

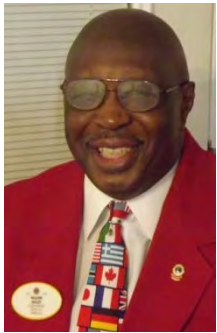


District Bulletin

We Serve



Membership is the Backbone of Lions Club International MD 18



District Governor
Bill Holley

The Stated Vision of Lions Club International

To be the Global leader in community and humanitarian service.

The Mission Statement of Lions Club International

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Greetings to my fellow Lions Club members

I hope this message finds you and your family members in the best of health and spirits. As stated in our Mission Statement: Can we “empower our volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs?” To empower a Lions club member is to authorize that individual to act for the club. According to our reports many of our members have and continue to be empowered. We are doing an outstanding job by providing community services. Lions are great humanitarians in meeting the needs of individuals in our communities. Humanitarians are philanthropists and Lions are the most benevolent people in the world.

However, while members in 18-D are excellent in encouraging peace, promoting international understanding, this is not necessarily reflected in our Lions Club membership. Shouldn't we be more reflective of the communities we serve? Georgia is becoming one of the most culturally diverse states in North America and we must take advantage of our diversity. Let us empower our Lions club members in 18-D to become more understanding of the international populations in our communities. Remember Lions Club International was started in America and we should take the lead in the development of international understanding. If we take advantage of this opportunity what we look like may change some but what we are about won't change at all.

Leading by example: Together we serve

District Governor
Bill Holley

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



1-2 February 2012
Council Of Governors Meeting

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

SATURDAY, 2 March 2012.

3rd Cabinet/Convention Meeting, 10:00AM

JOE AL PICONE
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

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



YOU ARE INVITED!

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

Lions International Director Joe Al Picone and his wife Merle, of Brenham, Texas, will be our guest for the convention. We will welcome ID Joe at a time of hospitality on Friday night, March 1st at 6:30 p.m.

We will begin our convention day on Saturday, March 2nd with a Member Orientation Training Session at 8:45 a.m. This session will be led by PDG Richard Henderson of the Oxford Lions Club and VDG Pete Stamsen of the Lawrenceville Lions Club. This is a great time to ensure that all Newly-inducted Lions are especially encouraged to attend this session, but it is good for all Lions.

District 18-D Cabinet meeting will start at 10:00 am.

The Joint District Convention to organize and elect District 18-I officers will be begin at 10:30 a.m. After the meeting, there will be a luncheon with our International Director as Keynote Speaker.

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

Planning Ahead

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

28 April 2013 ---- 2pm

4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic/Outing
Fairgrounds, Comer, GA.

Mark this on your calendar and be prepared – this is **FOR ALL.**

2013 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):
Fish Fry

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

Saturday: 6 District Breakfasts; General Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor's Banquet

Sunday: 4 District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session.

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:
Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2013

Hotel Info:

[Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center](#)
Two Tenth Street · Augusta, Georgia 30901 USA



Where in the World

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



International President Wayne A. Madden



Promote Literacy through the Gift of Books



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



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

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

International Convention Preview Video



Get a peek into the life and culture of Hamburg, Germany, the host city of the 96th Lions Clubs International Convention on July 5 - 9, 2013. Attendees can enjoy live plenary sessions in the O2 World Arena, watch the International Parade of Nations along the spectacular Inner Alster Lake, and visit a European Lions market right in the center of the city. Watch the [International Convention Preview Video](#) to see what's in store for Lions in Hamburg!

Announcing the 2012-2013 Peace Poster Winner



Winner Jenny Park from California USA: Lions Clubs International 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest

Lions - Let's Get Ready for Diabetes Alert Day!

Lions, please join us on Wednesday, February 6, for the outstanding "Let's Get Ready for Diabetes Alert Day!" webinar and find out how you can make a difference in just one day! Diabetes Alert Day, scheduled for March 27, is a wake-up call for the American public to learn more about diabetes, particularly when it is left undiagnosed or untreated. Representatives from LCI's partner, the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP), will share numerous, easy action steps you can use for community awareness or activities not only on this special day, but other diabetes events throughout the year. Presenters will provide ideas, guidelines and resources to help get your club motivated and involved. Help fight diabetes and show support for your community! Don't miss this informative webinar that will prove valuable to your club's service and opportunities for club excellence!

Register for a session now by clicking a date below: [Wed, Feb 6, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST](#)

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the Webinar.

Eye Donor Awareness Month



March is Eye Donor Awareness Month. It's a special time to honor donors and their families for the tremendous gift of sight they give to improve the lives of corneal recipients. The transplant process depends on the priceless corneal donation from one human to another. Donated eyes are also needed for research and education. Through Lions Clubs Eye Banks, you can help restore the sight of children and adults who need precious eye tissue. [Contact your local eye bank](#) today to help raise awareness in your community about the importance of eye donation. Read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more about corneal transplants.

#LionsEverywhere on Instagram

Lions Clubs International is now on Instagram, the popular mobile app that allows users to share photos instantly through their smart phones. [Follow @LionsClubs on Instagram](#) to check out our stream of photos from Lions around the globe. If you'd like to share your images and show everyone that your club is making an impact, [download the Instagram app](#), take photos of your club's activities and events, and share them using the hash tag #LionsEverywhere. And don't forget to [connect with Lions online!](#)

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/lions-on-the-web/index.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=february2013newswire

Social Media for Lions

Join one or more of these social media sites to network with other Lions. Share information, ideas and videos. Let the world know you're proud to be a Lion!

Subscribe to our [blog](#) for breaking Lions and LCIF news and take a behind-the-scenes look at the International President's travels.

Subscribe to our [You Tube](#) channel to watch LCI and LCIF videos.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) for news from LCI, LCIF and Lions clubs around the world.

"Like" [Lions Clubs](#), [Campus Lions Clubs](#)



and [Leo Clubs](#) on Facebook – the world's most popular social networking website.

Join a network of Lions club members – and experienced professionals – on [LinkedIn](#).



See photos from Lions around the world on [Flickr](#).



Share your club pictures on [Instagram](#) with the #LionsEverywhere hash tag.

Follow us on [Pinterest](#) to see pictures and videos of Lions, Campus Lions Clubs and Leos performing service around the world.



Add LCI / LCIF to your circle on [Google+](#).



Need help joining a social media site? Step-by-step video guides are available for [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to help you open accounts on these popular social media websites. Then download the [Social Media 101 Best Practices Guide](#) for using Facebook and Twitter.

Maximize Membership by Using LCI Materials

Are you a motivated and membership-minded Lion? Are you a [GMT New Club Growth or Club Success Team member](#), a [club membership chair](#) or a district governor with grand goals? Work smarter, not harder, by using the

many [membership resources](#) available through LCI. Brochures, posters, books and more are available to inspire as well as guide your club to success. Membership growth and increased membership satisfaction are just a click away.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/gmt-specialists/index.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=february2013newswire



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions are improving vision in Madagascar.

CONTESTS

[Reading Action Program Rap Video](#)

Read the nomination form to find out how to enter.

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

[Digital Lion Magazine](#)

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

[Lions Club iPhone App](#)

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

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

I am always excited to think about the prospects that come with a new year. There is so much to look forward to when it comes to Lions. You may not know this, but earlier this month was Melvin Jones' 134th birthday. His belief was "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," and I am certain that he would be amazed at just how far his vision has spread.



Think of everyone who was impacted by LCIF last year: a child who is now able to participate better in school thanks to a vision screening and follow-up care; a mother who no longer has to fear losing her child to measles because of a vaccination

campaign; a family that is rebuilding their lives after Superstorm Sandy with help from Lions; and a student who has learned self-empowerment from Lions Quest in the classroom. All of these people and many more are looking forward to a brighter 2013 because of your help.

Soon, our Foundation's Advisory Committees will meet to review grants through [SightFirst](#) and [Lions Quest](#). These grants will continue LCIF and Lions' work in communities around the world, providing sight and supporting youth. Together, we are beginning the new year in the way that Lions should - through service and through doing something for somebody else.

I encourage your club to think of all the ways you can help people in 2013. Together, I believe we can provide many services to lift up those who need our help. Through LCIF, there are so many ways that Lions can help others, both locally and globally, including applying for an LCIF grant. And, with our [four pillars of service](#), there are many potential projects for your club.

Of course, these grants and projects would not be possible without [generous donations](#). Thank you Lions, for everything that you have done to support our Foundation. Your donations ensure that Lions are able to do something great through LCIF.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

SightFirst in Madagascar

In this segment of the [January 2013 LQ](#) - Lions Quarterly video magazine, learn how the Lions [SightFirst](#) Madagascar Eye Center is treating a wide range of vision problems. From providing cataract surgery for 84-year-old Suzane to screening the vision of eight-year-old Florine and providing her with eyeglasses, this center reaches those who might not otherwise receive help.



"When we see the smiles of the people we help, it goes straight to your heart. No riches in the world can buy the feeling of happiness that comes from helping others," says Anja Ramilison, a member of the Antananarivo Santatra New Century Lions Club.

Family Health Forums Benefit Special Olympic Athletes

When families come together to participate in a Special Olympics event, they come to celebrate their athletes. For more than 12 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation has partnered with Special Olympics through the [Opening Eyes](#) program to provide vision screenings and glasses for athletes at these events. Now, as a recent initiative of LCIF and Special Olympics, Family Health Forums help to further create a sense of community among participants. At these events, families are shown how to improve living conditions for athletes and provide better access to health care, education, social services and inclusion.

Family Health Forums began in 2011 in select communities in Africa. In October 2012, South Africa hosted the first ever

Regional Family Health Forum, which brought together families with Special Olympic athletes from five countries in Africa. Here is what some of the parents had to say:



"It was excellent for me as a mother who has a child with

intellectual disability. I have learned a lot, especially sharing problems with other mothers in different places. Thanks for giving my child this opportunity," said one parent in response to the forum.

"It's a way of changing the lives of people with intellectual disability and it makes us aware that nothing is impossible with people who have intellectual disability," said another parent at the event.



Editor's Note



Certified Guiding Lion Program

The expanded Certified Guiding Lion Program, initially designed for new clubs, provides Guiding Lions with the knowledge and resources to assist both new and struggling clubs. The newly revised program features six sections to improve club health:

1. Skills of a Successful Guiding Lion - Assesses the Lion's personal leadership skills.
2. Get off to a Good Start - Leads participants through the programs, materials and resources available to support club health.
3. Develop a Club Officer Mentor Team - Helps the Guiding Lion build a practical and job specific team of mentors to support the unique needs of each club officer.
4. Design Club Officer Training - Provides an outline for delivering area specific club officer training based on the club's needs.
5. Guiding Lion Resources - Acquaints the Guiding Lion with the reports that the Lion will receive to track the health of the developing club as well as other helpful resources.
6. **NEW!** Club Rebuilding - The Certified Guiding Lion Rebuilding Assessment Form helps identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement so the Guiding Lion can adapt the course to meet the unique needs of a struggling club.

The course can be offered in a classroom setting or completed as a correspondence course. An instructor's guide is available for areas interested in hosting a workshop. Contact your District or Multiple District GLT Coordinator to facilitate the course.

To access to the course materials go to the [Certified Guiding Lion](#) webpage or type Certified Guiding Lion into the search box.

Once the course is completed, the Lion can be assigned to an existing club by completing the [Rebuilding Guiding Lion Assignment Form](#). A list of current Certified Guiding Lions is also available from the WMMR/My LCI.

For more information, contact the English Language Department at ann.laube@lionsclubs.org.

Purchase Cookies from Simon Mall Cookie Booths--Supporting Adairsville Tornado Relief

Girl Scout Council of Greater Atlanta is hosting Cookie Booths at area Simon Malls on February 8, 4-7 p.m. All sales and proceeds will benefit the Adairsville tornado relief efforts.

Simon Mall Locations: [Click for Directions](#)

<u>Mall of Georgia</u>	<u>Lenox Square</u>	<u>Sugarloaf Mills</u>
3333 Buford Drive Buford, GA 30519	3393 Peachtree Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30326	5900 Sugarloaf Pkwy Lawrenceville, GA 30043

<u>Northlake Mall</u>	<u>Town Center at Cobb</u>	<u>Phipps Plaza</u>
4800 Briarcliff Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30345	400 Ernest W. Barrett Pkwy, NW Kennesaw, GA 30144	3500 Peachtree Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30326

MEMBERSHIP



We have to stop the loss of members within our clubs. Come early on 2 March so we can discuss this issue.

We cannot continue in the wrong direction. If you want to stop this action – than come one and/or come all. This is extremely important.

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

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



Reading Action Program

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

[American Foundation for the Blind](#)

[Perkins School for the Blind](#)

[The Hadley School for the Blind](#)

[National Federation of the Blind](#)



Message from President Madden



Dear Lion,



By the time you read this message, 2013 will be underway in most parts of the world (the Chinese New Year is Feb 10). Traditionally, we often look at the new year as a new beginning - a new start. Many people make resolutions at the start of the year. They resolve, for example, to eliminate bad habits. And of course, they make those resolutions with good intentions. Statistics show that 49% of people around the world make a new year's resolution. Unfortunately, only 14% succeed in maintaining their resolution(s).

As we begin the new year, I'm asking club presidents and district governors to take a few moments to reflect inward. Have you achieved what you resolved to achieve at the start of your year? Have you been as effective as you had hoped to be as a club or district leader? If you have, that is great; but you are far from finished. If you are falling short, there is still time.

Right now - today - review your progress toward the [Club Excellence Award](#) and the [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#). I've said it before, but it's worth repeating - both provide you with a roadmap for success. And ask yourself the following:

- **Have new members been made to feel welcome? Are they aware of club activities and been encouraged to get involved?**
- **Has the club hosted a new member orientation and have new members been assigned an effective mentor?**
- **Has the club completed a [community needs assessment](#)?**
- **District Governors - have you solicited nominations from clubs for the [World of Service Awards](#)? The deadline for nominations is March 1st.**

At the start of my year, I asked Lions to expand our world of service to include literacy programs through the [Reading Action Program](#). So far this year, 11,736 clubs have embraced the program and have made a significant impact in their community. In light of the Board's action to extend the Reading Action Program for the next 10 years, establishing a literacy project now can become an annual club service project. Has your club started a program? Remember too that learning and hunger are linked. Children that go to school hungry have difficulty concentrating in school. December and January are designated as Lions [Relieving the Hunger](#) campaign. There is still time to participate.

We have achieved a great deal so far this year, but with 6 months to go there is still so much more we can achieve. So far this year we have 94,750 new members and 646 new clubs. That equates to thousands of hours of community service.

As we start the new year, make a resolution to finish the year strong! Famous American humorist Will Rogers once said: "If you want to be successful, it's just this simple: know what you are doing; love what you are doing; and believe in what you are doing."

With that in mind, have a wonderful new year. You ARE making a difference in a world of service.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden, International President



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

2012-2013 LCI Webinars

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

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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

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

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

PCC Grace Clower
18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best regards,

Barry J. Palmer, 1stVice President, LCI

Training Materials/Resources

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

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



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

- **[Zone Chairperson Training](#)** – An independent study module focused on the responsibilities, challenges and resources of the zone chairperson position.
- **[Effective Club Membership Teams](#)** – An independent study presentation covering the responsibilities of each member of the Club Membership Committee, related activities and goals, conducting new member orientation or a sponsor night/open house event, organizing a new club or club branch, and encouraging leadership development.
- **[Club Officers Orientation](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php)** - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php> This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses.

Club Officer Individual Training - Online courses reviewing the roles, responsibilities, tasks and resources of each club officer position.

[Club President](#)
[Club Secretary](#)
[Club Treasurer](#)

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

[Club Officer Orientation Instructor Guide](#)
[Club Officer Orientation PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[Club Officer Orientation Handouts](#)
[Club Officer Orientation Curriculum](#)

Club Secretary MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)
Club Treasurer MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)
[Time Management Handout](#)
[Time Management Pocket Guide](#)
[Time Management PowerPoint Presentation](#)

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

- **[Lions Basic Mentoring Program](#)** (pdf) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mtr11.pdf>
- **[Lions Advanced Mentoring Program](#)** (pdf) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mtr12.pdf>

[Lionism and History](#) – Become familiar with the history of LCI, our Mission Statement, and Purposes and Code of Ethics. **[View a history slide show](#)** and take **[short quiz](#)** to review historical facts.

[Activities and Icebreakers](#)

Strengthening Lions Clubs Membership

The Extension and Membership Division conducts monthly Netcasts on important membership topics every fourth Wednesday of the month. Netcasts are Web-based forums designed to be interactive. Lions are able to ask questions of the panelists and share success stories of their own. The goal is to provide an opportunity for Lions to learn and motivate each other. We encourage you to pass along this information to your club members and promote their participation. Netcasts will be recorded and posted on the LCI [Web site](#). Below is the schedule of upcoming Netcasts. Space is limited so register today!

Date	Topic
February 27, 2013 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CST)	Club Branches What are they? How do they work? Why your club should consider a branch?
March 27, 2013 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CST)	Must Knows for Chartering New Clubs Learn how to complete the paperwork for chartering a new club to ensure timely processing. Also, learn key policies that pertain to new club development.

Recruiting Corner

Who Should Your Club Invite?

1) My club is mostly comprised of:

- Men, we are somewhat of an “old boys club.”
- Both men and women, some have children at home.
- Men and/or women, a lot of us are over 60.

2) Our best service project:

- Has an emotional impact on members, and provides immediate results to the community.
- Has components for all ages, kids can easily help.
- Is hands-on, we want to break a sweat.

3) Our club is located:

- In an established community, everyone works together.
- In a growing community, lots of families are moving in.
- In a community with lots of young adults and students.

4) The majority of our members:

- Have spouses, and many spouses are not members.
- Have children living at home and want to involve them.
- Are retired, our club is getting old.

5) Our club wants to:

- Grow and/or diversify our membership, our club needs more hands for service.
- Involve more families, we would like spouses and children to participate in club events.
- Start using more technology, we want to use social networking sites to promote club activities.

If you answered mostly:

A – Your club should invite women to join.

Inviting a few women to join your club will not only help grow membership, women will add new perspective and skills to club activities and diversify your membership. Current members should be prepared to do some additional and new community service projects.

B – Your club should involve family members.

Volunteering together as a family will help you spend more quality time together. Did you know, family members joining the same club receive a dues discount as part of the [Family Membership Program](#)? The [Cub Program](#) also helps support family-friendly clubs by including children under age 12.

C – Your club should seek younger members.

[Young adult](#) members bring new energy, ideas and diverse skills into your club and ensure your club’s legacy will continue. Consider recruiting a few [student members](#) and [former Leos](#) into your club! Club members should be prepared to do some new projects.

Is your club doing your own version of the Club Excellence Process? LCI recognizes that in many areas of the world clubs are conducting their own version of the Club Excellence Process. If your club is, we want to hear from you.

Facilitating the Club Excellence Process. The Club Excellence Process (CEP) involves both the Global Membership Team (GMT) as well as the Global Leadership Team (GLT). While the GMT is promoting the program to their districts, GLT is identifying and training CEP facilitators. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a CEP Facilitator, contact your GLT district coordinator to express interest. If you are not sure who that is, contact a member of your district governor team.

Share Your Membership Success Stories. Lions learn the best from one another. If your district or club has been successful with a membership program or increasing membership, please [submit](#) your stories.

Awards. The Milestone Chevron Awards were mailed to the district governors during September. These awards may be distributed at a club visitation, a district convention or another appropriate Lions event. Details are posted on the [LCI Web Site](#).

Reader Response. According to a survey of former Lions conducted by LCI, 43% of those responding said that unproductive meetings were the main reason they left the club.

Does your club need to revamp its meetings? Read [Focus on Meetings](#) from the [President’s Retention Campaign](#) Series.



Southeastern

GLT Area 1E

Announces

Lions Leadership Institute of the South

When: Thursday, April 11 – Sunday, April 14, 2013

Begins: 3:00 pm with registration on Thursday, April 11, 2013

Ends: 11:30 am with closing ceremony on Sunday, April 14, 2013

Where: D. Moody Gunter Camp and Retreat Center, www.scnazcamp.com
1420 Nazarene Rd., Batesburg, SC 29006
803-730-1094 (also emergency contact number)

Who : For those who have not yet attended a Lions Leadership Institute.
[Notice this is a change from the past requirements.]

Cost: \$120.00 per Lion (non-refundable after April 1, 2013).
Cost includes all meals, housing, and materials for the training.

Contact: PDG Joe Pitts, Institute Coordinator, for application
864-995-4232 / joepitts6@msn.com



LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE of the SOUTH

APPLICATION FORM

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Lynn Bob Watson
District 118
Columbus, Georgia

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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 = We just had our first meeting of the semester this past Wednesday. Everything is looking really good so far. We have 4-5 main events we are planning on holding this semester and we have already started preparing for them. These include a 5k race, a "Date Night" fundraiser, an eyeglass drive, and a percentage night fundraiser at a local restaurant. We are now at 58 members and had 40 come out to the last meeting. I have confidence that the percentage of active members will continue to be high. Our club will be very interested in getting involved with the Vision Walk again, thanks for letting me know about that.

Buford Lions Club = **INDUCTING THREE NEW MEMBERS AT BUFORD LIONS CLUB.** Earl Benson delivered meals on wheels. Sue & Earl Benson participated in the LCIF Webinar training of Recruiting New Members on Wednesday Jan. 23rd. No first of month meeting due to most members unavailable or out of town. 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm Zone Chair Wayne White was in attendance to induct three New Lions Club Members. Ann Miller, Jerry Murray and Joyce Kinsey, welcome aboard. We also discussed attending District Convention March 2nd. Discussed club activities for 2013. Sue & Earl ordered and picked up food for Lions Club Meeting. Earl Benson represented Buford Lions Club at the Buford Business Alliances' monthly After Hours meeting. Earl & Sue Benson ordered food and assisted in cleaning up kitchen for Abundant Life Fellowship at the First Baptist Church of Buford. Collected - 342 glasses and 6 cell phones

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = We have started plan the new year club projects for 2013. Several committee have been selected. White Cane Day around Easter, Pancake Breakfast in the spring to be at our club house, and Clermont Cupcake Challenge at Clermont Days Centennial September 21 will be a 5K race and 1K fun walk with the Lions Club being the sponsor and host to the race. Worked with slow students to improve academic standing. Aided in preparing and serving hot lunch to above at Daily Bread, a mission in Athens, GA. Serve on committee directing environmental improvement projects by volunteers and county government. Sort and package used eyeglasses for distribution by Lions International. Served on Committee and tracked work on building.

Dacula Lions Club = Attach is pictures of the Food Drive we donated in December to Hebron Church. Pastor Joe Dunson appreciated and accepted the items with much Love he said " We could not imagine how we are helping to feed a child that is in need of food" from the Children's Ministry that he and his wife is a part of. Again another successful event done by you for Our Community. I could not ask for a better group of members you are the BEST!!! Please feel free to pass these on to your friends and family we never know how it may touch someone in wanting to become a member.



Dawsonville Lions Club = Speaker Melissa Line, Event Coordinator, Rainbow Children's Home presented a program on the Rainbow Children's Home. On September 22, 2000, the first 5 children were welcomed into Rainbow Children's Home. In early 2002, the board decided to serve children from counties other than Lumpkin County with the belief that all children in need should be served regardless of geographical location. To date, Rainbow Children's Home has provided care for over 500 children. In 2008, RCH decided to take in only girls. Currently eight girls 12-18 years old reside at RCH. A check for \$200 was presented to RCH. New member Lion Bob Eikenberry was approved and installed a to LCI and the Dawsonville Club. Lion Gregg Hicks was his sponsor. The memorial bench for Lion George David was dedicated with family, friends, Lions and Vietnam Vets in attendance. The bench is at Veterans Park and was donated by the Vietnam Vets and the Dawsonville Lions Club. Speaker: Stacy Leonhardt, Branch Manager, Dawson County Library. The library is doing well and is maintaining its status quo. The library gives away free books and allows access too many e-books for Kindles, Nooks, IPads etc. Check out their offerings. Lion Marty presented Stacy with a \$200 donation to the library.



Jefferson Lions Club = *Eyeglass Collection Committee:* Jerry Legg reported that 55 eyeglasses and 11 sunglasses had been collected. *Sickness, Distress and Praise:* Club members welcomed Lion Harold Fletcher back, following his heart bypass and valve replacement surgery. Lion Mac Cates has returned home and is feeling well, following knee replacement surgery. *New Member Induction:* Lion Mark Bradley, Zone Chairman, inducted our New Member, Rita Gunter, into the Lions Club. Lion Jerry Legg is her sponsor. *Committee Reports:* – **Pancake Supper:** Lion Ken Brand and Lion Lisa Nilsen will be Co-Chairperson's for the Pancake Supper which will be on March 16, 2013. *Old Business:* Nothing reported. *New Business:* *Programs:* **14Jan** - Lion Dwayne Ansley introduced Jackson County Sheriff, Janis Mangum. Ms. Mangum is the only woman Sheriff in Georgia. She has been a Law Enforcement Officer for twenty-four years. In the recent Sheriff's campaign, she received 62% of the votes in a run-off election. Ms Mangum presented an excellent program by enlightening the Club members on the responsibilities of the Sheriff and her staff. The Jackson County Sheriff's office has 159 employees that hold various positions in Road Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Jail, Court-Civil, Special Operations Divisions over Burglary, Theft, Drugs, and Drug Investigators. Officers check on schools in the different zones when not on call. Also, the Officers have been instructed to complete their written reports in the school parking lots, in order to provide more visibility.

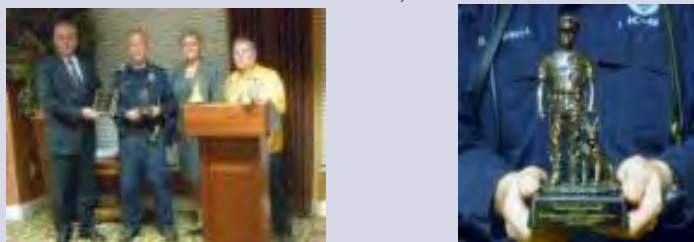
Look Ahead Calendar:

Program: Vicki Hubbard, 2nd VDG District 18-F has the program on the State Convention.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

- FEB 01 Zone 3 Meeting @ Golden Corral in Winder
- FEB 11 Program, Jerry Legg
- FEB 25 Program, Harold Fletcher
- MAR 11 Program, Jim Hix

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We presented our 1st Community Service Award to Lawrenceville, GA Officer David Russell and K-9 Agor with a trophy of a policeman with his K-9 officer and a plaque for the police station. We had 20 guests, including our Mayor Judy J. Johnson, city council members, Major Paul King and the officer's family attend the Award Dinner along with 12 members of our club. We collected 147 pair of used eyeglasses. We had 12 members attend our January meetings. One member attended the Georgia Lions Lighthouse meeting. Three members attended a Flag Raising Ceremony at our Special Needs School in Lawrenceville, GA.



Loganville Lions Club = FOOD PANTRY--DAN CURRY-15 HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER-HOWARD NAZARY -30 ADMINISTRATIVE-DAN CURRY, PRESIDENT 8, NEAL BYRD SECRETARY/CALENDAR-8, GENE KNIGHT, TREASURY 5 Called to order by President Dan Curry at 7:00pm Present were Lions Dan Curry, Gene Knight, Neal Byrd, Danny Byrd, Galen reedier, Harold Tribble, Junior Hall, Rev Walter Stearman, Ray Ashe, Tom Summers, Tommy Forrester, Jerry Gower, Jerry Golden, Wendell Geiger, Richard Woodall, Chris Gallman and Royce Petty In January, the Board of Directors approved Eye Glasses and Exams for 2 Individuals

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = We hope everyone is well and staying warm on these cold winter nights! If you know of anyone in need of assistance, food, heat, etc. please let me know. Listed are upcoming events and meetings to mark on our calendars, PLEASE try to make it to at least one event or meeting when you can!

*****Saturday, Feb. 2nd – Snellville Lions Pancake breakfast (fundraiser), Council Of Governors/Camp For The Blind meeting at Warner Robbins, Special Olympics Spaghetti Supper (fundraiser) at Loganville Baptist Church, Shepherds Staff “Souper Bowl” (fundraiser) at Loganville Methodist Church. YES, ALL ON THE SAME DAY!!!!** It's that time again...Souper Bowl Supper time that is! We are having our 2nd Annual Soup supper, Saturday, February 2nd at Loganville First United Methodist Church from 5PM to 7PM. Athens Tech Culinary Department along with Claude's on the Bayou, Ms. Dot's Restaurant and Cup & Saucer will be providing soup along with local churches and other individuals. Come eat in, take out or do both! Makes a great Super Bowl supper pre-game meal! We will do delivery to any business/group/church that lets us know prior to 5PM the day of the event. Ticket prices are as follows:

\$10 All You Can Eat (Unlimited soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

\$7 for 2 Bowls (2 Bowls of soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

\$5 for 1 Bowl (1 Bowl of soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

If you are interested & able to serve in the following capacities, please let me know: Set Up Tables/Kitchen Prep: 2PM - 5PM = Serving Soup/Table Wipe Down: 4:30PM - 7PM Kitchen Crew - Running the Commercial = Dishwasher: 4:30PM - 7:30PM Clean-Up Crew: 7PM - 8:30PM OR if you'd like to provide a dessert or a gallon or two of your "best" soup, we would gladly accept!

***Tuesday, Feb. 5th – LLLC Board Meeting, 6:30PM**

***Friday, Feb. 8th – LLLC Lunch Meeting, 11:30AM**

***Tuesday, Feb. 12th – LLLC Dinner Meeting, 6:30PM**

Please contact me if you have any questions and know that I am always open to submit suggestions, concerns, and ideas to better our club! Any of you who missed the Jan. Tuesday night meeting, Ms. Ivy Morgan passed “LEO” to Cyndi, Caitlin, & Allen Simmons. See pictures attached... Also, during that meeting we donated \$250 to Children’s Miracle Network through I HOP and bought, between club & members, \$500 in raffle tickets w/ proceeds to Camp For The Blind. In other news, the 5 families LLLC bought Christmas Day food and gifts for, were VERY thankful and appreciative.

LLLC would like to have a RELAY FOR LIFE team this year so please let me know if you are interested ASAP, I will contact you with more info. Together we can continue to do great things! LLLC is forming a team to support Relay For Life. Our team name is, LLLC “Lions Roar for a Cure!” Please make every effort to join our team but if you can’t, consider making a donation. We are not asking LLLC to make a donation but asking all members to help support the cause in any way they can. Many of us have experienced the battle of cancer through family, friends, and co workers, we even have members of our club that have been affected. You can join the team or make donations online. If you have any questions please contact team captain Beverly Hollis, beverlyhollis1@comcast.net or call 678-754-8348 or Kim Moore, kim@moorebus.com or call 770-630-8645. Thank you!

[View the TEAM page for LLLC Lions Roar for a Cure!](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?team_id=1334930&pg=team&fr_id=52796&fl=en_US&et=ZOqIJjKXKNUWrrvkPheDzg&s_tafId=1058956) If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

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In our last email I mentioned that LLLC will have a team at Relay For Life this year. We are now registered and ready to get rolling on the fundraising. Unlike other organizations we donate to, we are going to try to raise money by asking EACH member to donate whatever amount they can, not pulling from the club’s finances. All of us, I’m sure, have known someone or have a family member who has had a battle with cancer, including some of our members. We want to show our support and love by being a part of relay! The date is Friday, April 26th 7:00 PM at Monroe Area High School. Our team is “LLLC Lions Roar for a Cure!” and we will have a canopy with our club banner and decorations, our “Lions Den.” The event goes on all night and into the next day! Each team is expected to have someone walk the track for the entire night, trading out with other team members after a few laps. If you cannot walk that is fine, you can stay at the lions den if you need to. We encourage all our members to join the team and have a great turnout for opening ceremonies at 7PM. After that you can stay or go, or leave and come back. There are many activities and vendors during this event and it is family friendly. We will have a great time and Mark Hollis even said he would grill hamburgers and hot dogs to sell. If you go to the Relay For Life website, Walton County, it gives all the information and answers many questions you may have. There is no cost to you except a donation and if you want to join in, sign up to join the LLLC team online or contact one of us to get you signed up. Team Captain- Beverly Hollis-678-754-8348, beverlyhollis1@comcast.net Co Captain- Kim Moore-770-630-8645, kim@moorebus.com We hope to hear from you soon, thank you so much!

Norcross Lions Club = Speakers: Tania Diaz of Safe Kids Gwinnett and Lieutenant Colin S. Rhoden, Public Information Officer, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services. PDG John Rudert attended the GA Lions Lighthouse meeting as the District Director and member of the board. In addition, he and Lion Trudy attended the Trustees meeting and the Lighthouse Volunteer Luncheon. VDG Ed Hashbarger and Lion Yoriko also attended Lighthouse Volunteer Luncheon. PDG John Rudert worked 73 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Wes Luster also helped at the Optics Lab.

Toccoa Lions Club =

Toccoa Dates to Remember

Valentines Party – Thursday, February 14th – 7:00 pm - BJ's Restaurant
District Cabinet Meeting – Saturday, March 2nd – 10:00 am - Athens
Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, March 23rd – 7:00 – 10:00 am - Toccoa Elementary School
Martin Lions Chicken Que – March 23rd – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Martin Community Center
White Cane Drive - Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th
Lions District Family Picnic – Sunday, April 28th – 2:00 PM - Fairgrounds, Comer, GA
80th Anniversary Banquet – Thursday, May 9th – 7:00 pm – Gate Cottage
Chilly Open Golf Outing - May ___ - Site TBD
Lions Little League Team Picnic – Thursday, May 23rd – Site TBD
State Convention – May 31st – June 2nd - Augusta

Attached is a picture of Lion Beverly Vanderhoef who ran the peace poster contest. She is showing the club members that the winning posters that were featured on the front cover of the 2013 calendar.

Attached is a picture of three of our peace poster contest winners holding the 2013 peace poster calendar with the art work on the front cover.



Towns County Lions Club = Tuesday evening, 8 Jan., was an exciting night for the Towns County Lion's club as they met for their regular meeting at the Anderson Music Hall. It's always exciting to welcome and induct a new service-oriented member and members watched proudly as Ellen Mitchell stood and took her oath and became a full-fledged member the Lions Club. She was sponsored by Allan and Deborah Saylor. Myers Banister did the honors of swearing her in. After a delicious meal prepared by Daniel's Steakhouse, First Vice President Janice Smith introduced the evening's guest speaker, Scarlett Fuller. Fuller is the Lake Chatuge Coordinator for the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition. She holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Armstrong Atlantic State University and a master's degree in Environmental Health from the University of Georgia. Fuller came equipped with a PowerPoint of the Lake Chatuge Watershed area and presented facts regarding the history of the Coalition and the mission to which they are committed. Fuller talked about her role as Lake Chatuge coordinator and the programs she is involved in including lake programs, water quality monitoring, restoration projects and environmental education programs through the schools. "My focus is right here in the Lake Chatuge area," said Fuller. She also informed the eager listeners about some of the projects she has been actively involved in since becoming the Lake Chatuge coordinator. She discussed the Rivers Alive Project in which the community came together to clean-up areas around Lake Chatuge. She also educated the folds on the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program as she handed out business cards and brochures and invited them to become active in this very worthwhile program. "Communities and eco-systems alike thrive on the health of our rivers, streams and lakes," she said. "Our economies depend on healthy rivers and lakes to draw tourism, increase property values, and provide natural settings for high quality living," she said. "I feel really good knowing that my efforts are helping to protect Lake Chatuge for those who come after," said Fuller. At the end of her informative presentation, Fuller received a hearty Lion-fashion round of applause and many folds stepped forward afterward to talk with her about what they can do to help keep the streams and water systems on their property healthy.



February 28th (evening) - Read Across America Kick-off will begin at Towns County Elementary School, We need FIVE volunteers for a readers theater. The story we're doing is a fable: *The Lion and The Mouse* (very appropriate for Lions Club volunteers!). You need NOTHING special to participate. Laurie will have copies of the script at our next meeting. PLEASE consider participating - it's a chance for our club to be involved in a community project outside of the fair. If you'd like to contact Laurie, please feel free. If you'd be interested in volunteering to read to a class, or listen to individual students read aloud, please let me know. This could either be a one-time thing done the last week in February or a reoccurring commitment. Laurie Main can be reached at [706-835-6200](tel:706-835-6200)



Justin Moore
March 1, 2013
7:00 PM

Tickets - On Sale February 1
Level 1: \$36.00 + Handling
Level 2: \$26.00 + Handling



Rodney Atkins
Date & Ticket Information
to be Announced



Three Dog Night
March 9, 2013
7:00 PM

Tickets - On Sale
February 1
Level 1: \$37.00 +
Handling



The Bankers Hour
April 27th, 2013
(On Sale February 1)



Journey former lead singer
Steve Augeri
Boston former lead singer
Fran Cosmo

March 23, 2013
7:00 PM
Tickets - On Sale February 8
Level 1: \$41.00 + Handling



Georgia Mountain
EggFest
May 17 & 18, 2013

Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 2 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected:** No report. **Activities/Community Service Activities -** Board established committee to look into the formation of a Leo's Club. Board discussed the upcoming Trash and Treasures fund raiser to be held Feb 9. Lion Lisa read a thank-you the Wilderness Scouts for our recent donation. She also read a letter from a senior at Woody Gap school for our support of their scholarship fund. **Programs:** 17Jan - Introduction of guest speaker by Lion Mary Arnold: Ray Trimble who heads up local Recycle for Union County with aim to "Make Union County the Greenest County in Georgia". Thus far, Union County only doing 'fair' on the recycle program. 25 billion styrofoam cups go in landfills & are non-degradable. Same with plastic bags & 100 billion of them go into landfills. In addition to our local Recycle Transfer Station there are 7 neighborhood recycling stations. Mr. Trimble gave out 'shopping bags' to use instead of plastic. Also had 2 hand-outs with lots of info. February meeting falls on Valentine Day, 14 so meeting will be at Blairsville Restaurant. Choice of meat, New York strip or chicken, etc. It will be 'seated meal'. Price about \$14 or so per person. 24Jan - Lion Carol Neil presented \$500 donation from her brother Don Neil and family. In was made in Memory of his late wife and son and deceased Lion Herbert Arnold. Lion Gray Williams and Lion Joan Shaw discussed plans for this year's White Cane. It is to be held on April 19 and 20. Lion Mary discussed Trash and Treasures to be held Feb 9th. Of the 50 total spaces only 12 are left.



WORKING LIONS - 135 hours
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS
 ASSISTING LIONS – 130 hours
 Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by
 Union County Lions *NEWS* Articles: 3 submitted.

White County Lions Club – It is the beginning of a new year and time to start fresh once again. Our meeting last night was very informative. Dr. Calvin Dalton gave a presentation on the plight of some of our school children. It appears that a shocking percentage of cannot read through NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. They suffer from a number of different eye problems. Some cannot focus on a page, others cannot track a sentence on a page, and others have eyes that work independently of each other. These kids are learning to fail and have poor self-esteem as a result. Calvin is undertaking a therapy program that will train these kids to overcome their problem and be able to read properly and improve their school work. This is an ambitious program and we wish him well . I am sure that our club will support his efforts. There was little business to conduct. Charlotte and Tommy Miller inquired about how to help a friend of theirs who need glasses but has very little income. Howard will see that they get applications for their friend. The meeting adjourned. We still need more members. Please come and invite your friends to visit and consider membership.

Winder Noon Lions Club = The club supported the blood drive held at the Winder First United Methodist Church by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors are provided with a snack and a drink after they have given blood. The club recognized a Junior Class Student from each of the two Barrow County High Schools as Junior of the Month. They are selected by their principals for their outstanding achievements in academics and participation in service activities. 111 pairs of glasses were collected for recycling during January 2013 by the Winder Noon Lions Club.

Toccoa Lions Club

~ **February 2013** ~

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

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

April 2013

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

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

May 2013 (*Recycle for Sight Month*)

17th – Lions Golf Outing – Site TBA

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

Jefferson Lions

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

Saturday, March 16, 2013 Pancake Supper

Saturday, April 20, 2013 White Cane

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

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

Monday, June 24, 2013 Officer Installation



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

Mark Bradley, Region III Zone I Chairman - 706-654-5693- marktireman@windstream.net
Tuesday February 12th

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

Bill Graham, Region I Zone I Chairman - 706-779-6990 - blueberryfarm@windstream.net
April 2nd, 2013 7pm, Lavonia Lions Club, Lavonia Community Center, Lavonia, GA.
Topic to be developed from issues and needs of Zone/District.

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

Louise Little, Region II Zone I Chairman – 706-374-6638 – genelittle@hotmail.com
Feb. 19th



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have you ASKed?**

Did you submit yours?

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VP Lion John Rudert, PDG
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

REPORT: There have been many changes at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation since I reported to the Council on November 10, 2012. I will first provide an update on the services and finances of the Lighthouse and then address the changes.

Services and costs

From July 1 through December 31, 2012, the Lighthouse had provided vision services to 2585 people; 1342 people had received eye examinations and 2419 people had received eyeglasses through our vision clinics. [From July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, the Lighthouse had provided 2309 people with vision services; 1287 with eye examinations and 2223 with eyeglasses]. The clinic costs, as a result of the purchase of equipment and supplies, for this year has been \$47,394.98. We have provided 236 surgeries at the actual cost of \$225,844.96, as a result of medical discounts of \$1,178,606.39. [From July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, the Lighthouse had provided 174 people with surgery services at actual costs of \$234,519.32]. Surgery coordinator Victoria Jordan advised us that the reduction in costs come from a reduction in the cost of cataract surgeries.

The hearing aid program has served 518 people with 956 hearing aids, for a cost of \$299,559.99. The funding for the hearing aid program comes from the Georgia Public Service Commission (\$297,000.00) and client co-pays (\$98,428.00).

Finances

The 2012-13 budget set income and expenses at \$2,280,000. Of this, the income was to be generated from public support (such as from Lions Clubs, grants, and other collections) and from revenue generated from the Lighthouse (such as client co-pays, salvage, rental income, the optical shop, and the set-aside maintenance fund). As of December 31, 2012, the Lighthouse had collected \$769,682.91 (or 39.52%) from public support and \$134,836.54 (or 39.67%) from revenue. The Lighthouse had expended \$43,451.42 (or 42.52%) on its programs and services, including the vision clinics, surgeries, and hearing aid program, and management and general operations.

Each of the MD 18 districts has made contributions, including general club donations (totaling \$31,384.49), white cane (totaling \$13,760.45), luminary society (totaling \$17,435.00) and memorial, honorary, ten million dollar club, and the Tom Bingham award (totaling \$1,255.00). Of note, donations in 18-A, B, C, and E have exceeded the donations made in these districts last year!

The Board of Directors

I have now been chair for just under three months, having been approved by the Board of Directors at their November 3, 2012 meeting after the resignation of Chair Past Council Chair Sandy Mercer. During my tenure, the Board of Directors have communicated frequently with the Board of Directors by email and have had one late-December conference call and our January 26, 2013 Board meeting. The Board has approved changes to the Lighthouse staff's retirement plan (to simplify the investments), received the audit and proposed 990 tax return from our accountants, recommended amendments to the constitution in light of the MD 18 redistricting, withdrawn our approval of the strategic plan (which had been adopted by the Board of Directors on November 3, 2012), and withdrawn our proposed vote on the proposed constitution.

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Service Numbers

From July to December 2012

People having eye exams
123 were from 18-D

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
30 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation
72 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:

4 Dec
Athens

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:

Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274
eskiemom@bellsouth.net



The Board of Directors has asked for corrections to the 990, but expects to approve it during a March conference call.

As of today, the Board of Directors is comprised as follows: Chair, PCC Kembra Smith; Vice-Chair, PCC Grace Clower; Secretary, Leslie Miller; Treasurer, Past District Governor (“PDG”) Lew Waldrop; 18-A DD PCC Mark Miller; 18-B DD Cindy Waldrop; 18-C DD PDG Georgia Taylor; 18-D DD PDG John Rudert; 18-E DD Jacki Dixon; 18-F PCC Bill Craig; and Member at Large PDG June Phillips. We hope to have the remaining five Member at Large vacancies filled soon.

As Chair, I called for the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board met on January 5, 2013, and has been at work ever since. They recommended that the proposed constitution be rejected and are working on, among other things, constitutional revisions, which will be reviewed by the Lions of Georgia and then presented to the Lighthouse’s Governance Committee.

The Lighthouse’s Trustees met with the Lighthouse’s new endowment management company, Merrill Lynch, on Saturday, January 26, 2013, and, after hearing Merrill Lynch’s proposals, recommended to the Finance Committee that Merrill Lynch’s suggestion to raise the limits on the investment of diversified portfolio of non-investment grade bonds from 5 to 10% of the Foundation’s assets. Merrill Lynch has agreed to provide the Trustees with an update on the portfolio and of their investment strategy quarterly, and will be conducting a session for the Trustees during the MD 18 convention.

The Lighthouse’s largest fundraiser, Night of Spectacles, is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013 in Atlanta. The Night of Spectacles is chaired by Emory Eye Care Center Director Lion Dr. Tim Olsen, and his committee has been meeting regularly, with the goal of raising \$250,000. As of January 26, 2013, they have received over \$80,000 in donations, including a week-long stay at a vacation home in London (which will be auctioned off during the evening). If you are interested in donating goods or services to this event, the Lighthouse’s Special Events coordinator Sarah Liz Buckley would love to hear from you.

The Lighthouse is also holding three other fundraising events that we’d like for you to add to your calendar: Eye Candy (a “women-only” silent auction) on February 28, 2013 in Atlanta; the Taste of Chamblee (an event hosted by the Lighthouse and the City of Chamblee, offering restaurant tastings and music) in September 2013; and a Vision and Hearing Walk and 5K Run sometime during the fall. As a result of Board of Director concerns for keeping Lions involved and able to participate at the events, the Taste of Chamblee was moved from the same weekend as the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Staff

Ms. Lennon resigned from her position effective January 31, 2013. The Board signed an agreement with Ms. Lennon, which protects the Lighthouse and provides for a transition plan for the Lighthouse staff through June 30, 2013.

The Board of Directors will be advertising the position within the next few weeks, and hopes to have a new Executive Director in place by June 2013. A search committee has been established, which will screen the applicants and assist the Board of Directors in the hiring process.

Respectfully submitted,
Chair Kembra Smith

**Mark your calendars for these
Upcoming Events**



**Night of Spectacles -
April 27, 2013**

**Watch local doctors hit
the runway and model
dresses made from
recycled eyewear at this
spring fashion show!**



6th Annual

night of spectacles

**April 27, 2013
The Buckhead Theatre
7PM-11PM**



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



Dear Georgia Lions,



I spent this past weekend planning for this up and coming summer. Our theme this summer is going to be "Rise Up." I am so excited to see all that lay in front of us. Together we can Rise Up!

When I first started working here, I was surprised that the campers would call, and truth be told, I thought it was a little weird. It didn't take me long to realize why they were calling. They call because camp is what they look forward to the most. They call because here they aren't the minority. They call because here we provide Hope.

Hope of what? A better tomorrow. A changed belief system about oneself. A place where your disability doesn't label you as disabled. An opportunity to make lifelong friends. Where the desire to be an active part of society is expected. A place where they are given the chance to triumph and fail. A place where they can Rise Up.

So often, people don't realize the difference they are making when they choose to invest in GLCB. You are literally changing lives for the better. Keep investing, but don't just give us your money. We want your heart. Invest your life. I will tell you that if you truly invest your heart, we won't have a problem at all meeting budget.

How can you invest your life?

1. Find a camper and make sure they can get to camp.
2. Come to work weekends and bring other Lions with you. Physically give of yourself.
3. Tell people about the Camp. Be passionate. You talk about what you care about.
4. Give monetarily. We are stewards of what you as Lions give us.
5. Come to Lions' Day. See how your life investment is actually changing someone else's life for the better!

This is the icing on the cake.

Kristen

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary

Dear Georgia Lions,

Christmas has come and gone again; 2013 is already upon us with all our new resolutions fresh in our minds. Our Camp Director has already "hit the ground running", and you Lions know how much energy she exudes wherever she is. She, without any hesitation, lead this Camp through a grueling 2012, and still retains all the vigor and desire to move this Camp to heights she dreams of. Even when resources are lacking, she rises to the occasion and somehow works it out with our Lord's help. Our dream is for our Campers, first and foremost.



Thanks for all your cooperation. I anticipate great things for 2013 because we will all be aspiring to do better than our best when needs arise. If, at any time, a problem arises with improper acknowledgements, letters, or anything else, please bring it to my attention via phone or email, so I can get it corrected promptly.

Wishing you all health, happiness, and prosperity,

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary

Fellow Lions:

Christmas Camp, held December 1-3, 2012, was very successful and a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season. 65 Campers, ages 8 to 79, sang carols, made ornaments, decorated Christmas cookies, went on a hayride, made sno-cones, put on a talent show, and had fun. But their favorite thing was shopping at Wal-Mart for gifts to give to someone in need! They picked out every item and “shopped til they dropped”.

We are gearing up for the redistricting by electing 4 new Vice Presidents and 4 new Trustees from each new District. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee met in January preparing that document to reflect the change.

The 2013 Summer Camp Schedule has been approved. Dates to remember are:

March 1-3	Hosting the Leo Conference
March 15-17	Work Weekend at the Camp
April 5-7	Work Weekend at the Camp
May 31	Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention
June 3 - 7	Family Camp - Summer Camp Begins
June 10 - 18	Pre-Teens
June 21 - 28	Older Adults
July 5 - 12	Young Adults
July 15 - 24	Teens
July 20	Lions Day at the Camp



The drawing for the Gator Raffle will be held February 3rd during the Board of Directors meeting. We are hoping that the Lions are supporting this project.

Also during the meeting February 3, those who pledged so much per pound will have to pay up when Vice President District A Fred Carlson weighs in again. Lion Fred went on a diet in September and those who attended the September meeting pledged so much per pound he would lose by the February meeting. We will have those pledge cards at the meeting if you have forgotten what you pledged.

We definitely have financial concerns and continue looking for ways to solve the income to the General Fund. This fund pays the bills of the day-to-day operation of the Camp, as well as pays for the summer Camping Season. We regretfully did have to borrow another \$50,000.00 from our Trust Fund in November to help us get through until funds from club projects started coming in. We just cannot keep doing this. The campers need us to fix this situation!

We are very happy to have the Council of Governors with us this weekend. Thank you for your support of our Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

/Doy/

Lion Doy J. Barks, President

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.



Once again, another year has come and gone! It is time now to start preparing for all the events that will soon be upon us. Winter meeting, work weekends, clean-up projects, and most of all summer camp! It will all be here before we can lay 6000 bricks.

Most of you should know that we did get to use the Bunkhouse dorms this Christmas. We also were able to have it available for a group that rented the camp ground this past weekend. I believe they had about 70 people that stayed overnight on Friday and Saturday. It looks like the addition of this building is going to be nothing but a positive resource for any future prospects. It will also save us on utility fees when it can be used instead of the bigger dorm building.

I am working on our projects list that we will try to accomplish this year on our work weekends. There are plenty of things that I would like to see get done this year, or hopefully in the near future. One thing for sure is that there will always be a list! I am still in need of that floor buffing machine for the dorms and dining hall floors.

Well, the weather outside is about 70° and it is January!! I removed some Christmas lights while wearing a tee shirt and shorts! What's up with this weather? But you know what, I like it!! Oh yeah, mentioning the bricks earlier, they are still waiting on you Mr. Paul:) Bring yourself a good rubber hammer and some knee pads.

Mike Williams

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction 2013 State Convention



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



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

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

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

The 2nd fundraiser that will be taking place is the 3rd Annual Gwinnett Braves/Lions Baseball game to support the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The game this year will be on Saturday, May 18th and the Gwinnett Braves will be playing the Louisville Bats. Tickets are still \$8 per person and if we sell over 200 tickets, \$3 will go to the Camp. Last year there were over 250 tickets sold throughout the District and at \$3 per ticket, the Camp realized over \$750 from the clubs that supported this fundraiser. Now, for the really super news = If you or anyone you know is a collector of "Bobblehead" figures, the GBraves will be "Freddy Freeman Bobblehead Night" and they will be giving away a *Freddy Freeman Bobblehead*. I know that the Bobbleheads will be limited, so put this date on your calendar now and start looking for friends, neighbors and business acquaintances that would like to attend. I will be getting you the forms with all the information.



**Join the Gwinnett Braves and
the Lions Clubs of Georgia**

**Saturday May 18th, 7:05 PM
vs. Louisville Bats**

Seats are located in the
BASELINE BOX (\$8)

Order form and payment must be received FRIDAY, April 19TH

All checks payable to your local Lions Club
Return order forms to your local Lions Club

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2013 GWINNETT BRAVES ORDER FORM RETURN BY April 19th

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Ticket Price	Number of Tickets	Amount Due
BASELINE BOX	\$8	
Total Amount Due		
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB		

*Children 2 and under do not require a ticket if they will not be sitting in their own seat *



Return order forms and payment to your local
Lions Club by April 19th

Tickets will be available at the Gwinnett Lions
Club private will call table at the game on May
18th, 2013

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Atlanta VisionWalk



Foundation Fighting Blindness

VisionWalk is a signature fundraising event of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Over 10 Million Americans are affected by blinding retinal diseases including macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and Usher syndrome. The Foundation Fighting Blindness is working to find treatments and cures for these devastating diseases. By funding leading edge research in area such as genetics, gene therapy, transplantation, artificial retinal implants and pharmaceutical and nutritional therapies. The Foundation Fighting Blindness is making a difference today to make the world a brighter place for those suffering with retinal degenerative diseases.

Walk Information:

Date: March 24, 2013

Location: *Piedmont Park
1320 Monroe Drive, NE
Atlanta, GA 30306*

Time: *Registration- 2:00 PM
Walk Begins- 3:00 PM*

2013 Kick Off

Thank you to everyone who attended the VisionWalk Kick Off celebration! If you were not able to join us, but would like more information on VisionWalk, please contact Lesley Ireland L.Ireland@FightBlindness.org or 919-781-8014.

Sponsorship Campaign

Spread the word to businesses and corporations by asking for their sponsorship support. Sponsorship solicitation is easy and rewarding. To order your sponsorship packets or for more info about making the ask, please contact Lesley Ireland at 919-781-8014 or L.Ireland@FightBlindness.org

Have You Collected Checks

Send them in to our office to watch your thermometer climb!

Foundation Fighting Blindness
Attn: Atlanta VisionWalk
4600 Marriott Drive, Suite 340
Raleigh, NC 27612

For more information or to register, contact: Lesley Ireland, Events Manager 919-781-8014 ■
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Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey



GEORGIA LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

*From eating hot dogs to meeting a famous baseball star,
GA Lions Club at Turner Field invites individuals and
High School Baseball Teams to the annual fundraising event.*

(MediaQuire) Georgia Lions Club invites you to support the *Leader Dogs for the Blind* and buy your tickets to watch the Braves vs. San Francisco Giants on Saturday, June 15th.

Georgia Lions Club day at Turner Field is a fundraising event for *Leader Dogs for the Blind* with proceeds of ticket sales, cash donations and T-shirt sales will go to *Leader Dogs for the Blind*. There are 25 Lions Clubs throughout Georgia who will be sponsoring a High School Baseball team to attend the Braves game. There will be 15 tickets per team available as well as individual tickets sold to supporters of the *Leader Dogs of Lions*.

In addition, *Georgia Lions Club* at Turner Field will have a variety of game perks that will include; a hot dog lunch, a "locker room tour", and the chance to meet a retired baseball star. Everyone is invited to attend this game, so purchase tickets while they are available.

The Lions Club supports **Leader Dogs for the Blind - Leader Dog's Mission** is to "Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel and work."

Come join the fun: Atlanta Braves vs San Francisco Giants.
Saturday June 15th | 4:00 p.m.

Donations from ticket sales will help benefit someone to get a Leader Dog.

Visit www.atlantalion.org for more information.



Guide Dog Program



Clients coming to Leader Dog to receive a guide dog complete a 26-day training program that includes country, city and nighttime travel, how to incorporate a Leader Dog into a daily routine, and dog care knowledge. Upon arrival to Leader Dog, clients learn how to work with a guide dog, including commands, making corrections, proper praise and physically caring for a dog. On day three, clients are matched with a trained dog with consideration made to lifestyle, travel pace, physical size and stamina.

Leader Dog recognizes the needs associated with diversity and the demands of balanced lifestyles and careers. We strive to meet the special needs of our clients with accommodations such as Spanish-speaking instructors, late evening diabetic snacks and one of only two existing [programs for individuals who are both deaf and blind](#).

Prerequisites and Requirements

- 16 years of age and older.
- Legal blindness, which is defined as a visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction or restriction in the visual field of less than 20 degrees.
- Good mental and physical health, including the ability to walk several blocks.
- Successful completion of a basic course in orientation and mobility.
- A short [video demonstrating independent travel skills](#) is required.

Program Overview

- Challenge Level: Moderate to difficult
- Class Length: 26 days
- Classes Offered Annually: 12

Program Costs

The guide dog program is offered free of charge at our residential campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan, including:

- expenses for public transportation to students traveling within North America
- room and board

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Deaf-Blind Guide Dog Program



Leader Dogs for the Blind currently graduates four to six Deaf-Blind clients from its guide dog program each year. Clients in this program are trained by instructors who communicate with clients in American Sign Language (ASL).

Dogs trained for the Deaf-Blind recognize and respond to hand signals and ASL with or without vocal support. It is important to note that these dogs are trained solely to guide—not to be hearing dogs.

Prerequisites and Requirements

- Good mental and physical health, including the ability to walk several blocks.
- Above average orientation and mobility skills.
- Ability to cross streets with methods developed prior to attending the training course. Examples of these methods include: message cards, taped message device, public assistance or relying on remaining vision.
- A short [video demonstrating the independent travel skills](#) is required.

Program Overview

- Challenge Level: Moderate to Difficult
- Training Period: 25 days
- Classes Offered Annually: 2–3

Program Costs

The Deaf-Blind guide dog program is offered free of charge at our residential campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan, including:

- expenses for public transportation to students traveling within North America
- room and board



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

[New Research Points to Better Test Scores for Readers With Disabilities Who Use Audiobooks](#)



PRINCETON, NJ – Students with print disabilities who have access to audiobooks significantly outperform their peers in reading tests, according to a recent study conducted by the national nonprofit Learning Ally, the nation's leading provider of accessible audiobook learning resources for students with disabilities such as dyslexia and visual impairment.

Focusing on 2010 and 2011 AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress data, a publicly available measure of year-to-year achievement on statewide assessment tests), Learning Ally's study captured results for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) that are designed to meet the needs of a child with a disability. By comparing statewide assessment reading scores among students with disabilities, the study calculated scores for every school in several states to understand how they compared to the overall state average. Its findings highlighted that schools which actively adopt Learning Ally services clearly outperform others in state assessments of reading/English language arts among students with IEPs.

"The data analyzed in this study indicates that something is clearly different about Learning Ally schools," said Paul Edelblut, Learning Ally's VP of Programs and Services.



"In 10 out of 11 comparisons across six states in 2011, and 12 out of 13 comparisons across seven states in 2010, schools using Learning Ally had more students who scored as 'Proficient' or 'Advanced Proficient' in standard reading tests. This kind of proficiency in reading skills shows that students are achieving to the level they need for life, and it shows that teachers and schools are meeting their mission.

"The fact that Learning Ally schools had more students scoring in the top 35 percent range of proficiency in 22 out of 24 instances lends credence to [earlier research conducted by Johns Hopkins and Rutgers University](#)," added Edelblut. "While more study is warranted, it is clear that schools actively using Learning Ally services outperform others in AYP Reading results for students with an IEP. This supports our long-held position that audiobooks help struggling students become better readers."

Educators and professionals interested in obtaining a full version of the study are invited to contact Paul Edelblut at pEdelblut@LearningAlly.org.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskciemom@bellsouth.net



As Canine Companions puppy Heaven began her journey to becoming an assistance dog, a little boy named Titus closed his eyes and made a wish.

With her parents support, Heather Shimabukuro took on the responsibilities of being Heaven's volunteer puppy raiser. "My favorite cousins have muscular dystrophy and I wanted to raise a puppy to be an assistance dog in their honor," Heather explains.

"I had a gut feeling that Heaven would be a great dog. We all loved her and wanted her to succeed so the whole family took on the job of raising her," Heather's mom Dawn shares. When the Shimabukuro family returned Heaven to Canine Companions for professional training there were tears...but there was a lot more.

"I felt proud. We all accomplished so much, and I knew Heaven would do amazing work," shares Heather.

While the Shimabukuro family was raising Heaven, Titus was praying. Titus is a little boy filled with joy and challenges with spina bifida. "Before we got to Canine Companions, Titus would pray every night for heaven to bring him a dog," Titus's mom, Valerie explains.

When Titus and Valerie arrived for Team Training it was obvious that Titus knew what having an assistance dog was all about. "I have spina bifida and the doctors said I wouldn't walk. But I can! I can't always pick stuff up off the ground, but now I'm going to get a dog to help me," shared Titus as he introduced himself.

Two weeks later Titus learned he would be going home with Heaven. "She's the bestest dog in the world! She's just like what I asked for," exclaimed Titus. On Team Training Graduation Day the Shimabukuro family met Titus and Valerie.

"I was in awe of Titus and his mom, Valerie. Titus deserves the world. He works harder just getting out of bed and going to the breakfast table than I do in a year," Dawn shares.

With Heaven, Titus doesn't have to work quite so hard to make it to the breakfast table.

"As he walks or crawls down the hall in the morning, Heavenly patiently waits by his side. And if Titus falls Heaven licks him and gives him help up. Titus will hold onto her collar, pull himself up and walk along side her. They are best buddies," says Valerie. Titus's dreams came true with increased independence and an assistance dog named Heaven because of your donation. *Make more dreams of independence come true by [purchasing \\$50 shares](#) of our Initial Puppy Offering!*



Lion
Diabetes Awareness Chair

[Sneak Peeks at Upcoming Diabetes Devices](#)

These diabetes devices in development weren't available in the United States by Oct. 10, 2012, our cutoff date for being included in the 2013 Consumer Guide.

Phone as meter

GMate Smart = The 2-ounce device plugs into an iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch, turning it into a [blood glucose meter](#). Open the related (and free) app, insert a test strip into the GMate Smart, and automatically upload readings to the app. The device plugs into the headphone jack, so unlike the very similar iBGStar, the GMate Smart will work with the iPhone 5 without an adapter. The meter has been approved in Europe and is awaiting FDA approval.

Smaller, tube-free pumps

OmniPod, second generation = The next generation of this tubeless [pump](#) will have a 33 percent smaller pod, which is worn on the body, with the same 200-unit reservoir. It has been approved by the FDA.

Solo = The small tubeless insulin pump (it's 2.4 inches long, 1.5 inches wide, and 0.5 inches thick) lets you deliver insulin via a handheld remote or by pressing buttons on the pump. The device hasn't been submitted to the FDA for approval.



All-purpose pump handset

Cellnovo = This system's remote-handset meter is glitzy—a thin color touch screen that also runs apps to help pumpers track blood glucose, food, and insulin. The rechargeable, buttonless pump with tubing is as bare-bones as they come. Users complete all pump functions from the handset. The device is approved in Europe but has not yet been submitted to the FDA.

On-the-skin glucose monitor

Symphony tCGM = Echo Therapeutics' novel device uses a sensor above the skin to track glucose. The needle-free technology includes a gadget that removes dead skin cells and prepares the body for a skin-patch biosensor that relays results to a remote monitor. The company plans to file for European approval early in 2013. (Learn more: "[Innovator: Patrick Mooney](#)")



Combo device

Animas Vibe = Take key features from the Animas insulin pump (color display, teensy basal rate increments), add a Dexcom CGM sensor, and—voilà!—you have the first combo pump from Animas. The company has not yet filed for FDA approval but says that it expects to in early 2013.

Low-glucose suspend

Paradigm Veo = Offering true progress toward an artificial pancreas device, Medtronic's Paradigm Veo insulin pump–CGM temporarily stops insulin delivery when blood glucose levels fall too low. The system is already available in Europe and has been submitted to the FDA for approval. (For more of what Medtronic has in the pipeline, see "[Innovator: John Mastrototaro](#)")



Quick data uploading

iGlucose = Hoping to do away with manual blood glucose logging, Positive ID's device connects to a meter and automatically generates charts, graphs, and logbook entries viewable on a secure website. The device has been approved for use in the United States but is not yet available.



Relief from nerve pain

Sensus = NeuroMetrix's pain-management device aims to calm pain due to diabetic [neuropathy](#). A cuff outfitted with electrodes straps to the calf and delivers electric pulses that stimulate the nerves. According to the company, the Sensus reduces pain transmissions, lessening the ouch. The company announced in January 2013 that it had put the device on the market.

Longer insulin action

Tresiba = This ultra-long-acting insulin (insulin degludec) appears to have longer duration than current basal insulins and may reduce the risk of [hypoglycemia](#) while offering more freedom in dosing at different times each day. If approved by the FDA, the insulin is expected to launch in the U.S. sometime in 2013 (it's on the market in Japan).



American Diabetes Association
TourdeCure



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

[Atlanta, GA](#)

May 19, 2013



Finalist from USA: Lions Clubs International 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest -

Grace Halley a 12 year old student from Gwinnett County and the entry came through the Snellville Lions Club. Congratulations to Grace!

Our World, Out Future

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

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

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

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

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

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



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Our World, Out Future

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

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

The contest theme is "Imagine Peace."

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

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

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

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

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

Kits are available 15 January – 1 October 2012:

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

Grace Halley a 12 year old student from Gwinnett County and our MD18 Peace Poster winner has finished in the final top 25 of all world wide entries. The overall winner will be selected this Friday. I am told this is the first time a Georgia Peace Poster has advanced to the final top 25. Congratulations Grace and we will keep our fingers crossed for the top prize. The entry came through the Snellville Lions Club.

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

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MD18 LEO

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There are some exciting things happening with the LEO program in MD18! There have been new 2 LEO clubs chartered this year- the Knights of the Leo in 18-B (26 charter members, sponsored by the Savannah Lions club), and the Jackson County H.S. Leo club in 18-E (22 charter members, sponsored by the Greater Butts County Lions club. MD18 LEO now has 35 Alpha LEO clubs as listed at LCI-and growing! We're only halfway through the Lion year and I'm hearing that there may more chartered soon so our goal of 5 new LEO clubs this year is within reach!

As you know the MD18 LEO Gathering and Conference will be held next month at our Camp in Waycross. The theme for this year is "The LEOscars!" and the committee is currently working on some exciting activities and events around the theme. I will be holding leadership seminars separately for the Leos and Advisors/Faculty Advisors and another topic for everyone. As we have always done we will be doing work projects to get the Camp ready for summer. If you have not been to a Gathering/Conference I invite you to come be with these dedicated young people!

We still do not have up-to-date information from a number of our Leo clubs so in Savannah the LEO Council was divided into two-person teams and assigned 4-6 Leo clubs. They were to contact each and get current information, get "in the loop" with MD18 Leo activities/events, and invite to meetings and the Gathering. The teams will be reporting at the Waycross Council meeting. My goal is to have every club's information properly documented and reported to both us and LCI. If they are inactive we will be working with the sponsoring Lions club to determine how to move forward.

With the packets for the Gathering/Conference I will be sending an attachment for all awards our Leo clubs may apply. PLEASE encourage your Lions to work with their Leos and submit for all recognitions that they qualify. As you know we announce one at the State Convention (Georgia LEO Club of Service) but there

are many more that clubs would probably receive IF THEY APPLY. I will be working with my fellow committee members on this.

The Clarke Middle School LEO Club received the LEO Club Excellence Award from LCI for 2011-2012! This is the 4th time in 5 years this club has received the highest award LCI presents to a Leo club! They were one of 56 clubs (out of over 5500 worldwide) for that year! More MD18 LEO clubs SHOULD and COULD apply for this (one recipient/district, to be determined by DG and District LEO Chair) - let's get one of these for ALL our districts this year!

I will be participating in my first webinar for the Leo Advisory Panel this Thursday. I have to work that day so am working with LCI to find out which one (they have different ones for the different constitutional areas) I can do. I'm looking forward to sharing information and ideas with my fellow Lions and Leos and will keep the Councils informed. I have attached to this report an Income Statement showing the financial status of MD18 LEO. For a number of reasons I recommend that the Council appoint a committee to audit the records before the end of this Lion year. I can have them available for the State Convention in Augusta.

I am sorry I cannot be at this meeting but as you know I only get one weekend a month off work. I was just at the Lighthouse meetings in Macon and with February being a short month (and the fact that I have to take 2/24 to get Continuing Education hours for my Optician's License) I couldn't arrange to be there. As always I will be available for any questions the Council may have.

In Service,
Stephen R. Helwig
MD18 Leo Club Program Chair

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

Avoid making unflattering comparisons between siblings' work and talents: Please don't say things like—"You sure can't tell a story as good as your brother." or "Why can't you paint a pretty picture like your sister."

Encourage ingenious humor: Humor helps kids take joy in their creative intelligence. Laugh together often, and don't be shy about saying "You tickled my funny bone with that one!"



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In the Community

Lions expanding their 'vision' for students Local clubs have provided training, materials for Lions Quest

For many years, local Lions clubs have provided free vision screening to county students. Now, the clubs are expanding their assistance to local schools.

Four local Lions clubs are now helping guidance counselors in Franklin and Bedford county elementary schools enhance the academic, social and emotional development of students.

The Rocky Mount, Ferrum, Moneta and Smith Mountain Lake Lions clubs have provided counselors with training and materials for Lions Quest, a life skills and prevention program of the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

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Courtesy Photo: Elaine Arbogast is the guidance counselor at Lee M Waid Elementary School and a certified instructor for Lions Quest for grades K-5.

In grades K-5, students learn to accept responsibility, communicate effectively, set goals, make healthy decisions and resist pressure to use alcohol or drugs.

The goal of the program is to bring school, community and family together to promote the development of healthy, responsible young people by supporting social and emotional learning, character development, positive behavior and commitment to service, according to program materials.

Lions Quest consists of comprehensive lessons that are implemented by classroom educators. The program is being taught as a stand-alone course, but it can be integrated into existing subject areas. "And the curriculum matches up nicely with the SOLs," Seale said.

In June, 11 guidance counselors from Franklin County elementary schools and 12 from Bedford County participated in the Lions Quest workshop at the Center for Energy Efficient Design (CEED) in Rocky Mount. The guidance counselors who participated in the workshop were required to complete the Lions Quest staff development training in order to teach the life skills curricula.

Each of the participating Lions clubs provides a liaison to the schools to determine each school's needs and provide additional assistance with the program, Seale said. The contact members from each club are Peggy Smith with the Ferrum Lions Club, Lowell Skelton and Kirk Sampson with the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, Seale with the Rocky Mount Lions Club, and Gloria Guice with the Moneta Lions Club.

The Rocky Mount Lions Club is hosting a concert on Dec. 1 in the Franklin County High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. to raise money for more program resources, Seale said. The concert will feature Russell Moore and IIIrd Tyme Out. Moore is the 2012 International Bluegrass Music Association's Male Vocalist of the Year. Tickets are \$15.

Eventually, the Lions clubs hope to expand the Lions Quest program into the middle schools and high schools in Franklin and Bedford counties.

The Lions Quest program has been implemented in 65 countries throughout the world, according to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

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

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