believe*.
- [I Believe logo](#): Download 2011-2012 international president logo to use on club communications and promotional materials.
- [Global Service Action Campaigns](#): Participate in Global Service Action Campaigns to bring attention to the service Lions provide for the environment, youth, sight and more.
- [Tree Planting Campaign](#): Take part in International President Tam's campaign to plant 1,000,000 trees during his presidential year.

- [“The Believer’s” Award](#): Read about “The Believer’s” Award – a special recognition award for those who demonstrate their belief in the power of service by planting a tree.
- [First Believer Awards](#): Learn how the First Believer Awards will recognize District Governors who achieve strong membership results in the first four months of their year.
- [Service Awards](#): Find out about the Service Awards – and how they will recognize outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.
- [My Club, My Family](#): Get tips your club can use to instill the philosophy “my club, my family.”
- [Welcoming New Members](#): Use this pocket card checklist as a reminder to welcome new members as you would family.

Lions International Essay Contest Helps Visually-Impaired Students Imagine Peace

For the third year, Lions can offer visually-impaired students, ages 11-13, an opportunity to express their feelings about peace through the Lions International Essay Contest. Support local visually-impaired youth and promote your club by contacting local schools to identify young people who are interested. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000. This year's theme is “Imagine Peace.” Each essay must be submitted in English with a completed entry form. [Learn about the contest](#) and [download the complete rules and entry form](#) - http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr41.pdf?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb2012newswire

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](#).

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 June 22-26, 2012, in Busan, Korea to enjoy convention highlights including the spectacular Parade of Nations, exciting Plenary Sessions and the unique culture, charm and warm hospitality of our host city. Get a “sneak peek” of this year's event – [watch our new Convention Preview video now](#) - http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/about-the-convention/index.php?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb2012newswire

Online Tools and Resources for Club Projects

Our Web site features helpful tools and resources that you can use to plan service activities.

Whether your club is participating in a community event, organizing a food drive or collecting eyeglasses, our

[Activities and Programs publications](#)

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/publications/resources-pub-act.php?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb2012newswire can help you get started.

You can also find additional program information and project ideas in the

[Planning Projects](#) -

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/index.php?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb2012newswire section of our [Member Center](#).

And be sure to use our [PR tools](#) -

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/communicating-your-activities/pr-guide/using-key-pr-tools.php?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb2012newswire and templates to tell your community about your service activities.

Lions, LCIF Continue to Help in Haiti Two Years Later



LCIF marked the second anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti with several redevelopment projects. LCIF recently

opened the only nursing school in the country. LCIF is also working to complete housing in the Port-au-Prince neighborhood, Cite Soleil. These projects are possible due to the generosity of Lions around the world. To date, Lions have donated more than US\$6 million to support our relief efforts in Haiti.

[Read news release](#) -

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/newsroom/release-138.php?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb2012newswire

PIP Jim Ervin asked that we share the following email from LCI concerning content for Lion Magazine :

For an upcoming LION Magazine issue, the assistant editor, Jennifer Gebhardt, is looking for clubs who have engaged in strategic/long range planning (on the club level--not district or state) and hoping some of you might be able to connect her with some clubs. If you know of any clubs that could speak to this topic, please forward them this e-mail so they can respond to us directly. If any of you are able to comment, that would, of course, be welcomed too!

As always, we love to get your feedback so please don't hesitate to send us information about club successes and stories at any time. In order for them to be considered for the magazine, however, we need to receive all responses by FRIDAY, February 3.

We look forward to hearing from you.

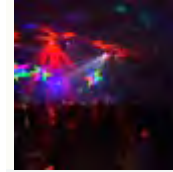
Thanks so much!

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Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how an Alabama Lions' event spans generations.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Rockin' the Vest](#)

Share our rap video - and help attract new members.

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

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

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Organize a club-level contest to showcase the beauty of nature.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

As I write to you, Judy and I are traveling to the FOLAC Forum in Mexico. We have had the pleasure to meet so many of you at the other area forums these last few months. I have enjoyed sharing with you the great successes we are achieving together through our Foundation and highlighting our exciting new and expanded initiatives. More importantly, I shared with you stories of how we are changing lives - each and every day, all over the world.



Our [partnerships](#) enable us to change more lives and help even more people in need. By working with organizations that share our mission, we are able to leverage our funds and have a larger impact. This month, as we remember the 2 year anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, we also celebrate several new projects in collaboration with other organizations.



I am especially proud of LCIF's newest partnership, [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). Lions all across the globe are working hard to end deaths from measles. Next month, Lions participating in this

important program will help to ensure that nearly 10 million children receive life-saving vaccinations in Nepal. This is just the beginning. I am excited at the response of Lions so far toward the challenge issued by the Gates Foundation to raise US\$10 million, to match their US\$5 million. In the coming months, I will be encouraging you to show the world what we as Lions can do to support this cause. Just imagine the look of gratitude on the faces of the mothers whose children we will save!

Everywhere Judy and I travel, we hear countless times "thank you." These individuals are not thanking us; they are thanking all of you, the Lions of the world, for making a difference. I am also thankful to you. It is through your continued support to our Foundation that these projects and programs are possible. I thank each of you for continuing to contribute to our Foundation's life-changing work!

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,
Sid L. Scruggs, III
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Partnership with Special Olympics Expands to Help More Families



Aphiwe Qonya of South Africa is one of the 250,000 Special Olympics athletes who can now see better. With new glasses, he could read all of the words and numbers in the book for the first time, rather than guessing. For 12 years, Lions and Special Olympics have been partners in improving

health and the quality of life for Special Olympics athletes through [Opening Eyes](#). With the recent expansion of Lions' partnership with Special Olympics in his country, Aphiew can now benefit in other ways. Through Opening Eyes, athletes receive free vision screenings and eyewear. The program relies on thousands of volunteers, particularly Lions. LCIF has provided US\$13 million in support of this partnership program. To build on the mission of improving health for athletes is the Family Health Forum. Lions help coordinate the forums where families learn about Lions Clubs, Special Olympics and the Opening Eyes program. They also learn of the challenges that athletes and their families face, while exploring ways to help facilitate better access to health care, education, social services and inclusion. This expansion program began in October with forums in South Africa as well as Namibia, Nigeria and Tanzania.

Sight for Kids Partnership Celebrates 10 Years of Saving Sight

Eight-year-old Viraj Madusan of Sri Lanka would have gone blind by age 14 without Sight for Kids. With timely treatment and eyeglasses, he is now seeing well. His story is similar to the 15 million other children helped in 10 Asian countries. This year Johnson & Johnson and LCIF celebrate 10 years of partnership on the [Sight for Kids program](#), which provides vision screenings, eyeglasses, other treatments and eye health education for children. There is a great need for this program: an estimated 1.4 million children in the world are blind and three-quarters of them live in the poorest regions of Asia and Africa, most lacking access to eye care for often easily treatable conditions. A hands-on team effort, the screenings are coordinated by local Lions, Johnson & Johnson staff and local medical personnel. Johnson & Johnson has committed US\$2 million to fund Sight for Kids.

Lions Giving Hearts and Hands in Haiti Two Years Later

Yvette is among the many Haitians who now have dreams for the future. She hopes to be the first in her family to attend college. She is among the 1,000 families who have a new place to live and new outlook on life because of Lions. This month, Lions will officially inaugurate the National Nursing School of Port-au-Prince, where 350 students will study annually. Lions are also launching a project to build 400 additional homes and a community center to provide vocational training. Eight new classrooms are being constructed at the Notre Dame School, allowing 361 students to return to school. Several projects are also nearly complete, including 600 homes for families once living in Lions' tent cities. Many of the projects are in partnership with other organizations in order to leverage Lions' funds. The projects have recently been highlighted in several news stories.



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

The State Convention will be held in SAVANNAH, GA 25-26-27 MAY 2012. Please make your plans to attend. This has always been a great place to have conventions and see those who you have not seen for awhile. We will be staying at the **Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Savannah, Georgia (Make Reservations Directly with Hotel 912-233-7722 or 1-800-285-0398 Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!)**

Read more on pages 34 and 35.

MMR - The paper version of the Monthly Membership Report must be received at International Headquarters by the 20th of the current month.

The electronic version of the Monthly Membership Report (WMMR) must be filed by 12:00am Central Standard Time, by the last day of the current month.

As a club makes changes to their membership online, these changes occur automatically. Changes can continue to be made during this time as often as they wish. The report is cut off on the last day of each month, and no further changes can be made for that month. They must be included in the next month's report.

Don't forget – you can now go on-line and get your

YOUR STATEMENTS -- Your club's statements are accessible via WMMR. From the WMMR Logged On Page, click the Statements link. The December 2010 Semi-Annual Per Capita Invoice as well as all statements created after December 2010 for your club will be visible.

Service Activity Report

The Annual Service Activity Report provides an overview of Lions service during the 2010-2011 fiscal year based on reports that were received by Lions clubs from around the world. Check out this web site:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/activity_report.pdf

How can we tell the world what we do if you do not submit a Service Activity Report!

The Lions Clubs International (LCI) Annual Service Activity Report is based on information that was collected through an online reporting system that was recently redesigned to not only capture the quantitative impact of Lions service around the world, but also allow us to tell a story behind Lions service.



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check out page 36 of February Lion Magazine and see West Jackson Lions Club



Dear Lion Leaders,

Best wishes and Happy New Year to you and your Lions club!

As we begin 2012 we are also beginning the second half of our year together as Lion leaders. What we have accomplished together thus far is remarkable. I commend you on your accomplishments these past six months - meeting the tree planting goal in just three months, volunteering countless hours towards Global Service Action Campaigns and bringing new faces into your Lions family. As I look to the future "I Believe" we can accomplish even more.



The beginning of a new calendar year is a good time to evaluate our clubs, to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and look ahead to your club's future opportunities. Have you ever thought about what your club or district will look like 10, 20, even 30 years from now? Who will be there to provide the vital services your club offers to the community today?

I spend a good deal of time thinking about the future of Lions Clubs International and I can tell you that the answer is people who are now in their late teens to late twenties.

Recruiting young people is not only vital for the future but provides concrete benefits to our clubs today. Bringing young people into a Lions club can renew its spirit with fresh ideas, create a club that more closely mirrors the community and help it precisely assess today's community needs.

It can be challenging to reach young people who are typically busy and have many options for using what free time they do have. But it might be easier than you think. Today's generation of young people is more committed to volunteer service than any that came before it. If we Lions are to be true to our own commitment to service we cannot let any of that youthful energy go unused or allow their desire to serve go unfulfilled.

LCI is providing your club and district with the tools it needs to [recruit young adults](#) into your Lions family. Download [My Club, My Family](#) for a checklist on welcoming new members. I hope that you take advantage of these tools and do all that is necessary to revitalize your club and ensure its future.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
International President

Member Retention

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When Lions planted more than 7 million trees this year, they knew it was a long-term commitment. Saplings cannot be expected to thrive on their own. Neither can new Lions. Saplings require careful nurturing from those who set them in place. So do new Lions.

Do you know that more than a third of new Lions resign between their first and third years as club members? Many feel they have not been heard or that their ideas have not been taken seriously. I ask all club leaders and senior Lions to reach out to the newest members of your club, find out their needs and listen attentively to their ideas. I believe that listening to these new members will keep them engaged strengthen your club.

That is the "member care" part of the equation:

Involvement + sense of worth + member care + family atmosphere = club success.

Download [My Club, My Family](#) for more ideas about strengthening club membership.

Go to this web site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/tam100.pdf>

Tree Planting Challenge

After reaching the year's goal of planting [one million trees](#) in just two months, Lions around the world have gone on to plant an additional million trees and more!

Working in concert with many local community groups, 3,472 Lions clubs in 82 countries account for a total of 7,016,296 new trees cooling the planet and renewing its atmosphere.

Recruit Young Adults

Young adult members bring new energy and diverse skills into your club and ensure your club will be in existence in 40 years. By recruiting young adults into your club, you can:

- *Gain fresh ideas for service projects and activities
- *Increase hands to do more service
- *Promote membership that better reflects the community
- *Mirror current times
- *Breathe life into your club
- *Sustain your club

Contrary to popular belief, young adults want to volunteer and are volunteering at a higher rate than normal. We've made it easier to get them involved by providing you with the tools you need.

Check next page below: Tools for Recruiting Young Adults -

Global Service Action Campaigns

Protecting Our Environment

This year Lions left no doubt about their concern for the environment. They committed to the ambitious goal of planting [one million trees](#) worldwide, then surpassed that goal more than six times over. That's what happens when Lions believe that they can change the world, even when changing the world means changing the very face of Planet Earth!

Help Lions keep the momentum of the tree planting campaign by preparing your club and the clubs in your district to participate in [Protecting Our Environment](#), the year's final Global Service Action Campaign scheduled for April.

The Lions you lead can:

- **Help build a safe water system**
- **Organize a community wide clean-up**
- **Raise awareness of "going green"**
- **Volunteer at a recycling center**

To help you get started, more [project ideas](#) and a [planning guide](#) are available to help plan your club's environmental activities. Don't forget to share your club's activities using the [Service Activity Report](#).

Set Your Sights High

Leaders Inspire Belief

Our 2011-2012 international theme is comprised of two simple, but very powerful words, **I BELIEVE**.

Our founder, Melvin Jones believed that one person could make a difference. He believed that by creating an organization focused on serving those in need, he could improve the lives of many. He had the courage to carry through on his idea, he had the commitment to put forth the necessary effort, and he took action to turn his dream into a reality.

President Tam shares in Melvin Jones' belief that with each Lions club member, the impact of our service broadens and the world is improved, person by person, community by community. He further recognizes that one of the most important things a leader can bring to others in an organization is the belief that they can make a difference. As leaders, we must inspire **belief** in others.

Consider these five characteristics that you, as a Lions leader, can use to help foster that belief among our members:

1. **Authenticity** – As a leader, you are the message; who you are must be conveyed authentically.
2. **Transparency** – Even if things are not perfect, share as appropriate; focus on what is real and on what is possible.
3. **Vision & creativity** – Appreciate the value of vision and creativity in inspiring others to dream, to take risks and to move to action; make sure your vision is attainable and grounded in reality.
4. **Willingness to make tough decisions** – Before others are willing to believe, they must see that their leaders are willing to break new ground. Pay attention not only to the urgent, but to the important, sacrifice some good ideas for fewer better ones, and align resources to maintain a focused purpose.
5. **Strategic communication** – Leaders who inspire invest in communications. Effective leaders provide constant, clear and consistent communication including information updates, candid commentary on critical issues, a focus on areas in need of attention and an open invitation for two-way communication.

Many leaders do not give appropriate attention to these five critical characteristics, but leaders who inspire belief, do. Do you inspire belief?

Tools for Recruiting Young Adults:

*The [Young Adult Recruiting Guide](#) and [Young Adult Recruiting Guide PowerPoint](#) teach existing clubs why young adults want to volunteer and provides ideas to revitalize how the club operates in order to attract young adults.

*The [Be Part of Something that Matters Brochure](#) targets young adults for membership and is useful when inviting young members.

*The [Become Involved Become a Lion](#) Video highlights young adults speaking about why they became a Lion, the benefits of membership and what types of service projects their club is involved in.

Volunteering as a Family

Volunteering together makes your family stronger and helps make the Lions family stronger.

When you invite family members to take part in your club's projects, you increase quality family time and have the opportunity to serve as a good role model for your children and allow them to experience the joy of serving others. You will also have fun! In addition, you also bring new hands and vital energy to help your Lions club better serves the people of your community and the world.

The Family Membership dues discount makes it easier for all members of your family to become active Lions club members. Lions Clubs International's new Cub Program (pdf) helps make clubs even more family friendly.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Go to this web site and sign up = http://lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/Webinars/Webinars.html

More Great Lions Club Webinars: LCI is hosting regular webinars on all kinds of topics.
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>

*All of these training opportunities are designed to make our members, clubs, and leadership stronger.
We hope you will join us in this effort to make ours the best district in Georgia.*



Fellow Lions Leaders,

PCC Polly Voon, General Chairperson of the 2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum along with the entire Planning Committee are working hard to put together a Forum you are sure to remember for many years to come. PCC Jackie Cameron, Host Committee Chairperson and the entire host committee want to show you what southern hospitality is all about. Even 1st Vice President, Wayne Madden, Honorary Chairperson will be looking for you, so plan on coming early and staying late!

The first issue of the 2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Newsletter Destination Tampa is now online and ready for you to send out to everyone in your district! If the link above does not work the web address is as follows:
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/PR/Destination%20Tampa.pdf>

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

Your Global Leadership Team and District Governor Team are focusing on strengthening our clubs in the District. We are providing training and identifying and equipping our Lions leaders. Because Club Officers will be elected soon for the next Lions year, our focus is now on Club Officer Training.

We will be offering training for club officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair) on March 17th at 9:00 a.m. at Dahlonga Baptist Church in Dahlonga. This session will take place prior to our District Convention and Cabinet Meeting. We will have experienced Lions leading this training. I encourage all club officers to take advantage of this opportunity.

As I have reminded you previously, we are available at any time to provide training on Member Orientation, Certified Guiding Lion, and Club Excellence Process. Hopefully, your Zone Chair has been in contact with your club President about Club Excellence Process. Every Lion also has the opportunity to take on-line courses to help us increase our knowledge. Training on many different subjects is available on the LCI website (www.lionsclubs.org) and on a special training website (www.lionstraining.us). As your Global Leadership Team Coordinator, I am willing to help clubs in any way I can. You can reach me at graceclower@bellsouth.net or call me at 404-694-0413.

*PCC Grace Clower
18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

Training Materials/Resources



The new and improved Leadership Resource Center has arrived!

Have you visited the online [Leadership Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) lately? Finding the tools and resources you need has never been easier, with our newly organized sections and brand new features. Whether you need a PowerPoint presentation, club officers training, or a tutorial on how to participate in a webinar, the new Training Materials/Resources section can provide them, and much more.

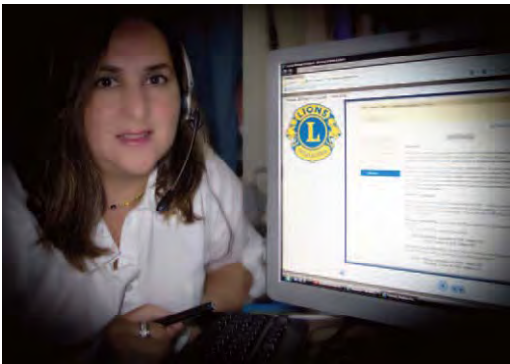
Global Leadership Team members looking for resources can visit the newly created [GLT Coordinator Center](#) which features resource guides, PowerPoint presentations and other great tools.

The enhanced [Lions Learning Center](#) now allows Lions to create their own LLC account to keep track of their online courses and other training development all in one convenient place. Lions can send their Lions Profile Report to Lions Leaders showcasing their leadership skill development efforts.

Lions learn the most from one another, and communication is the key. In the brand new Leadership Communication section, listen to audio podcasts featuring Lions Leaders, and subscribe to and read issues of the LEADER NETWORK e-newsletter. You can also share your club's and district's leadership successes by entering your story and reading the success stories of other Lions. [Share your story now](#), and see it featured in the Leadership Resource Center on the LCI Web site!

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Webinars – What's New?!



While seen as a somewhat new training method for many, interest and participation in webinars is growing! Hundreds of Lions have participated in these virtual training sessions so far this Lions year, and they are enthusiastic about the ability to connect with experienced Lions faculty and other Lions worldwide. "It was very informative, very interactive.



You didn't have a voice talking to you for an hour. You could ask questions right away," said Angela Sharbot, a zone chairperson and past president of her club in northwest Ontario, Canada. "It was not only about learning but if someone [also taking the webinar] had experience they could share that."

Webinars provide Lions the flexibility to participate in training from home or a location of their choice without any registration fee or travel costs. Carolina Mendez, joined while on a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands. Club President Roger Curtis, said "I appreciate being able to enjoy training in the comfort of home on a cold winter night."

As awareness of webinars broadens, so are the language offerings. Webinars are now being conducted in English and Spanish, with plans to expand to more languages in the future. Resources such as the Webinar Tutorial and Frequently Asked Questions assist Lions in participating in this exciting new form of online learning. A time converter link is also on the webinars page to identify the webinar start time in various areas of the world.

Join one of our upcoming sessions and see for yourself just how interesting and interactive webinars can be. Visit the [Webinars](#) section of the online Leadership Resource Center for more information and links to register. Upcoming topics include Recruiting Members, Managing a Service Project, and Mentoring. Don't hesitate to contact the [Leadership Division](#) if you have any questions. We are looking forward to your involvement!

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Lion Bob Wilson
District 106
Columbus, Georgia

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Tallahassee, Florida

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"Seeing Beyond Borders"

Shot, edited, written & narrated by Peter Musurlian, this news report features a Lions In Sight vision clinic in Mexico. The mini-documentary, first aired in late September 2010, was a collaborative effort between Globalist Films & BTv6, the City of Burbank's government access channel, now called, "The Burbank Channel." GOLDEN MIKE -- On January 22, 2011, "Seeing Beyond Borders" won a Golden Mike from the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California. For more info go to: www.rtna.org OR click on the RTNA video on this channel.

Go to this web site:

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OLIVER THE LION, WHO WANTS TO BE A LION

Written By
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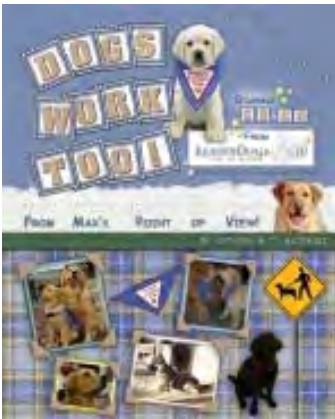


A wonderful tale about a very curious lion cub who sets out on a journey to become a "Lion". He meets many kind strangers on the way to town, searching for the Lions Building and to fulfill his dream of becoming a member of a wonderful organization, the Lions Club. Oliver wants to help people just like the other members of this amazing international, charitable organization who give their time to help people who need eyesight examinations, glasses and other assistance. Oliver the Lion Who Wants to be a Lion [Kindle Edition]

Oliver The Lion Who Wants To Be A Lion
Cynthia Bercowetz

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Kindle Edition	\$9.95	-- --
<u>Paperback</u>	\$14.95	<u>\$14.80</u>

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Did you know that dogs work too? My name is Maximus, but you can call me "Max." I'm a six-year old yellow English Labrador Retriever and I just went on an adventure. I learned about working dogs, especially Leader Dogs for the Blind. As you read my story, I'll share my adventure with you from my point of view. If humans can work, then dogs can work too! A portion of the proceeds from this book are donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

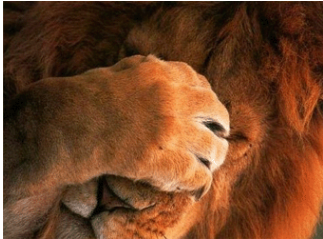
Dogs Work Too!
Anthony M.T. Majewski

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CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Athens Campus Lions Club - Introduced the officers, and had all members introduce themselves to each other. We had a guest speaker Mr. Bill Holley come and speak about an organization he works for with people with disabilities. There are a lot of people in our area who are very poor, are disabled in some way and could use our help. We will be setting up some volunteer programs with his organization. We went over events coming up and at the end of the meeting had members sign up for events: [After reading about the events, you can sign up using the sheet attached in this email](#)

- Tree planting** (This year Lion's Club International had a goal of planting 1 million trees, so far we have planted 10 million... our club is going to be a part of this. It's a great chance to contribute something that will last, and we hope to plant on UGA's campus)
- Habitat for Humanity** (They build houses in a hand on fashion, definitely fun and rewarding)
- Fundraising projects** (We discussed a variety of them, wristbands and t shirts will come around soon but there are several other projects in the near future)

Asked for anyone with fundraising ideas or general ideas to bring them up, had several good ones. Had 4 new members (Keep telling your friends!!! If you bring just 1 friend to the club you are doing a great job as a member, and if you have any questions at all regarding membership please contact Adam Goren. Also while I am not sure of specifics, it is very likely your dues will be reduced for every friend you bring in. Our goal is to reach 100 charter members and we currently have 60, this is a very attainable goal)

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = This month we started and ended the month on our parking project at the Georgia Mountains Center. A group of us actually spent part of New Year's Eve parking cars as part of our club's project. In addition we worked four more days at various events at the Mountain Center. We continued our efforts on the trail at Anna Ruby Falls state park. Work is being done on interactive boxes along the trail. In addition pavement has been installed along the trail to allow accessibility. We continue to work on replacing the cable which marks the trail and contributes to the safety of trail users. Our sight committee approved exams and glasses for four members of our community.

We serve!

Jefferson Lions Club = **Committee Reports:** Annual Pancake Supper will be held at Jefferson High School on Saturday March 10, 2012. **Eyeglass Collection Committee - Service Projects - LEO Report** - Lion Edna Briggs announced the Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club met Friday, January 6, at 8:10am. The many new members were inducted at this meeting, and the officers were installed. Meetings will be on the first Friday each month at 8:10 am, and Lions are invited to attend. **Sickness, Distress and Praise** - Lion Ham Riddle is doing better; Lion Alice Rosenberg had a knee replacement, and Lion Sandra Friedlander is having some back problems.

MEETINGS:

JAN 09 - Jake Warren of the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation will have the program. Jake stressed three things: the work that has been done over the last year, how the Lighthouse programs impact the day-to-day life of Georgians, and how the Lighthouse partners with Lions. Jake thanked the club for their contributions to the Lighthouse. He made the following points: 23 free clinics throughout Georgia partner with the Lighthouse. In the 1950s the Lighthouse performed 4 surgeries. Last year the Lighthouse: performed 350 surgeries, provided 5,000 pairs of new eyeglasses and 2,500 eye exams, focused on preventive measures for school children, provided 50,000 used eyeglasses to missions, provided 1,800 hearing aids. Jake noted the following statistics: 86% of those who received eyeglasses could drive afterward; 96% could read road signs better after getting their glasses; 4 out of 5 receiving surgeries were able to keep their job because of the surgery; 80% of those receiving hearing aids enjoyed their families more. The Lighthouse has 8 to 10 fulltime staff. Everyone else volunteers or they are contract. Every \$1 the Lighthouse receives gives them about \$4 in services. The Lighthouse receives about 100 applications per week. Jake said the Lighthouse appreciates the vision screenings and the White Cane contributions. They are looking forward to the New Year and facing the challenges ahead.

JAN 23 - Lion Don Lord introduced the Chairman of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, Hunter Bicknell, who then introduced Kevin Poe, County Manager for Jackson County. Mr. Poe briefed the club on improvements taking place throughout Jackson County including Hog Mountain Rd., Zion Church Rd., West Jackson Park and the Old Jackson County Courthouse. Mr. Bicknell spoke about TSPLOST. This is a \$.01 additional sales tax to be allocated by region for statewide road improvement projects to be completed by 2013. TSPLOST will be on the ballot in July 2012.

Lavonia Lions Club = THE LAVONIA LIONS HAD 12 MEMBERS ATTEND THE JANUARY ZONE MEETING IN ROYSTON WHERE WE SAW THE MOVIE "GOING BLIND". WE COLLECTED 280 GLASSES AND 14 CEL PHONES AND TURNED IN TO PETE STAMSEN. OUR COMPUTER PROJECT WAS ABLE TO DONATE 3 COMPUTERS TO STUDENTS AT THE LAVONIA ELEMENTRY SCHOOL AND 5 COMPUTERS TO OUTREACH CENTER. FOR FUND RAISING WE HAD A SHREDDING (DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR \$5 FOR 5 BOXES. THIS WAS A NEW PROJECT FOR US AND WE HAD GOOD PUBLICITY IN THE PAPER AND ON THE RADIO. WE WILL TRY THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR. OUR PROGRAM FOR JANUARY WAS FROM H&RBLOC. SIX OF OUR MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERING ON SATURDAY MORNINGS WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HABITAT BUILD. WE PROVIDED GLASSES FOR ONE PERSON THIS MONTH. WE ARE PLANNING TO RESTORE 2 SHEDS AND BARBQUES AT THE OLD CITY PARK.



H&R Block made a presentation to the Lavonia Lions Clubs on tax preparation. Pictured are Lions Cindy Gensiejewski, Faye Tanner, Pres. RaDonna Buffington, Program presenters Susan Sample and Janet Geuter and Lion Margaret Ayers.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = delivered 646 pair of recycled glasses to lighthouse

Norcross Lions Club = The Norcross Lions Club donated 121 pairs of eyeglasses, 1 cell phone, and 21 pairs of sunglasses to the GA Lions Lighthouse. We sold raffle tickets for the GA Lions Camp for the Blind. PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the GA Lions Camp for the Blind meetings on January 21.

Toccoa Lions Club = Programs: Forrest Connelly reported that January programs would feature Greg Roach and Lion Beverly Vanderhoef. **Calendar:** No changes. **Zone Meeting:** Lion Bryan said that there would be a Zone meeting on Jan. 19th and a Lighthouse meeting on Jan. 21st. **Sight Conservation:** No report. Lion Bill said we get 8 referrals per month from Open Arms and approximately three from the website. **Membership:** Lion Sheila said there was no activity to report. **Tree Planting:** Details are still under discussion. **Valentine Banquet:** Lion Bill will contact Lion Beverly about plans for the banquet.

Old Business:

There being so many issues under consideration, it was decided that a called meeting would be held on Jan. 10th at 7:00 AM at St. Matthias. Lion Bill brought up the question of 2 year terms for officers. He wanted to find out if the Board wished to pursue this. The consensus was that the Board did not wish to change to two year terms for officers. The vote was 4 to 2 in opposition to a change.

Attached is a picture of Royston-Franklin Springs club president Carol Messer with Anderson Dilworth who was presented with a Melvin Jones award by District Governor Ed Hashbarger at the zone meeting on January 19th in Royston.



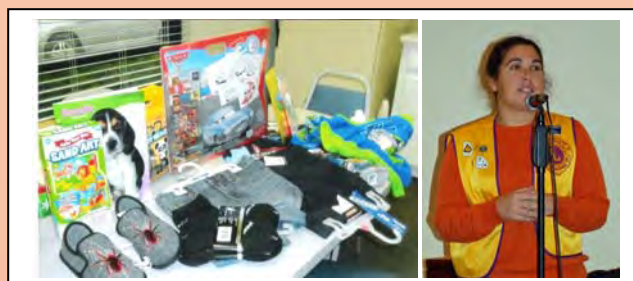
This is a picture of the club presidents at the zone meeting in Royston-Franklin Springs on Thursday, January 19th. From left to right are: Ken McKinney of Carnesville, Ralph Williams of Martin, Mike Adams of Hartwell, Radonna Buffington of Lavonia, Bill Graham of Toccoa, and Carol Messer of Royston-Franklin Springs.

Picture of Toccoa Lions at the winter meeting of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Chamblee on January 21st. From left to right are: Bill Graham, Dale Graham, Shiela Rousey, Flo Gordon and Bryan Gordon. Dale Graham is the newest Toccoa Lion.



The guest speaker was Lion Beverly Vanderhoef. She reported on both the Peace Poster contest and the Christmas Family Project. Unfortunately, due to the illness of the art teacher, there were no Peace Poster entries this year. Another teacher is interested in taking this on next year. It would be helpful to get other groups, such as scouts, involved next year. The Club helped ten children with Christmas gifts this year with money raised from tail twisting fines. Art kits were provided as Christmas gifts for 5 children. A family with 3 children was provided pajamas, blankets, and toys. Another family with a 5 year old was provided with basic clothing needs and toys. Another 7 year old was helped with clothing needs. Two families were provided with groceries. Lion Beverly expressed how gratifying it was to be able to help these children and their families.

Photo caption: Lion Beverly Vanderhoef reports to Toccoa Lions results of Christmas project.



Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Received 2 applications for eye exams and glasses. Both were approved. **Glasses Collected:** Eye Glasses- 78 pairs, Lens- 11 pairs, Shades -24 pairs, Hearing aids- 4, Cell phones -18. **Donations:** Board of Directors approved \$25 donation request from Wilderness Scouts.

Programs: January 12 -.

- No guest speaker, however, Tail Twister Lisa Little headed up Bingo Game Lions style, after first giving history of how Bingo started. Each time there was a winner he or she must roar like a Lion instead of calling 'bingo'. There were 4 games played & the winners were Les, Elmer, Fran, and Arthur. Overall winner was Lion Susan Angley and she won \$16, which meant the other \$16 went to Administrative Account. It was really a fun time!
- White Cane days set and approved for Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. Lions Gray Williams and Jack Gross in charge. President Mildred asked that all give Lions Gray and Jack our full support when W.C. days start.
- Club will hold 2nd Annual Trash to Treasures Event on Saturday February 11th at the Civic Center.

January 26 -

- Lion Mary Arnold introduced our speaker Billy Turnage, Director of the Union County food bank. Food bank distributes about 5000 pounds per week. In 2011, served 11,000 families representing 30,000 individual and distributed over 300,000 pounds of food. Primarily serve Union County residents but also help individuals from throughout the Tri-State area. It has about 25 volunteers and is open Monday – Friday from 9 AM- noon.
- White Cane Chairman Jack Gross and Gray Williams distributed letters to businesses for donation requests. Lion members will take letters to the business in person.

WORKING LIONS - 129 hours

NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS – 160 hours

Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS* Articles: 3 submitted.



Local Lions attend Lions Orientation in Dahlonega



At last! Been a while coming, however, Lions do have a winner for the lovely basket that was used as a fund-raiser for the Union County Lions Club on the 'Customer Appreciation Day' at the Farmer's Market.

Winder Noon Lions Club = Programs: 11Jan – Frances Saunders from Russell Middle School will discuss mentoring program. 25Jan – Dennis Merrifield discuss Barrow County Fire & Emergency Services. 8Feb – Omar Alexander on Ft. Yargo Historical Society. 22Feb – Special Agent Trent Hillsman discuss GBI bomb squad. **Activities:** Lions participated in assembling food boxes for the Food Pantry. Furnished glasses to a girl from Russell Middle School – she was very excited to get the glasses. 88 pairs of glasses were collected for the month of January 2012. **Donations –** Donated 25 new toys to Winder Fire Department. Gave \$450 to Winder Boys & Girls Club for scholarships and activities

Four members worked at the blood mobile canteen for the blood drive conducted at the Winder FUMC.

The club made the final payment of \$1,250 towards our \$3,000 pledge to the Lighthouse Building Program Campaign.

*LIONS AREN'T just about work. Lions have fun and fellowship.
Friendships made in Lionism last a lifetime,
because they are based on a common commitment to service.
Lions work hard, but have fun all along the way.*

PSA – Safari Feeding 30 seconds

The screenshot shows the Lions Clubs International website. The main content area features a video player for a PSA titled "The Lion's Natural Strengths: Feeding" with a duration of 30 seconds. The video thumbnail shows a man in a yellow shirt feeding a lion. To the right of the video player, there are several promotional tiles for other content, including "January 2012" (4:33 minutes), "LQ - Lions Quarterly", and "PSA - Public Service Announcement". The website header includes navigation links like "About Lions", "Becoming a Lion", "The Foundation", "Our Work", "Our Impact", "News and Events", and "Member Center".

Go to this web site and check it out:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lmn/psa-view.php?c=1&id=16>

Also you can get these videos:



[Become Involved, Become A Lion](#)
5:22 minutes

NEW

Young adults have many reasons to join a Lions club. This video highlights young adults speaking about why they became a Lion, the benefits of ...

Item: EX802



[Building a Better Tomorrow in Communities Just Like Yours](#)
12:00 minutes

This compelling recruitment video focuses on the volunteer experiences, work and lives of five Lions from around the world, exemplifying how being a ...

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GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion John Rudert, PDG
JRudert@comcast.net

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

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



President Gary Vaughters (right) passes the reigns to Sandy Mercer (left) at the 2012 Lighthouse Winter Meeting.
 We'll miss you, Gary!

What a great day! Over 100 Lions made it out despite the storms to enjoy food and fellowship at the 2012 Lighthouse Winter Meeting. Nobody let the rain scare them off, and we got the chance to laugh together and learn about the new opportunities for Lions of Georgia this coming year. Our brunch speaker spoke about finding happiness through giving of yourself. We know the Lions have always embraced this philosophy.

Clubs had the opportunity to swap ideas about White Cane and social media and learn about monthly giving. If you're looking for White Cane ideas, give Sarah Liz a call. She's been doing a lot of research!

We also got to talk about the "Fueling Good" competition. The Lighthouse has been chosen to participate in an online voting contest that could fuel the vans in our Mobile Clinic for a year. Our vans sometimes drive over 2,000 miles a month. Thanks to the support of the Lions statewide we have a real shot at winning!

Over 50 Lions made it out to the Lighthouse headquarters afterwards to honor our founders, Tom & Mildred Bingham. Gary Vaughters and Margaret Fulton (a cousin of Mildred's) dedicated the Memorial Garden to this amazing couple; those who knew them shared stories of how the Bingham family touched their lives.



Saturday was a great day to honor our past leaders and train up new ones. We can't thank the Lions enough for their dedication to service and their commitment to us. Let's see what 2012 has in store!

Sincerely,
 Christina Lennon



Service Numbers

From July to December 2011

People having eye exams
93 were from 18-D

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
29 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation
107 were from 18-D

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

Monday,	Tuesday,
February 13,	March 6, 2012
2012	Athens
Athens	

Contact Judith at
JKerr@lionslighthouse.org
 for more information about volunteer opportunities.

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:
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**Your gift makes a real impact on Georgians!
Give the gift of sight and sound in 2012!**

For example,



\$25 buys a pair of glasses.



\$250 buys a hearing aid.



\$500 pays for outpatient laser treatment.

Night of Spectacles

Helping your community just got fashionable!

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.

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2012

Location: [Buckhead Theatre](#).

Now accepting [sponsorships](#) and [silent auction items](#).

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“Hearing across Georgia: Lions Lighthouse Commitment is HUGE, Huge, huge....”

Our Commitment

Each and every day of this year, three people will hear again!

The Hearing Program continues to meet the demand from so many Georgians seeking help with their hearing loss needs. Last year, Georgians in 134 counties were received hearing aids. On a monthly basis, we receive 200 requests for hearing aids. As you can imagine, the paperwork and phone calls have increased substantially. So much so that additional assistance was needed and a part-time coordinator hired to help with the demand. Shetera Reaves, our former Americorp member, joined the team as has proven to be a great asset.

We must also be thankful for the hearing providers that have made a commitment to assist our clients. Right now, we have 150 hearing professionals across the state helping us reach our goal of allowing three people on a daily basis to hear again. Recently our hearing providers were surveyed and 100% responded that they look forward to maintaining their partnership with the Lighthouse Foundation. We also asked about the impact of our hearing aids on their patients. An audiologist in Dalton, GA responded by saying, “Amazing! These patients are usually very grateful and appreciative. They often are people who have waited until they desperately need hearing aid assistance due to financial constraints. Being able to help them obtain hearing is life-changing.”

We look forward to another year of service. If there are any questions about the Hearing Program please contact Sharifa Peart 404- 325-3630 ext. 305.

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Help bring hearing loss education to your community!

Contact Sharifa at SPeart@lionslighthouse.org for more information.



Following her passion: Dianne, a grandmother of 12, has enrolled in Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School, and her new hearing aids help her hear the instructor!



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



"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more." Luke 12:48b

In the last few months I have thought a lot about this statement. I have thought about it in reference to living in America and the freedoms that entails. I have thought about the abilities I have to leave a mark on society. The most daunting thought of all though has

been in direct correlation with my job as your director. I know that I have been entrusted with an amazing opportunity to lead this camp into a new day. I have been entrusted to protect, challenge, motivate, and create amazing opportunities for the Blind of Georgia. I have been entrusted to be a good steward of an amazing organization. I feel like it's a big responsibility. I will be honest and tell you that I am grateful I don't do it alone. You see it's all of our responsibility. You as Lions in this state have been entrusted too. You have been entrusted to support the goals and operations of this camp. You have been entrusted to provide for and maintain these beautiful grounds. This is YOUR camp! You have been entrusted with it. Let that thought resonate with you for a moment. What an amazing opportunity we have. No other facility in this state has a summer camp completely devoted to the visually impaired. WE ARE IT! I hope as you reflect upon this amazing place affectionately called GLCB, you swell with pride. I hope that your head gets a little bigger and your steps get a little more bounce in them. May we never forget though that much is required!



Dear Lions of Georgia,

Thank you to all the clubs that are taking the extra effort and putting your District and information that I need in order to properly apply the funds that you send to the right designated account. I really appreciate it so much.

We need your help with sponsoring a camper for camp. This summer is quickly approaching and each year we look for individual/club sponsors, if you are interested please let us know. Thank you so much to all of you that have already sent in your sponsorship money. Also, remember that **April 30th, 2011** is the last day to get credit for this year's donations to be considered for Awards at the State Convention.

Please call me or email me if you need any assistance.

Merri Blount, Camp Secretary, 912-283-4320
glcblindsec@accessatc.net

REMINDERS:

*Please send any and all monies/donations (i.e. ATV raffle, SAKTC, etc) here to the Camp. I deposit and email all information to Treasurer Jon, who writes the checks and then manages it online.



Lions in Action



On January 14th, Lion Sylvia Masters and husband Thois made a presentation to the Hall County Chapter of the Georgia Coalition of the Blind. The Hall County GCB folks were interested in finding out more about the GLCB. Lion Sylvia gave a very informative presentation on the Camp. During the presentation she discovered that one of the Hall Co. GCB members had previously attended the Camp. Lion Sylvia invited the young lady to give her personal story at the camp.

Lion Sylvia and Lion Thois turned a triple play at the meeting. First they helped the Hall County folks firm up plans on sending one or two young people to the GA Lions Camp for the Blind this year. Next, they passed out application forms to several visually challenged adults who are interested in attending the camp this year. And finally, they helped sell 52 GA Lions Camp for the Blind Triple Raffle tickets.

Lion Sylvia is our District Send-a-Kid-to-Camp Representative and she and Lion Thois belong to the Clayton Lions Club.

Dear Council Members,

We have indeed been busy at the Camp since our last Report. With Christmas Camp, seeking Officers to run for office and the Organization Assessment Action Committee (OAAC) all staying busy we have been productive as well.

Christmas Camp was once again a great success. We had a packed house as we had 49 Campers there again this year. It was a very special time for all that attended, the Campers as well as those who volunteered.

The Nomination and Elections Committee has been busy and we are excited about the slate of Officers that will be leading our Camp for years to come.

The OAAC Committee has been busy as well working on our Board Re-alignment, a Strategic Plan and Fund Raising. We have a ways to go with this but we are well on the way with these initiatives.

There are concerns from a financial point of view. I think this is true for all of our Lions Projects. Another reason why the OAAC and the actions they are taking are so important for our growth and sustainability. The support from the Lions Clubs throughout Georgia is down, so we are pro-actively seeking funds and ways of raising monies for our General Fund. Monies within the General Fund are used to run the day to day operations of the camp as well as the actual Camping Sessions themselves. This is where the money is needed and will also be a big topic of discussion at our upcoming Meeting. Good news on this front is that thus far this year we have not had to hit the Trust Fund for help. A big thank you to Lion Jon, Kristen and her Team for being frugal and managing our existing funds.

As you are well aware it is a busy time for the Lions of Georgia. Here are some upcoming Camp dates to remember and share:

- March 16-18, 2012 - State LEO Gathering at the Camp
- March 23-25, 2012 - Work Weekend at the Camp.
- April 27-29, 2012 - Work Weekend at the Camp.
- May 25, 2012 - Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention in Savannah, GA.
- June 3, 2012 - Summer Camping Season starts.
- July 21, 2012 - Lions Day at Our Camp!

As always - We are proud to host the Council at our Board Meeting. It is always great to get together, serve others and have fun with our fellow Lions

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Spinney
President, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

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CALLING ALL LIONS
YOUR CAMP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT
Lion Alice Stagg, Chair Fund Raising Committee

Fellow Georgia Lions,

On October 1, 2011 I was elected to serve as Chair of the Camp for the Blind's Fund Raising Committee. This is a challenging quest for me, as I have searched for various ways to stimulate possible projects and events which clubs and individual Lions alike could embrace. This is NOT a solicitation for more personal donations to the Camp to support operating expenses, though there is truly a great need for them and they are always appreciated. It is my personal view that, as the Camp was envisioned and established 35 years ago by a group of Georgia Lions, with the support of Georgia Lions, it rests upon the shoulders of Georgia Lions today to keep the Camp open and functioning as the inspirational and educational experience it has come to be. It is my hope that the newly formed Organizational Assessment Committee will be able to arrive at, and provide the direction needed, to implement changes which will guide us toward the financial stability that is essential to the survival of our Camp.

That being said, in my capacity as Fund Raising Chair, there are still things that can be done now to help our Camp move toward that goal. I am presenting three requests to you, and ask that you do all you possibly can to be a part of the solution by acting on or responding to the three requests. I also encourage you to contact me with any other ideas you may have.

FIRST: SHOP THROUGH "iGive" ONLINE AND EARN CASH FOR THE CAMP

I would like to ask again for your support of the Camp in a very easy, convenient way. In November of 2009 the Camp registered itself as a charitable cause on the website www.iGive.com. I wrote several articles in subsequent Camp newsletters asking all Lions, their friends, family and business associates, to set up a free account at this website, choose the Camp as their charity, and to try to do as much of their online shopping through it as possible. The Camp would then receive a percentage from each store where you shopped. This could add up to a sizeable amount if everyone supported the effort.



I checked the iGive statistics for the Camp recently, and have found that only 15 supporters have registered through iGive. Despite the low number of shoppers registered, those 15 have raised \$124.19 for the Camp since inception, which is money the Camp would not have otherwise received. However, I know as a group that Lions can do much better than this! I want to encourage all those who do shop online to make the effort to register on iGive and name the Camp as their charity, then to shop as much as possible through the thousands of stores that are part of the iGive network.

Following is a paraphrased excerpt from an email that Lion Ann Olson, President of the Villa Rica Golden City Club, sent to her members after the iGive promotion was reviewed at the 10/1 Camp Directors meeting in Chamblee, GA during the Fund Raising Committee. I appreciate Lion Ann's proactive effort to promote this project and the clear way in which she has outlined the steps to register. Please join us in this effort to KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING.

Now to explain a way that all of you online shoppers can support the Camp with your online purchases. By shopping through the website www.igive.com, your registration on the website and your purchases can provide cash for the Camp. It does not cost anything to register and you won't start receiving unwanted email solicitations as a result of your registration. Go to the website, and at the prompt to select your charity, enter "Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind". Each new registrant earns the Camp \$5.00 automatically without even having to make a purchase! Follow the user friendly instructions to complete your registration. As you will see, there are hundreds of popular online stores available for shopping. It is important to remember that, in order for a percentage of your purchase to go to the Camp, you must go to the iGive website first, then access the store at which you wish to shop from the iGive website itself. For example, if you go to Amazon.com directly and shop, the Camp gets nothing. To shop at Amazon.com through the iGive website, simply go to the iGive website, sign in to your account, click on the "A" tab you will see at the top (there is a tab for each letter of the alphabet). Then scroll down all the A's til you reach Amazon.com, click on it and it will take you there, where you can then shop to your heart's content. It is as simple as that! Please ask your friends, relatives, neighbors and business associates to join iGive.com and to select the Camp as their charity in order to increase the benefit exponentially.

Fellow Lions, if anyone has questions about registering on the iGive website, please feel free to email me at alice.oakhill@gmail.com, or call me at 334-855-2299. I will be happy to help any way I can. Together, we can KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING.

SECOND: KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING

"KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING" IS THE NEW SLOGAN FOR THE CAMP'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER AT THE CLUB LEVEL

At the last Camp Directors meeting on 10/1/11, held in Chamblee, GA, the Fund Raising Committee discussed how best to clarify for all Lions the purpose of the "Send A Kid to Camp" program (SAKTC). Funds raised and earmarked for SAKTC are not strictly intended to provide scholarships for campers who cannot afford the registration costs to attend the sessions. This was not the intent when SAKTC was established, nor is it now. The purpose of asking all Georgia Lions Clubs to conduct this fundraiser each year was to provide operating funds which would enable the Camp to cover the costs of maintaining the facility, and therefore to keep its doors open for the campers; literally to KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING. Comparatively, SAKTC's purpose is the same as the Lighthouse's White Cane Day fundraiser. However, through the years, perhaps because of the name of the program itself, many Lions have come to think that the SAKTC funds are specifically to pay for campers to attend sessions.

As a result of the Fund Raising Committee's discussion of the issue, it recommended to the Executive Committee that the fund raiser's name be changed from Send a Kid to Camp to KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING. Lawrenceville Lion and former Camper Brian Donegan suggested this new slogan and brought his personal memories of his camping experiences to the rest of the group in explaining his inspiration. Lion Brian said that the campfires around which he and other campers gathered in the evenings were central to the camping activities. The campfires were where friendships were formed, memories made, and tearful "good-byes until later" were said. They signaled the beginning and the end of each camping session, and therefore it seemed appropriate that they be used to represent the importance of the fundraising efforts each Lions Club in Georgia is asked to conduct on behalf of the Camp. The Fund Raising Committee supported this recommendation enthusiastically and the Executive Committee voted to make the change official.

We ask that every Georgia Lions Club conduct a fund raising project of their choosing each year. September will continue to be the designated month for KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING, but clubs may conduct their fund raisers at any time during the year and make their donations at any time. We suggest that, wherever possible, clubs approach corporations in their communities which may offer matching funds to whatever amounts the clubs may raise during the course of their project. The importance of having every club support the Camp in this way can't be emphasized more strongly. Only with your ongoing support can we KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING and continue to provide exceptional camping and personal growth experiences for sight impaired individuals. Lion Gerald Leland, Chair of the PR & Promotions Committee, is undertaking the preparation of a new brochure and a CD for use by clubs in their efforts. The goal is to make its content suitable not only for solicitation of individual donations, but as a supplemental piece to include when approaching corporations and foundations as well. If anyone has access to brochures or other promotional pieces that they have seen used by other groups in approaching potential corporate or foundational donors, I would very much like to have copies sent to me to study and share.



Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall-O'Shields
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

Dear Lions and Friends:

Our own Toccoa Lion Sheila Rousey "Update>>>"

Howdy!

I wanted to let you know that I got a call today from Leader Dogs. I'll be going up on the 5th of February and training until the 1st of March. what a wonderful Christmas present isn't it? Thank God for LIONS and wonderful folks like you.

*Merry Christmas,
Sheila Rousey*



THANK YOU!

“Boy those Leader Dogs are amazing animals!” I hear this all the time. I agree—it is amazing that these gentle and smart beings can help someone safely and independently negotiate their community. However, every Leader Dog is actually the result of a lot of hard work, passion and expertise of several amazing people.

It starts with the volunteer breeding host homes. They bring their Leader Dog Mom or Dad to the Rochester Hills campus for a “honeymoon.” Homes hosting “moms” care for the tiny puppies during the first few weeks of their life. Then, the puppy raisers take over by introducing the Future Leader Dogs to the world, socializing them and laying the groundwork for their future training. Our professional guide dog mobility instructors (GDMI) spend months teaching the dogs the important safety skills needed to effectively guide a person. After completing training, the dogs are carefully matched with clients who work with a GDMI to learn the skills necessary to make a successful guide dog team.

When I started working with the Lions, Leos and Lioness, I thought the “We Serve” motto meant that we serve pancakes, raffle tickets or little white canes. I now know that pancake breakfasts, raffles, car shows and golf outings help raise funds so Lions can *serve their community*. Lions do serve a lot of pancakes, but their true work is in identifying and meeting the needs of people around the world. Whether you are like the Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc. who have served Leader Dog for decades, or like the clubs in Ohio who answered our first direct request for help just a few months ago, or somewhere in between, we continue to be amazed at the work you do to serve Leader Dogs for the Blind. Your hard work makes our work possible.

So, the next time you are flipping pancakes, selling raffle tickets or working on a fashion show, remember that your work is helping to create an amazing dog that is going to serve an amazing purpose! Thank you!

Lion Kathleen Breen

Manager of Lions Engagement Club member, Algonac Lioness Lions Club (11-D2)

IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME

It happens all the time—we are consistently impressed by the way Lions, Leos and Lioness Clubs jump in when we ask for help. A few months ago, a client from Ohio needed a crate to keep his new Leader Dog safe while he worked on the production line at his new job. We put out a request for help and the Lions of Lancaster-Tarhe and the Lancaster Lions Clubs (District 13-K) sent a contribution to cover the cost of the crate.

In early October, we contacted nearly 5,000 Lions Clubs asking them to make a donation above and beyond their normal yearly giving to help put a Kaptan PLUS GPS device into the hands of one of our clients. As of December 31, 2011, we are happy to announce that 139 Lions Clubs have donated enough to purchase 166 GPS units for our clients.

Visit www.leaderdog.org/gps/lions to review the list of contributing clubs.



Thank you for your response to special requests like these AND for your routine support. It is so great to know that you are there for us. We appreciate your commitment to the “We Serve” motto.

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The Pancake Effect

When it comes to meeting challenges, the Lion response is simple: “WE SERVE.” Serving is at the core of Lionism and is in the heart of every Lion I’ve met. Lions carry out this mission in many ways and these selfless acts of caring never cease to amaze me. In a world that seems to have moved away from caring about other people, Lions are a bright light for people whose world may have gone dark.

When I was diagnosed in 1981 with Retinitis Pigmentosa, my world started to go dark literally and metaphorically. Depressed, I wondered how I would survive and take care of my wife and family. When I started this journey of darkness, I had no idea that back in 1939 three Lions recognized a need and founded Leader Dogs for the Blind.

It isn’t just me. In my role as a member of the Leader Dog Board of Trustees and as Chair of the Lions Advisory Committee, I am constantly hearing about the work that Lions do and the impact it has on our clients. LDB is the house that Lions built and your continued support represents a 72 year Lion’s legacy of miracles. You have brightened my world and over 14,000 others and we will forever be grateful for your kindness.

Your acts of kindness take many forms. Fundraising events, like those that ultimately support Leader Dog, come in all shapes and sizes. One of the most common fundraising events is the Pancake Breakfast. There is a widely known theory called the Butterfly Effect. It simply suggests that a seemingly small act like a butterfly flapping its wings, and that small movement of air it creates, can generate a chain reaction with global impact. My Lion version of the Butterfly Effect is called the Pancake Effect. Each time you flip a pancake, or hand out a tiny white cane or sell a raffle ticket, it create a movement....a movement that ultimately will be felt through a harness or a GPS device or a real white cane in the hands of a Leader Dog client. The Pancake Effect suggests that the act of a Lion flipping a pancake creates a chain reaction with global impact.

Please always know that all your tiny actions as a Lion and a supporter of Leader Dogs for the Blind, do have impact and you do make this world a brighter place.

God bless you.
Lion Jim Platzer
Leader Dog Maddy

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Tracking Client Numbers

For the Fiscal Year 2011–2012 (through class 12–05) showing a guide dog client goal of 200. We’ve reached 85! The chart also shows an AMP client target of 55. We’ve reached 25!



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

School and my personal life had become a maze of hopelessness and fear... Learning Ally has opened countless doors for me.



Success Stories - Cooper Alexander



Although his mom, Mary, says he was born "tiny but perfect" at just 27 weeks, Cooper Alexander's life would change forever when meningitis led to blindness and cerebral palsy just a month later. The diagnoses hit the close-knit Alexander family hard. But, in traditional fashion, they pulled together and worked with aides and therapists to help Cooper be very independent and happy.

Despite his hard work, Cooper was forced to confront his disabilities when, in third grade, he was excluded from a much-anticipated school field trip to the local lake because he couldn't read braille fast enough to meet the requirements of an Accelerated Reading Challenge. "It was like I couldn't do things all by myself," recalls Cooper, a highly intelligent and inquisitive 10 year old.

It wasn't until Cooper's mom learned about RFB&D and became involved with our Texas Unit that her son would finally get the reading help he needed. After becoming a member of RFB&D, Cooper says, "I was excited, I mean really excited. I knew that from now on, my life would be totally different."

The results were immediate. It took Cooper just two days to read his first book, take his first test and receive a perfect score. Now, according to his parents, Cooper is happily independent and able to read on his own; and he has become a classroom leader, confident that there is no barrier he cannot overcome with the right tools. In September, RFB&D's audio textbooks helped Cooper learn about space and prepare for a long-awaited visit to Space Camp in Alabama. He now dreams of becoming an astronaut or "future president of RFB&D." Perhaps most significantly, Cooper met the Accelerated Reading Challenge last year and joyfully joined his fellow classmates on that trip to the lake.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
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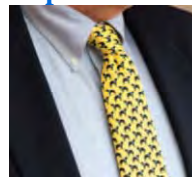
Videos! Thanks to Eukanuba, we've got some great new videos about basic dog training and Canine Companions featuring our trainers, volunteers and of course dogs. You'll find the videos at:

<http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4010997/k.C5CA/Videos.htm> .

Sign Up! Subscribe to our eNews to receive the monthly eNews from Canine Companions at:

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Shop!



The perfect Father's Day or graduation gift is this handsome men's tie. An exclusive custom tie by Vineyard Vines that benefits Canine Companions, it's

made of 100% imported, printed silk with a double wool-blend liner and handmade in the USA. The design features a yellow background with black Labrador dogs sporting the blue Canine Companions assistance dog vest. A special gift for dog lover Dads and Grads.

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Our QR codes, like the one to the right, take you to specific destinations on our website for just the right information you're seeking. Snap the QR code using the app on your phone or hand held web device. Look for them on our brochures and materials.



Share!

You can share our webpages by clicking on the sharing icons found in the upper left corner of the pages at cci.org, and share that page directly with friends, family and colleagues. Email, share with Facebook friends, Twitter followers or share on hundreds of other websites by clicking on the icons.



Lion Kathryn Higgins
 Diabetes Awareness Chair
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Register.

Ask a Friend. Start a Team.

Stop Diabetes.

Join the Atlanta Tour de Cure!



Date: May 20, 2012

Start Location: Boundary Waters Park

Event Manager: Aimee Yrlas Simpson

Email: asimpson@diabetes.org

For more information,

call 1-888-DIABETES x3034 or

404-320-7100 x3034 or [Contact Us](#).

GOAL: \$775,000.00

ACHIEVED: \$22,909.62

DAYS TO EVENT: 112

Are You A Red Rider?



A Red Rider lives with diabetes every day, type 1 or type 2. A Red Rider lives with diabetes every day, type 1 or type 2.

You are why we ride and we want to celebrate you at the Tour de Cure.

With hundreds of riders who may share a similar story, and hundreds more to support you, being a Red Rider can help with your first step or your millionth—in your fight to live a healthier life!

Register and learn more about the Red Rider program on the Red Rider page on this site and from your local coordinator at 1-888-DIABETES.



Team Red Atlanta

Team RED Atlanta is for EVERYONE. If you are a **Red Rider** (a person living with ANY type of diabetes), family of a **Red Rider**, friend, co-worker, enemy or frenemy of someone living with diabetes, then this is the team for you.

Team RED Atlanta is for anyone and everyone looking for a place to fundraise together and support each other as we train for the RIDE OF OUR LIVES.

Did you know that 1 in 3 children born in the year 2000 will develop diabetes and that statistics now show that by the year 2050, 1 in 3 adults will be living with diabetes? 25.8 million Americans suffer from diabetes and over 79 million people with pre-diabetes? Or that the state of Georgia alone has over 1 million people living with diabetes? We need to increase awareness and education to help slow these statistics down. **WE NEED TO FIND A CURE!**

Join **Team RED Atlanta** Today!

Why Ride?

To Stop Diabetes! On behalf of the 25 million Americans with diabetes and their families and friends, we are counting on you to help our team make a difference! The funds we raise will support the American Diabetes Association's important research, information and advocacy efforts and its mission: *to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.*

Join our Team!

Come ride with us and you'll get to take part in a fun, exciting, healthy event for the whole family. You can even invite friends and family to join. Every rider counts, every dollar raised makes a difference and everyone is welcome to join our team!

SHARE...ACT...GIVE...LEARN...

Support our team by riding, making a donation or volunteering. Learn the facts about diabetes at

<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-basics/> .

We are determined to reach our team goal, one rider at a time. So let's get in gear and ride to **Stop Diabetes!**

Join **Team RED Atlanta** on Facebook and stay up to date on all team activities: <http://tinyurl.com/TeamRedAtlanta> and Twitter @TeamREDAtlanta.

More information

Learn more about exercise and diabetes from the [U.S. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases](#).



**"Vision of Peace"
2010-11 Grand
Prize Winner**

Raj Phairembam, a
11-year-old boy from
Moirang, Manipur,
India.

"Imagine Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

For more than 25 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 2012-2013 Contest – "Imagine Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. 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 15 January 2012 from Club Supplies.



FELLOW LIONS,

THIS YEAR'S STATEWIDE LEO GATHERING AND CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16-18, 2012 AT OUR CAMP FOR THE BLIND IN WAYCROSS. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "GEORGIA LEOS ROAR" SO WE WILL HAVE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND AROUND THIS THEME. AS WE HAVE DONE EACH TIME THE GATHERING HAS BEEN HELD AT THE CAMP WE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO TACKLE WORK PROJECTS TO HELP GET THE CAMP READY FOR THE SUMMER CAMPING SEASON. THE MD18 LEO COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE MEETING DURING THE WEEKEND AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD FOR THE 2012-2013 MD18 LEO COUNCIL.

WE ARE EXPECTING OVER 100 LEOS, LIONS, AND OTHER ADULTS THIS YEAR (AND, OF COURSE, HOPING FOR MORE!) FROM FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING. THE LEO GATHERING COMMITTEE IS PROVIDING FOUR MEALS (3 SATURDAY AND BREAKFAST SUNDAY), DRINKS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PUTTING ON

AN EVENT OF THIS SCOPE AND THE TOTAL COST USUALLY EXCEEDS \$1,000.00.

I AM RESPECTFULLY ASKING EACH LIONS CLUB AND/OR INDIVIDUAL LION TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO HELP FUND THIS YEAR'S LEO GATHERING AND CONFERENCE. ALL MONIES WILL BE PUT IN THE LEO GATHERING CHECKING ACCOUNT AND A DETAILED REPORT SHOWING ALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURES WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL AFTER THE GATHERING. IF THERE IS A BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES IT WILL BE CARRIED OVER FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TO A LEO GATHERING PLEASE CONSIDER COMING – WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AND YOU'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH OUR LEOS AND LIONS! LET ME KNOW AND I'LL GET THE INFORMATION AND FORMS TO YOU. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE THIS YEAR IS MARCH 15TH AND THERE IS A \$10.00 PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING TO PROVIDE OUR LEOS WITH A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND HELPING DEVELOP TOMORROW'S LEADERS - AND LIONS!

IN SERVICE,
STEVE HELWIG
MD18 LEO CLUBS PROGRAM CHAIR
MD18 LEO GATHERING CHAIR



***LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY
CONTEST RULES***

Dear Lions,

Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest is "Imagine Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on 15 November 2012, are eligible to participate. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.



*SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs and YOUTH (and these will help adults as well) *** What are the characteristics of Service-Learning?*

* When planning your next community service project, ask yourself and your group these questions: (continuing) 5) Is there enough work for everyone to do? Is the formula Balanced? (Volunteers / Task Hours = Results) 6) Is it 'doable?' Is the project within the resources (time, people, money, and expertise) of you, your group, or your volunteers? Any special training, orientation, paperwork, medical checks, fees, or background checks needed first?



JOIN THE LIONS QUEST NATIONAL TRAINING TEAM

Lions Quest is seeking candidates to join our national training team and facilitate K-12, one- and two-day staff development workshops across the U.S. Lions Quest trainers work part-time on an as-needed basis, from anywhere in the country. Trainers are paid a daily rate and reimbursed for all expenses. Workshop regularity varies greatly throughout the year, so schedule flexibility is mandatory.

Training is a hallmark of all Lions Quest programs and requires a special blend of skills and personal attributes of its facilitators. To assist in the identification of appropriate trainer candidates, we have developed the following profile of a Lions Quest trainer. If you meet the criteria outlined below and are interested in working with Lions Clubs International Foundation to promote the development of healthy and responsible young people, please send your resume and availability to **Matt Kiefer, LQ Department Manager**, matthew.kiefer@lionsclubs.org, or fax to **630-706-9289**.

Experience

- * Experience with youth in a learner role. Teaching, administration, and school counseling preferred.
- * Training experience with teachers and other adults, particularly where the leadership style was participant-centered.
- * Leadership in local staff development activities.
- * Bachelors and masters degrees (or comparable credential) required.

Presence

- * Conveys warmth and acceptance
- * Maintains a professional appearance and conduct
- * Displays confidence

Intra- and Interpersonal Qualities, Attitudes, and Behaviors

- * Philosophically compatible with Lions Quest programs
- * Advocate for youth and youth issues
- * Optimistic, positive attitude

- * Intuitive, good "people reader"
- * Creative
- * Flexible
- * Energetic, persevering, high level of stamina
- * Good stress management skills
- * Has foresight, can anticipate problems and learning opportunities
- * Willing to develop professionally and personally, has a learner attitude, is open to and uses constructive feedback
- * Learned in pertinent areas (i.e., drug and alcohol prevention, character education, social & emotional learning, service-learning, supportive classroom environment)
- * Affective and effective communicator
- * Demonstrates positive conflict management skills
- * Proficient in and models Lions Quest program skills (i.e., listening, responding, creating positive classroom/school climate)

Training Competencies

Adult Learning Understanding — knows how adults acquire and use knowledge, skills, and attitudes.

Group Leadership Skills — is able to influence groups to both accomplish tasks and fulfill the needs of their members; can create high morale among group members; models a variety of leadership types (facilitator, presenter, coach, and evaluator).

Intellectual Versatility — recognizes, explores and uses a broad range of ideas and practices; thinks logically and creatively; problem-solver.

Questioning Skills — gathers information from and stimulates insight in individuals and groups.

Relationship Versatility — adjusts behavior in order to establish relationships across a broad range of people and groups.

Observation Skills — "reads" group climate, reactions and feelings of individuals and potential or existing problem areas.

Emotional Expressiveness — appropriately expresses personal feelings; separates personal issues (i.e., religious, political) from training.

Organizational Skills — Manages time and content commitment.

Our Workshops in Their Words

"Such a positive shot of knowledge, enthusiasm, excitement."
- Natalie Johnson, St. Cloud, MN

"I felt all parts of it were valuable. Every lesson leads to the sense of community and bonding."
- Valerie Blackburn, Nashville, TN

"Truly, one of the most beneficial workshops I ever attended."
- Patty C., St. Cloud, MN

YOUTH & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Coordinating with Youth Exchange Chairs (YEC's) has been a very busy process this year! I have been contacted by Israel, Argentina, Sri Lanka, Finland and Australia. Each country has students wanting to travel to Georgia in the June, July and August time frame. In addition, they look forward to having us reciprocate by sending students from our areas. I informed the YEC's in these countries, I would begin finding "Host Families" for their students. Australia wants students to attend their beautiful Camp for two weeks and live with a host family for two weeks, or longer.

One sixteen year old Australian, Melissa Bond, asked to come to Georgia during the Christmas Holidays, 2011. She wanted to experience Christmas, American style. I placed her with a wonderful family. They showed her lots of Christmas lights in many places, and they shopped a lot. Mellissa also helped us with our Newnan Lion club annual Magic Show, December 10th.

Currently, I have two applications for girls from Finland. These applications were forwarded, to each Youth Chair in our Districts. I encouraged them about finding families, and included the applications. This was about three weeks ago and no one has answered the request at this time. This would be a viable program if all Chairpersons and DGs would show interest, coordinate their ideas and keep me informed.

Best Regards,

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Marijuana Use among Teens on the Rise

More and more teens are watching their futures go up in smoke. Teens are using more marijuana and less alcohol according to a [2011 national survey](#) of 47,000 eight-, 10th- and 12th-graders sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. This marks the fourth consecutive year of increased marijuana use in NIDA's annual survey.

The survey found that 36.4 percent of 12th-graders reported using marijuana in the past year, 28.8 percent of 10th-graders and 12.5 percent of eighth-graders. One in every 15 seniors reported smoking pot on a daily or near daily basis, the highest rate since 1981. Researchers note that the increased use correlates with a decreasing percentage of teens that see "great risk" in marijuana use.

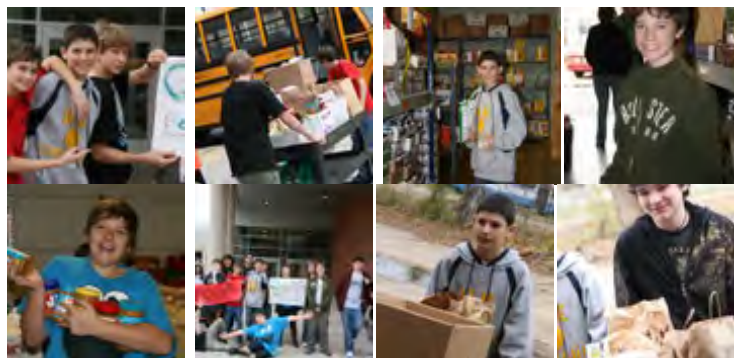


Schools, Volunteers in the News

H-K Middle School Students on a Quest for Volunteering



8th grade students assist those in need at the Amazing Grace Food Pantry and the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen.



Students enrolled in the "Quest" class at the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School (HKMS) took part in a service learning project to help those in need this holiday season. As part of the project, students collected food donations and helped out at two local food banks.

9 students of the Quest Service Learning Project accompanied HKMS teacher and 5th grade transition counselor Renee Molnar to the [Amazing Grace Food Pantry](#) in Middletown and the remaining 6 Quest students accompanied HKMS principal, Mim Wagner, to the [St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen](#) the week before Thanksgiving.

The students at the food pantry weighed the donated food, calculated the weighed amounts of food, stocked shelves and swept the floors. The students at the soup kitchen served over 100 meals at lunchtime.

The Quest class meets every other day for one trimester. "We discuss and explore topics like self-esteem, communication, positive decision making and managing emotions," according to Molnar.

The Quest Skills for Adolescence was developed through the [Lions Club International](#), the largest service organization in the world. This program helps students become more self-confident, communicate better both at home and at school, make good decisions and resolve conflicts and avoid alcohol and drugs. As part of the Quest program, HKMS students have been working on planning and carrying out a community service learning project.

"I think I speak for all of us that we all have a lot to be thankful for each and every day but especially this Holiday season," said Molnar.

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