



GROW THE PRIDE



A Note from DG Vicki Hubbard

January has come and gone and we are headed to February full steam ahead. So where has the District Governor been and where is she going? On Saturday January 17, 2015 it was my honor to attend the 1st Anniversary celebration of the Oglethorpe County Lions club. There were over 34 members and guest present; there was great food and fellowship. President Roger Horton presented a "State of the Club" address, letting everyone know what service projects their clubs had worked on this past year. They have been helping out in both their communities and their schools. They are considering the opportunity of beginning a LEO club. Also, the Athens Lions Club celebrated their 90th year anniversary on Saturday January 24, 2015. They had a great turn out with all of their club members, many members from clubs that they had sponsored and many District guests. Their President Richard Cronic was a great Master of Ceremonies; member Angela Helwig shared the 90 year history of the club with all that were present. Their special guest speaker was PID Lowell Bonds from Hoover, AL, who was also, join by his wife Lion Carol. In January, we also held our 3rd Council of Governors meeting in Warner Robins, GA along with the Joint meetings of the GA Lions Lighthouse and the GA Lions Camp.

In February, I will be visiting the Thomason Camelia City Lions Club for their annual Valentine Banquet. Zone Chair Steve William will also be holding a Zone meeting at the North Hall Lions Club in Clermont on Saturday February 7th from 10am – 1pm. Ending the month out District O will have their District Convention in Americus, GA on Feb 27th and 28th, 2015.

I would like to congratulate the Lilburn Lions Club for chartering their new club in Lilburn Georgia. They chartered on January 22, 2015 with 25 members. They will be holding their Charter Night on Saturday, March 28, 2015. There will be more information forth coming; I would love to see them have a great attendance with many Lions from the District. A great big THANK YOU to PDG GMT Lion Dick Smith for the time and effort that he put forth to find the new members of the Lilburn club. Also, thanks to the Snellville Lions Club for sponsoring the new Lilburn Lions Club and PCC Lion Grace Clower and Lion Sonny Medlin for being the Certified Guiding Lions.

We would like to encourage you to send your MMR's and your service activities in on time by the end of each month. If you have any questions about the MMR's or are having trouble turning them in please don't hesitate in contacting our Cabinet Secretary, Lion Doreen Stallworth or myself and we will be glad to help you out. We have about ten clubs who are three or more months behind in reporting. Also, it is time to begin thinking about your club nominations for the officer positions in your clubs, the PU-101's are due to LCI by May 15, 2015

We continue on with our Centennial Service Challenge, our numbers are increasing. Please be sure to report the activities that you do concerning youth, hunger, environment and vision. If you have any questions is a service qualifies or how to report this please call our Centennial Service Challenge coordinator Lion Doreen Stalworth. As of January 30, 2015 District 18-I has reported 345 activities, with a total of 6,567 Lions hours and 26,455 people served. Twenty five clubs have participated by engaging our youth, eleven clubs have helped by protecting our environment, eighteen clubs have assisted with relieving the hunger campaign and twenty three clubs have helped with vision services. Let's make these numbers grow bigger in the months to come.

Don't forget that we are anxiously getting prepared for our District Convention in March; you will find a registration form in the newsletter. We will have a reception for ID Lion Jack Epperson and his wife, Lion Mary on Friday evening, March 6, 2015 and we will have our District Convention on Saturday March 7, 2015. We will have a day full of events with new member orientation training, the 3rd Cabinet Meeting, a fabulous luncheon, our District elections and our speaker ID Lion Jack. It will be a great day to be a Lion, please go ahead and mark your calendar and make plans to attend in March.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

18-I District Convention



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check your email or mail box

From Cabinet Secretary Doreen Stallworth...

I will notify club officers in our District the number of delegates to which they are entitled after a review of the January Club Health Assessment to determine the actual club membership as of February 1, 2015.

ARTICLE IX, Section 4: *Each Chartered Lions Club in good standing in the Association and its District shall be entitled in each annual Convention of its District to one (1) voting delegate or one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or a major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the District Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Only the duly certified and qualified Club Delegates or their Alternates, and any PAST District Governor presently a member of a Georgia Lions Club, shall be allowed to vote for the election of the District Governor.*

During registration at the 3rd Cabinet Meeting / Convention in Athens, please stop by to pick-up your delegate cards.

Mahalo! (“Thank you” in Hawaiian)
Lion Doreen Stallworth

Planning Ahead

Saturday

2 May 2015 ----- 12 Noon

4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic/Outing

Fort Yargo State Park – Winder, GA.
Mark this on your calendar and be prepared – this is FOR ALL.

New Officer Training begins at 9 am



Picnic begins at 12 Noon



Don't forget your Club Basket for the Silent Auction.



Please put an approximate value on the basket or item so initial bids can be established.

Planning Ahead

Do you have any upcoming events that can be put on District 18-I Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-District-18-I/512367472143850?ref=hl>

Send info to Ed Hashbarger



Saturday, 7 February = 7:30 – 10:30am Snellville Lions will be hosting our annual Benefit **Breakfast** at Snellville United Methodist Church (Wesley Hall). Tickets can be purchased from any Snellville Lions member. \$7 adult & \$4 for children (10 and under).



Saturday, 7 February = 4:00 to 7:30 PM – **Walton County Special Olympics Annual Spaghetti Supper (Loganville Legacy Lions Club)** – Loganville Baptist Church, 132 Church Street; \$7.00; tickets – Kim Wages at 770-363-0444.



Thursday, 12 February = 5:00 – 8:00 PM – **Covington Lions Club 13th Annual Chili Supper** (special recipe) – Lions clubhouse at 3120 Conyers Street (Academy Springs Park); tickets - \$5 all-you-can-eat with fixins and iced tea (desserts for a donation); tickets – Earl Stallworth at 770-860-1414.



Saturday, 14 February = 7:00 – 10:00 PM – **Loganville Legacy Lions Club 3rd Annual Father Daughter Valentine Dance** – Loganville 1st UMC at 221 Main Street; \$10 ticket; www.lionsfatherdaughterdance.com; call 678-313-3723 or 404-358-5966. Personally – my son and 9-year granddaughter, Kalia, enjoyed this quality time together these past 2 years. Kalia thoroughly enjoyed the “dress up” and fun with other young girls.



Saturday, 28 March = 9:30 – 11:30 AM – **Forsyth County Lions Club – 2nd Annual Breakfast with The Easter Bunny**, Sharon Springs Park, 1950 Sharon Road, Cumming; \$6 advance tickets; \$7 onsite; children (under 12) \$3 advance; \$4 onsite – appearance by The Easter Bunny and children activities / family entertainment; visit www.BreakfastWithTheEasterBunny.com.



Saturday, 16 May = **1st Annual Flags Are Flying BBQ** – Winder Noon Lions Club, Jug Tavern Park, Winder, www.windernoonlions.org; a KCBS Backyard Sanctioned “Backyard BBQ” competition and a “Kids Q” competition.

On a different note and just as important, Lions Camp for the Blind Work Day is Friday, March 27 – have your Camp for the Blind liaison gather pertinent information. The Camp has a 5-page list of things to do and supplies that they need. We need to support our Camp!

Hope some of you might find the time to enjoy fellowship with Lions Clubs in our District. Wear your club vest to show support.

Mahalo!

*Lion Doreen Stallworth
District I Cabinet Secretary*

District Convention 18-I March 7, 2015



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

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

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

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

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

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



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline is February 23, 2015

Convention cost includes Friday night Reception,

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



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

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

Luncheon Reservations	#	@ 25.00 /each	Total Amt. \$
Payable to "Lions of Georgia, District 18 F"		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Check No. /Cash	Date Paid	AMOUNT PAID	\$

CONTACT INFORMATION and Mail Registration to:
Lion Bonnie Linscott
2836 Abilene Trail
Snellville, GA 30078
Telephone: 770/972-4291 (Home) 404/680-3291 (Cell)
Email: bonhome@bellsouth.net





Lions Clubs International - District 18-I
3rd Cabinet Meeting / District Convention
Saturday, March 7, 2015, 10:45 AM
(Training Session at 9:00 AM)
The Foundry, @ Graduate Athens
295 E Dougherty St.
Athens, GA 30601



Call to Order	DG Vicki Hubbard
Invocation	1 st VDG Anne Mundy
Pledge of Allegiance	2 nd VDG Bob Norton
Recognition of Lions and Guests	DG Vicki Hubbard
Cabinet Secretary - Roll Call / Club Recognition	CS Doreen Stallworth
District Governor's Comments	DG Vicki Hubbard
Cabinet Treasurer - Status	CT Kathy Ivie
Tail Twisting	Lion Bill Mundy
Global Leadership - GLT	Lion Pete Stamsen
Global Membership - GMT	PDG Dick Smith
GA Lions Lighthouse Update	PCC Grace Clower
GA Lions Camp Update	CC Olin Newby
Leader Dog Update	Lion Bill Graham
LCIF	PDG Ed Hashbarger
Club of Excellence Awards	PDG Ed Hashbarger
Closing Remarks	DG Vicki Hubbard



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

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



Dear Lions,

It is a great privilege that I sit here today as the Executive Director for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I first accepted this opportunity and I can say without hesitation that serving at The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is the best opportunity I have had in my professional career. To serve those in need throughout our state is a great passion of mine.

We are excited to present to you a newly formalized Frame Kit program and updates on our Hearing and Vision Clinic services.

I look forward to another year of collaboration with you all.

Yours in Service,
 Roberta Green



<http://www.nightofspectacles.org>



Recycling Center - Questions, Drop-off Pick-up
 404-844-0121 Ext #329



Service Numbers
From June to Dec
2014

People having eye exams
317 were from 18-I

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
70 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
216 were from 18-I

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

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

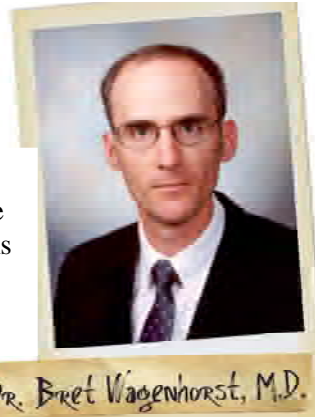
Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 -I District Chair:
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Welcome Jessica (left) and Saskia to the Lighthouse Ameri-Corps clinic team! Jessica just started her term in January, while Saskia has been with us for several months. Both will be working with our clinic managers to coordinate vision services for Georgians in need.

Tifton Ophthalmology, Lighthouse Volunteer -
 “Serving the Lighthouse mean sharing my expertise and skills in ophthalmology with hard working folks in need, to help them stay in their jobs and be productive members of our community.”

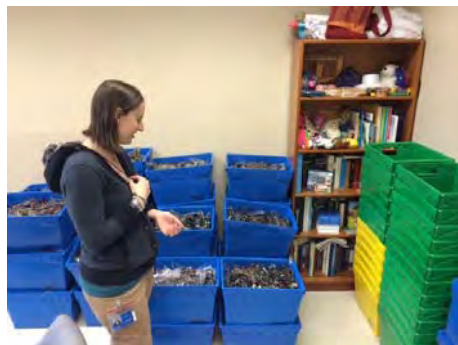


Dr. Bret Wagenhorst, M.D.



Michael Zelin

Outreach Coordinator, AmeriCorps VISTA
 “Service is striving to better the world in every way possible”



Recycling Hits the Road!

We will close out service month with our first mobile eyeglass wash, which will take place on January 30th at Davis Academy. 90 students will participate in the wash as part of their *Interfaith Social Action & Social Justice Day*.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
 FALL COMMUNITY SCREENING
 OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Staff

Main Line: 404-325-3630

Executive Director

Roberta Green, Ext. 301

Vision Services - Questions, Patient Care, Clinics =

CFO and Vision Program Director

Shamae Crosswhite, Ext. 302

Hearing Services - Questions, Patient Care

Hearing Services Manager

Anna Knippel, Ext. 305

Eye Surgery Services - Questions, Patient Care

Eye Surgery Director –

Victoria Jordan, Ext. 303

Development Opportunities - Fundraising, Club Giving, Donations

Chief Development Officer –

Kembra Landry, Ext. 322

Marketing Opportunities - Club

Materials, Promotions, Website, Social Media

Marketing Director –

Alison Kuhlke, Ext. 306

Volunteer Services - Questions, Scheduling

Outreach Director -

Marsha Marshall, Ext. 345

Volunteer Manager –

Lion Harold Walker

Phone: 404-376-2126

Volunteer Assistant Manager –

Lion Albert Green

Phone: 404-861-4371

Recycling Center - Questions, Drop-off

Pick-up = 404-844-0121 Ext #329

Email address -

recycle@lionslighthouse.org



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



Fellow Lions:

The Annual Gwinnett Braves Baseball Game to raise funding for the Georgia Lions Camp will be on June 6th at 7 PM at Cool Ray Field in Lawrenceville. The tickets are \$9 each and \$3 from every ticket sold over 200, will go to the Lions Camp.

Last year, with the help of several Clubs in our District, and even one Club outside of our District, we sold over 300 tickets and had a great turnout of Lions and others. This year, our goal is to sell **500** tickets. **Can we do this?** Of course WE can! We, as Lions have a great opportunity with this game, to not only sell tickets in support of the Lions Camp, but we also can let others know we are Lions and “We Serve”. Wouldn’t it be great if there were a “Sea of Gold” at the game? I can visualize it. Can you??

Yours in Service,

Pete



Join the Gwinnett Braves and the Lions Clubs of Georgia

Saturday June 6th, 7:05 PM vs. Durham Bulls

Seats are located in the **BASELINE BOX (\$9)**
 Proceeds benefit the Georgia Lions Camp

Order form and payment must be received by FRIDAY, May 22nd

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

WWW.GWINNETTBRAVES.COM

678-277-0350

2015 GWINNETT BRAVES ORDER FORM
 RETURN BY May 22nd

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____
 Email _____

Ticket Price	Number of Tickets	Amount Due
BASELINE BOX	\$9	
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 May 22nd

Tickets will be available at the Gwinnett Lions Club private will call table at the game on June 6th, 2014

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
 Account # _____ Processed by _____ Date _____

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GEORGIA LIONS CAMP LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

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

REPORT FROM THE CAMP FALL MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for what all of you do for the camp,

PDG Olin Newby District I Camp Vice President



Here is the Canine Development Center update for November.

January Canine Development Center Update

Every day we continue to see progress on the Canine Development Center as walls go up and the underground plumbing is completed. We continue to wait for steel which is delaying the process to some degree. However, we have devised a way to meet the overall construction goal of completion in 18-20 months by beginning a portion of Phase Two (demolishing and rebuilding the advanced training bay 11) starting mid-February. Thanks to Jeff Stein and his team for identifying a way for us to access the bay early. Though this will not speed up the completion of Phase One, it will keep us on track for the entire project.

Activity planned for this month includes pouring some of the floors and the delivery of steel roof trusses which are needed to start tying the wall together and setting the roof. The team continues to do a great job of working around the construction and ensuring our dogs receive exceptional care.

Fundraising activity remains concentrated on the Major Gift, and the Corporate and Foundation Giving phases of the campaign. We are continuing to make direct ask solicitations in both of these categories. Nationwide, Lions activity is focused on scheduling club presentations about the Canine Development Center which will be conducted by Leader Dog Chairs or Lions Regional Coordinators. Fundraising activity for the campaign will continue through the end of 2015 with the last phase, Friends and Family, launching in the spring.

If you'd like to view the Canine Development Center video, go to <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtl88> .



Thank you for your support in 2014, Leader Dog's 75th year. Please take a moment to hear from some of our clients. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSM4BYAUH8w&feature=youtu.be>





Happy New Year! As we enter 2015, I want to share a very special comment with you. It's from a gentleman named William, who received a Leader Dog last year. He said:

“I cannot give Leader Dogs for the Blind enough thanks. They have given me back the life I lost when I went blind.”

His sentiments are echoed by more than 180 other people who received Leader Dogs in 2014. *And friends like you made it possible.*

But as we enter 2015, there are so many others like William, urgently hoping to receive their own Leader Dog.

Their hopes depend on caring people like you.

Because we receive no government or insurance money and we never charge a dime for our services [I'm asking you to give generously today](#). Your support will help us raise and train more Leader Dogs in the year ahead. More importantly, you will give people who are blind the most beautiful gift . . . a new best friend, dedicated wholly to their personal well-being.

Gratefully,
Susan M. Daniels
President and CEO

P.S. [Your support](#) gives people with one of the most difficult disabilities blindness greater mobility, safety, independence . . . and joy.



<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/og6>

Summer Experience Camp



Summer Experience Camp is a unique summer camp for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind that combines summer fun with an introduction to guide dogs and the opportunity to spend time with peers who are facing similar challenges.

Campers kayak, rock wall climb and tandem bike, receive a free GPS device with instruction and spend time with dogs and Leader Dog guide dog mobility instructors to learn more about living and working with a guide dog.

Summer Experience Camp will be held June 26–July 3, 2015.

Applications are due April 1, 2015.

Summer Experience Camp Partner: Click and Read the following prior to applying =

[Application Overview](#) - [Application - Helpful Hints](#) - [View our video guidelines](#) - [Apply Now](#)

<http://www.leaderdog.org/clients/application-overview/how-to-apply> = find Summer Experience Camp (Download ZIP)



Dear Lions,

[An Update on Measles Activities](#)

January 27, 2015 by LCIF

Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) have supported the vaccination of millions of children through the [Measles & Rubella Initiative](#) and our partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. While there is still much work to be done, there continues to be great progress made in the fight against measles.



Recently, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, celebrated its 15th anniversary at the World Economic Forum in Davos. During that celebration, Gavi announced that **half a billion children have received vaccinations** and seven million deaths have been avoided because of Gavi-supported immunization programs. LCIF is proud to be a supporting partner of Gavi.

Lions, in partnership with Gavi, have already helped to immunize more than 20 million children and have pledged to immunize another 100 million! LCIF Chairperson Barry Palmer is in Berlin today representing LCIF at Gavi's Reach Every Child pledging conference. The conference surpassed its goal of US\$7.5 billion, fully funding vaccine programs during the 2016-2020 period.

Our partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance continues the work of Lions in the fight against measles and rubella. The partnership will protect tens of millions of children in the world's poorest countries against measles.

Lions play a key role in social mobilization efforts by working with local leaders, coordinating local publicity, and serving as volunteers at vaccination centers. Lions are working with parents to get their children to be immunized. Lions are working with ministries of health and other partners to ensure that children are vaccinated. Lions are spreading the word about just how important

immunizations are, and are fighting for a safer, healthier and brighter future for the children who need us most.

When you make a [donation](#) to the One Shot, One Life: Lions' Measles Initiative, you are helping to save children's lives!

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Rated a 4-Star Charity

LCIF has recently earned its third consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and its commitment to accountability and transparency. Charity Navigator examines the financial health, accountability and transparency of charities to determine its ratings. LCIF's [4-star rating](#) indicates that it consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Only 12 percent of the charities evaluated earned a third consecutive 4-star rating. This exceptional distinction means that LCIF outperforms most other charitable organizations in the United States. You can be confident your [donations](#) are being used in support of the programs for which they are intended.



Donating to LCIF

Did you know that one-hundred percent of every dollar donated to LCIF goes to someone in need?



LCIF receives no funding from club dues, and all administrative costs are paid through interest earned on investments. LCIF relies solely on donations from our partners and Lions like you for the grants we award. Approved grants have exceeded our grant budget for several years, which means that your unrestricted donations are more important than ever before. When you make your [donation](#) to LCIF, please consider selecting "Area of Greatest Need." This unrestricted donation gives LCIF the flexibility to support initiatives where the need is most urgent.

Just change to contact info – great recruiting tool

4E • Wednesday, January 21, 2015 • The Telegraph

Lions Club working to eradicate measles

There was an item in the news last week that at first glance seemed like it belonged in newspapers printed 50 years ago. News stories circulated about a measles outbreak in California that quickly spread to other states, after an unvaccinated woman visited Disneyland.



Aline Kent

It is easy to think of measles as just a childhood disease that nobody gets anymore — a rite of passage 50 years ago that has gone the way of radio serials and party

lines. But the sad truth is that measles is still a threat to children.

Thankfully, the Lions Club has made it their mission to eradicate measles throughout the world.

Being part of the “I got the measles shot” generation, I never had the measles. But my husband — a few years older than me — had the disease when he was about 2 years old. During his bout with the measles, he developed complications — his blood vessels under his skin were leaking blood. According to his mother, Ronnie had to visit the doctor regularly for six months, having his platelets checked and his medicine adjusted.

According to the CDC, from Jan. 1 to Nov. 29, 2014, 610 people in the United States were documented as having the measles; the greatest number documented since 2000. Other facts about measles from CDC — for every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from the disease and in 2008, there were about 164,000 measles deaths worldwide — that equals 450 deaths every day or 18 deaths every hour.

Doesn't sound like a “childhood disease” to me. Thank goodness, it didn't

to a member of the Lions Club either.

Although it is highly contagious, through immunizations measles is also easily prevented. According to the World Health Organization, over 100,000 deaths a year occur worldwide from measles.

Immunizations cost less than a \$1 a person.

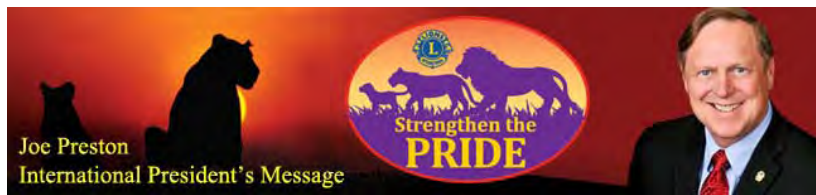
According to the CDC, “measles no longer circulates year round in the U.S., but the disease is brought into the country by unvaccinated people (U.S. residents who travel internationally or foreign visitors to the U.S.) who get infected while they are abroad.”

The Lions Club initiative to help wipe measles off the face of the Earth started four years after receiving a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation. That grant was specific to four countries — Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria and Madagascar. Forty-one million children were vaccinated within 12 months.

After that first year's success, the Lions received a \$5 million dollar challenge grant from the Gates Foundation — meaning that the Lions were asked to raise money as well. By October 2013, the Lions had raised \$10 million dollars and helped to vaccinate 150 million more children. The Lions have now committed to raising \$30 million by the year 2017 — which is the organization's 100th anniversary.

According to Lions Club member and local resident Marlene Humphrey, local clubs and individuals donate to the initiative, “One Shot, One Life.” You can be a part as well — to donate or learn more about the Lions Club and their efforts against measles visit lcif.org.

To contact Aline Kent, email AlineKent@cox.net or call 396-2467.



Dear Lion,

A new year brings new challenges, new rewards, and new opportunities. We have a lot to build on this year thanks to you. Lions are using new tools to keep their clubs strong, and adding new members because Lions have embraced the *Ask 1* campaign.



But there is a significant challenge we need to address: the number of members that are leaving clubs. Inviting new members *and* keeping existing members is the key to strengthening your club. That's why we introduced our *Keep 1* initiative.



Keep 1 is a simple concept that reinforces the importance of keeping each one of your members actively involved. Every Lion can play a key role in supporting new members and engaging existing members in your club.

It is important to value your members, to encourage them, mentor them, and more. There is an old saying, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." If we are to reach our full potential, we have to do a better job of keeping our members engaged and happy to serve as Lions. And together, WE CAN!

Together in service,

Joe Preston

Keys to Membership Satisfaction **Promote Your Worldwide Week of Service Project**



When Lions are satisfied with their club experience, they'll remain members. Here are some great tools that can help you increase membership satisfaction:

- [New Member Orientation](#) – Get new Lions involved early and help them build a foundation for satisfaction and success.
- [Lions Mentoring Program](#) – Help new members make the most of their membership by pairing them with an experienced Lion.
- [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) – Create a membership satisfaction plan to keep all members happy, no matter how long they have been part of the club.

Remember, membership satisfaction is the key to keeping members coming back, so use these tools to boost membership satisfaction today!



Service to the community remains the best way to keep members interested and engaged in your club. The [Worldwide Week of Service](#) in January is the perfect opportunity to get your members involved and promote your club to potential new members in the community. Here are two easy ways to promote your project:

- Club press release – Download the customizable club press release to promote your service project in the media.
- Social media – Share photos of your project on Facebook. Use the hashtag #Lions100 and we'll share your photos on the LCI Facebook page!



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



Where in the World

International President

Joseph Prestor



Ask One in April and Be Recognized



Ask One is a small step that can make a big difference in your membership efforts. And when you Ask One friend, family member or neighbor to join your club in April, you can earn special recognition. Invite a member to join your club in April and you'll receive a [Membership Growth Award Pin](#)! Plus, if you invited a member in October, you'll receive a gold pin and a banner patch for your club.

New Centennial Video: Founding of Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, the year the United States entered World War I. Melvin Jones, secretary of the Business Circle of Chicago, was among those searching for a way to help improve the lives of others. He invited similar business groups around the country to form a service-oriented club known as the International Association of Lions. [Watch the first in a series of Centennial videos](#) to learn about Lions history, and be sure to download and share this video on social media (use the hashtag #LIONS100) or at your next club meeting or event.

Enliven Your Lions Club – Sponsor a Leo Club



Leos are an integral part of the Lions family. “Strengthen the Pride” and celebrate a global network of young people committed to serving others by [sponsoring a new Leo club](#). Lions can make a positive impact on the next generation of leaders by serving as mentors and motivators for Leos. Sponsoring a new Leo club will enliven your Lions club and provide young people with an opportunity to develop as leaders. Charter your new Leo club in preparation for Leo Club Awareness Month in April and support youth development in your community.

Eye Donor Awareness Month in March



The month of March is a special time to honor eye donors and their families for giving the gift of sight. Eye donations are crucial for research and education, as well as for corneal transplants that can help restore the sight of children and adults. [Lions Eye Banks](#) recover, evaluate, store and distribute human eye tissue for sight-saving procedures. Lions support more than 50 eye banks in eight countries. Recognize Eye Donor Awareness Month in March! [Contact your local eye bank](#) to learn how you can raise awareness in your community about the importance of eye donations.

Book Your Pre- or Post-Convention Tour Today

Hawaii is one of the world's most popular vacation spots, so book your [Pre- or Post-Convention Tour](#) while space is still available. Our preferred tour companies include Goway, Pleasant Holidays/Pacific Island Institute and

MC&A, who have designed special Lions tours, including cruises, to some of the most sought after spots within Hawaii's major islands. Book online or contact these Hawaii experts to design a tour that includes the best beaches, eco-tourism, historical sites, golfing and more. [Register now for the 98th Annual Lions International Convention](#) held June 26-30 in Honolulu, Hawaii. We hope to see you there!



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Watch [LQ](#) to learn about the next Lions International Convention in Hawaii.

CONTESTS

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Purchase a kit for this year's theme, “Share Peace.”

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions100.org](#)

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

[Ask One](#)

Get the tools to invite new members!

[Lions Blog](#)

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

EVENTS

[#LCIcon Honolulu](#)

Register for the 2015 Lions International Convention.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

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

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

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

Together in service,

Joe Preston
Your International President



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



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

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

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

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

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

Celebrate Your Service

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



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

Worldwide Week of Service Resources

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



Lions Clubs International



Membership = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index.php>



Ask One Works!



Every Lions club needs a sponsor in order to charter. By sponsoring a new club, your club can start a new and exciting legacy in that community. Just think, what would your community look like without your Lions club? Why not give the same opportunity to a near-by community. One Lions club cannot serve all of the community's needs. Therefore, your club may wish to consider [sponsoring a new club](#) that meets at a different time of day with members that share a [common interest](#).

Keep Members Happy and Coming Back!

We understand that inviting others to join Lions can be a challenge. So, we've made it easy to invite those closest to you with the Family Membership Program. When you invite a family member in the same household, they pay only half international dues! Learn more about the [Family Membership Program](#) on the LCI website. Participating in the [Ask One](#) campaign just got easier! http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/family-membership/index.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5804%20Jan%202015%20Membershi p%20Pulse%20EN



Strengthening Lions Clubs Membership

Membership satisfaction is key to keeping your club healthy and strong. Use the resources below to create a Lions Club experience your members will want to tell their family and friends about!

For Clubs

- [Club Excellence Process](#)
- [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#)
- [How Are Your Ratings?](#)
- [Community Needs Assessment](#)

For Members

- [New Member Orientation](#)
- [Mentoring Program](#)
- [Lions Learning Center](#)

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

Inspire Membership through the Reading Action Program

Sharing service opportunities with friends and family can inspire them to join your club. The [Reading Action Program](#) (RAP) http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/RAP/project-ideas.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5804%20Jan%202015%20Membership%20Pulse%20EN provides excellent opportunities for service experiences, such as reading stories to children, hosting computer literacy classes for adults, or providing free books during a vision screening. RAP service can attract educators, students, parents and others to your club! Share your next RAP project with a friend and together experience the fun and satisfaction of helping others.

Get Recognized in April for Asking One!

Lions are about providing service, and our strength is directly tied to our members. Therefore, take up President Preston's challenge to Ask One in April, and receive the [Membership Growth Award](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/programs-mem-october-growth.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5804%20Jan%202015%20Membership%20Pulse%20EN) http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/programs-mem-october-growth.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5804%20Jan%202015%20Membership%20Pulse%20EN Silver Pin. Plus, if you also invited a member in October, you will receive a gold pin and banner patch for your club. For resources you need to energize your membership efforts, check out the [Ask One Web page](#).



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

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

Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.



Save the Date! Space is limited so register today!

Upcoming Membership Webinars

The Membership Development Division holds monthly membership webinars. These webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Webinars are conducted in English.

Share the Pride of Serving! Invite Members through Service.

Register ►

Wednesday, 25 February 2015 11am-12noon

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/200000000028574629>

Lessons in Fishing: How to Reel in Younger Members

Register ►

Tuesday, 31 March 2015 12noon-1pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/200000000028585219>

CEP Results in New Members and More Service!

The results are in! The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a big hit with Lions clubs. Last fiscal year alone, over 5,500 clubs participated in workshops, and they are sharing success stories about the difference CEP has made in their club.

Lion Ted Rypma, Secretary of the Paradise & District Lions Club in Canada commented that “consulting with the community and local leaders not only resulted in new service projects, but also resulted in four new Lions for our club. CEP helped us focus on renewing our commitment to service in the community.”

New this year! Clubs that complete CEP will be recognized on the Find a Club section of the Lions Clubs International website with a virtual banner patch.

Start the [Club Excellence Process](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php) with your club today! <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>

Dear Lion Leader,

On behalf of LCI, I wanted to let you know that we are preparing to launch our Centennial advertising campaign in your area.

The Centennial advertising campaign is designed to raise awareness of Lions and drive potential new members to a special Web page, BeALion.org, which offers information to prospective members.

The advertising campaign will be running at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, ATL (Baggage Claim area) for four weeks on February 2, March 30 and June 1, 2015.

Here is some information about the campaign:

- Centennial Tag Line – Campaign is built around the LCI Centennial tag line: Where there's a need, there's a Lion.
- Artwork – The campaign will feature images of real Lions. The ads have been attached to this email.
- BeALion.org – Ads will feature a link to BeALion.org. The Web page includes a link to our LCI Club Locator and prospective member form, as well as a new disaster video to show the impact of Lions = Disaster Relief: Where There's a Need There's a Lion - http://youtu.be/hY_q31GXeFY. BeALion.org is a responsive site, which means it automatically formats to accommodate mobile and tablet devices.
- Electronic media – The ads will be displayed on electronic sign boards rather than traditional print advertising. This reduces cost and allows us to use multiple rotating ads in the same space.

Please share this information with your district governors and other Lions as needed. We look forward to a successful advertising campaign, and we thank you for your continued support and leadership!

Sincerely,

Chris Bunch
LCI Corporate Communications Manager



Find a club near you:

Learn more = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-impact/index.php> about the world's largest service organization.

Fill out our [Prospective Member Form](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/becoming-a-lion/how-to-become-a-member/prospective-members-form.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/becoming-a-lion/how-to-become-a-member/prospective-members-form.php>





Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

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



Lions Learning Center

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

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

LOGIN

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

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

Lions Course Categories

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

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

2014-2015 Webinars Schedule

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

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p>Project Management Effective project management is one of the foundations of a successful Lions club. Participants will learn the characteristics of effective project managers, review the five phases of service project management and enjoy a case study of a current successful Lions club project. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 4Feb15, 1:00pm Friday, 13Feb15, 8:00pm</p>
<p>Minding Your Members—Leading Strong Teams Develop confident and creative Lions teams through intuitive leadership that includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and communication skills. Presentation offers practical scenarios in which Lions demonstrate best team leadership practices in everyday club situations. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 4Mar15, 1:00pm Friday, 13Mar15, 8:00pm</p>
<p>You’ve Been a Club President...What’s Next? Follow the journey of three Past Club Presidents as they continue their Lionism at the club, district, and zone levels. Content includes discussion of creating a personal mission statement, the district committee structure, one path to the zone chairperson role and suggestions for continued service at the club level. Intended Audience: Current and past club presidents who want to explore district-level opportunities</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 1Apr15, 1:00pm Friday, 10Apr15, 8:00pm</p>

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



WILL YOU REPRESENT
YOUR CLUB?

Dear Lion Leader:

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

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

***Lions Clubs International Provides
Professional Leadership Training***

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

Topics to be presented include:

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



Cost:

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

Please Note that dinner on Thursday is on your own.

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

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

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

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

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP](#)



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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Lions Club _____ Position _____

Registration Fee = \$95.00/per person

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

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

State you are attending the Lions Leadership Institute of the South, March 12 – 15, 2015 or give the Group Number 2568

GLT UPDATE

February is here. Groundhog Day has come and gone and Baseball players will soon be reporting to Spring Training. The District Convention is a month away and we will be electing a new District Governor, 1st VDG and a 2nd VDG. Where has the Lions year gone? How has your Club done throughout this year? Has your Lions Club grown? How many members have you added? How many have you lost?

We don't like to talk about the members that we lost, but we have too. We don't like to lose members, but we do. Our District is fortunate to be on the plus side as of the last Club Health Assessment, but not by much. There are two things the LCI continues to stress: Sponsoring new members & Retention or retaining them. I have been asked many times, how hard is it to sponsor or bring a new member? Well, you can make it as difficult or as easy as you want to make it. Let's look at how easy it can be. My question to you is: How informed are you about Lions? How excited are you to be a Lion? You cannot be excited about something unless you are informed about it. Do you really want to bring in new members? Then they need to be informed if you want them to continue as a Lion.

There are two ways to become informed. 1st, New Member Orientation meetings can be held on a Club level, on a Zone level and on the District level. I am willing to come to a Zone meeting and do an Orientation program. There will be an Orientation program at the upcoming 3rd District Cabinet/Convention on March 7th in Athens. The Orientation begins at 9 AM and all are welcome.

The 2nd way is to learn how to approach a prospective member and interest them in becoming a member. By becoming a Guiding Lion, you can do just that. Our District needs Guiding Lions and by becoming one you can also develop the skills and the knowledge to confidently approach anyone without fear of rejection and ask them to become a member of your Club.

Many Lions are losing members. Many times these Clubs are not bringing new members to replace the member(s) that have left. If our Clubs are to remain strong, we must continue to recruit new members. New members can add excitement and help turn your Club around. Let's not just "Ask I", but let's also help them "Be I".

Pete Stamsen
District 18-I GLT Coordinator



From the desk of State
Chair Lion Tom Williams
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Why It's Important Jennifer Aniston Speaks Up About Dyslexia



Jennifer Aniston has a new movie coming out soon, but the buzz today is about her latest revelation – she has dyslexia.

There is a long list of successful people who have dyslexia, but with each person who speaks up society becomes more aware of the learning difference. And with awareness comes acceptance.

Aniston says she still does not read that often, and that's okay. However, we'd love to let her know about the world of audiobooks and ear reading. It certainly opens up a whole new world of experiences!

Like so many of our kids who have dyslexia, Jennifer told **Good Morning America**:
<https://gma.yahoo.com/video/jennifer-aniston-opens-being-dyslexic-125312993.html>

“I thought I wasn't smart. I just couldn't retain anything.”

Why is it important to hear her say those words?

Because of these children:

They need to hear it.

Over and over and over again, they need to hear that successful and smart people felt just like they do now. To hear that their feelings are valid and it's okay to feel that way.

However, they also need to know it gets better. And it will be okay. They can **DREAM BIG**.

Rose-colored glasses? Her full interview in **People Magazine** mentions tinted glasses. While vision-related issues and dyslexia often get confused, it is important to always look at the research behind therapies before trying them. **The International Dyslexia Association** states:

“While the lenses have been approved to aid in the treatment of visual problems, they have not been approved to treat Dyslexia. Although some individuals with Dyslexia may also have visual difficulties, Dyslexia is not primarily a vision problem; it is a language-based problem that is neurobiological in origin and cannot be *treated* by visual aids. It is important to understand the difference”



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net



Titus and Heaven



Alex and Bright



Lance and Auggie

Happy Hearts and Wagging Tails

Last year we made a record number of life-changing teams — placing nearly 300 Canine Companions assistance dogs into the homes of deserving men, women and children with disabilities.

As we head into Canine Companions' 40th anniversary year, we have to keep the momentum going strong! That's why we're so grateful for generous and caring partners like you. In appreciation for all that you do, **we've put together a special video that shows just how much your support means.**



I **hope you'll take just a moment to watch and see firsthand the assistance dogs at work and the people you help.** People like Titus, Lance and Alex. Together we are changing lives! Thank you again and I hope you're as proud as I am of all that we've accomplished!

Three Lives Forever Changed

Help is a four-legged word and you can see it in action through these three incredible stories made possible by Canine Companions supporters! Watch as Heaven helps 9-year-old Titus at home and school. See how Auggie helps Marine veteran Lance increase his independence. And watch as Bright helps empower Alex to live the life she wants!

Please take a moment to see what Canine Companions assistance dogs mean to the people whose lives they change. Then share this video and encourage others to get involved! Thank you!

http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.9244843/k.9773/Three_Lives_Forever_Changed.htm?msource=JAN15CULTEM1&kntaw33240=5E3AEE6A88AE4E9B92BEB49E19535EB5



Diabetes Awareness Chair
Dede demarks
liondede@msn.com

Our Mission: To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Have Questions? We Can Help:

1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383) Monday-Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET

Infographics

Approximately 30 million children and adults have diabetes in the United States. Out of that number, nearly 95% have type 2 diabetes. Sadly, the problem is even greater for minority and ethnic populations. See the infographics below to learn about diabetes within these communities.

To guide and support individuals with type 2 diabetes, the Association is offering a free 12-month program called Living With Type 2 Diabetes. The program, available in English and Spanish, provides information and offers free guidance to help people learn how to manage diabetes at regular intervals throughout the year-long. People can enroll into this free program by visiting diabetes.org/type2program, calling 1-800-DIABETES, or texting Type2 to 69866 to learn more about the program in English or Tipo2 to 69866 to learn more about the program in Spanish.

Topics and resources include:

- Food, nutrition and recipes
- Stress and emotions (see infographic below)
- Physical activity
- Complications
- Peer support online and via phone
- Support from the Association's local office
- Support from the Association's National Call Center
- Opt in text messaging

New Infographic June 10, 2014

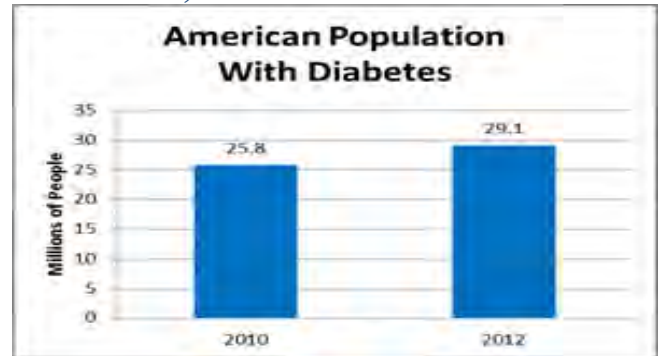
[A Snapshot: Diabetes in America](http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-basics/statistics/infographics.html) illustrates the new diabetes statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-basics/statistics/infographics.html>

Statistics About Diabetes

Data from the *National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2014* (released June 10, 2014)

Overall Numbers, Diabetes and Prediabetes

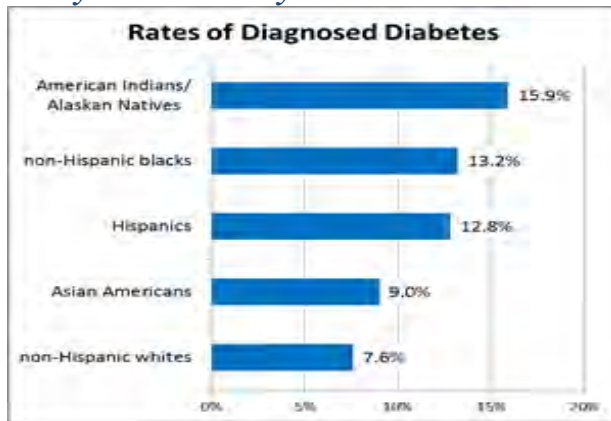


- **Prevalence:** In 2012, 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3% of the population, had diabetes.
 - In 2010 the figures were 25.8 million and 8.3%.
- **Undiagnosed:** Of the 29.1 million, 21.0 million were diagnosed, and 8.1 million were undiagnosed.
 - In 2010 the figures were 18.8 million and 7.0 million.
- **Prevalence in Seniors:** The percentage of Americans age 65 and older remains high, at 25.9%, or 11.8 million seniors (diagnosed and undiagnosed).
- **New Cases:** The incidence of diabetes in 2012 was 1.7 million new diagnoses/year; in 2010 it was 1.9 million.
- **Prediabetes:** In 2012, 86 million Americans age 20 and older had prediabetes; this is up from 79 million in 2010.
- **Deaths:** Diabetes remains the 7th leading cause of death in the United States in 2010, with 69,071 death certificates listing it as the underlying cause of death, and a total of 234,051 death certificates listing diabetes as an underlying or contributing cause of death.

Diabetes in Youth

- About 208,000 Americans under age 20 are estimated to have diagnosed diabetes, approximately 0.25% of that population.
- In 2008—2009, the annual incidence of diagnosed diabetes in youth was estimated at 18,436 with type 1 diabetes, 5,089 with type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes by Race/Ethnicity



The rates of diagnosed diabetes by race/ethnic background are:

- 7.6% of non-Hispanic whites
- 9.0% of [Asian Americans](#)
- 12.8% of [Hispanics](#)
- 13.2% of [non-Hispanic blacks](#)
- 15.9% of [American Indians/Alaskan Natives](#)

The breakdown among Asian Americans:

- 4.4% for Chinese
- 11.3% for Filipinos
- 13.0 for Asian Indians
- 8.8% for other Asian Americans.

The breakdown among Hispanic adults:

- 8.5% for Central and South Americans
- 9.3% for Cubans
- 13.9% for Mexican Americans
- 14.8% for Puerto Ricans.

Deaths

Diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death in the United States in 2010 based on the 69,071 death certificates in which diabetes was listed as the underlying cause of death. In 2010, diabetes was mentioned as a cause of death in a total of 234,051 certificates.

Diabetes may be underreported as a cause of death. Studies have found that only about 35% to 40% of people with diabetes who died had diabetes listed anywhere on the death certificate and about 10% to 15% had it listed as the underlying cause of death.

Complications/Co-Morbid Conditions

- **Hypoglycemia:** In 2011, about 282,000 emergency room visits for adults aged 18 years or older had hypoglycemia as the first-listed diagnosis and diabetes as another diagnosis.
- **Hypertension:** In 2009–2012, of adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes, 71% had blood pressure greater than or equal to 140/90 millimeters of mercury or used prescription medications to lower high blood pressure.

- **Dyslipidemia:** In 2009–2012, of adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes, 65% had blood [LDL](#) cholesterol greater than or equal to 100 mg/dl or used cholesterol-lowering medications.
- **CVD Death Rates:** In 2003–2006, after adjusting for population age differences, cardiovascular disease death rates were about 1.7 times higher among adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes than among adults without diagnosed diabetes.
- **Heart Attack Rates:** In 2010, after adjusting for population age differences, hospitalization rates for heart attack were 1.8 times higher among adults aged 20 years or older with diagnosed diabetes than among adults without diagnosed diabetes.
- **Stroke:** In 2010, after adjusting for population age differences, hospitalization rates for stroke were 1.5 times higher among adults with diagnosed diabetes aged 20 years or older compared to those without diagnosed diabetes.
- **Blindness and Eye Problems:** In 2005–2008, of adults with diabetes aged 40 years or older, 4.2 million (28.5%) people had diabetic retinopathy, damage to the small blood vessels in the retina that may result in loss of vision.
- **Kidney Disease:** Diabetes was listed as the primary cause of kidney failure in 44% of all new cases in 2011.
 - In 2011, 49,677 people of all ages began treatment for kidney failure due to diabetes.
 - In 2011, a total of 228,924 people of all ages with kidney failure due to diabetes were living on chronic dialysis or with a kidney transplant.
- **Amputations:** In 2010, about 73,000 non-traumatic lower-limb amputations were performed in adults aged 20 years or older with diagnosed diabetes.
 - About 60% of non-traumatic lower-limb amputations among people aged 20 years or older occur in people with diagnosed diabetes.

Cost of Diabetes

Updated March 6, 2013

- \$245 billion: Total costs of diagnosed diabetes in the United States in 2012
- \$176 billion for direct medical costs
- \$69 billion in reduced productivity

After adjusting for population age and sex differences, average medical expenditures among people with diagnosed diabetes were 2.3 times higher than what expenditures would be in the absence of diabetes.

[Read more about the results of our study "Economic Costs of Diabetes in the U.S. in 2012."](#)

http://professional.diabetes.org/News_Display.aspx?TYP=9&CID=91943&loc=ContentPage-statistics



"Share Peace"

is the theme of the 2015-16 [Peace Poster Contest](#). Lions clubs can sponsor this [art contest for kids](#) in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

Official Club Contest Guide and Rules

Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules

Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home

Sticker to place on back of winning poster

Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr785.pdf>

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

Promoting the Contest

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

Peace Poster Brochure

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr775.pdf>

District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr787.pdf>

Honorable Mention certificate

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC_790_honorable_mention.pdf

Peace Poster DVD

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and_events/lionsnews-network/?c=1&id=53

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

Ordering Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2015-16 Lions International Essay Contest is "**Share Peace.**" Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

Essay Contest Guidelines

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. [Read the complete essay contest rules and entry form.](#)

For More Information

To learn more about the Lions International Essay Contest, please [contact the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Department.](#)

ORDER NOW AND ALLOW THE KIDS TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT DURING SUMMER BREAK. ONCE SCHOOL BEGINS – THEY CAN MAKE FINISHING TOUCH-UPS WHERE NEED BE.

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

LEO CLUBS = Lions Clubs around the world sponsor about 6000 LEO Clubs. LEOs perform community service activities and support a worldwide project to help children in adverse circumstances. LEO Clubs are active in MD-18 Georgia and in each of our districts.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMPS AND EXCHANGE = Each year, thousands of young people, ages 15-22, learn about other cultures while participating in Lions camps and staying with Lions host families in countries around the world.



Important Dates For Your 2015 Calendar

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

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



Polar Plunge, February 21, Lake Lanier Islands

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

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

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

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

The 2015 **Polar Plunge** for Law Enforcement Torch Run of Georgia and Special Olympics Georgia will be held Saturday, February 21st at Lake Lanier Islands Beach & Water Park! Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the Plunge will begin at 1:30 p.m. You can register now by visiting www.plungega.org. In order to plunge, you must raise a minimum of \$55, which will

include a t-shirt. You won't want to miss it this year as Lake Lanier is adding SNOW MOUNTAIN! If you have questions concerning Polar Plunge, please contact **Lucy Faxon** or 770-414-9390 x118. This event has participants "plunge" into the freezing cold waters of Lake Lanier all to benefit the athletes of SOGA. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, set-up, games and activities, attending the course, etc.

Over the Edge May 2nd

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



Duck Pluck August 14th

Kick off the New Year with a cute little yellow rubber duck for you or a loved one! Adopt a quack pack now for Special Olympics Georgia's **Duck Pluck** set for August 14th at Post Chastain in Atlanta. The quack pack costs \$30 and you'll receive a junior souvenir rubber duck and seven entries in the Duck Pluck. For a donation of \$5, a lucky duck number will be assigned to your duck in your or your loved one's honor. All ducks will be put into the Post Chastain pool for a swim, and if your duck is one of the first plucked, you win! **Click here** to learn more about the prizes and for more information.



Youth Exchange:

If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting a young adult, please contact Lion Hannah Flynn. Her email is hannah.flynn@att.net

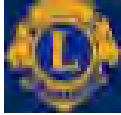
Exchange Program Only

To apply for a host family stay (no camp attendance):

1. Contact your local Lions club for sponsorship.
2. Complete an **application** = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/youth-camp-and-exchange/applications.php>
3. Once sponsorship and signatures are obtained, the application will be forwarded to potential host Lions to confirm your exchange.



Editor's Note



SECRETARIES

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

Club Officer Report (PU-101):

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

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

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

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

Go here <https://www7.lionsclubs.org/LogIn.aspx> and find **Reporting 2015-16 Officers - Paper PU101** to submit a paper PU 101 Report.

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

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

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



Fellow Lions,

LIONS MUSEUM IN GEORGIA OPENS

A devotee of Lions memorabilia, Chip Nedza patiently amassed every collector's Lions pin ever produced in Georgia. Then, simply by asking, he secured a treasure trove of Lions material from former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a longtime Lion. This is the makings of a museum, Nedza thought. And so it was. The Lions Museum at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in Chamblee opened last year.



**Read all about in your February
LION's Magazine.**

State Awards

Deadline for submission of applications for State Awards is May 10, 2015.

Every Lions Club in the state of Georgia is encouraged to look through the State Awards Criteria and apply for all the awards for which they are eligible. If you have questions or need help, contact your district's State Awards Committee member.

Also – Golden Chain - Please note that deadline for submission of Golden Chain applications to your District's Chair is **April 30, 2014**. A copy of this Application is also included in the State Directory.

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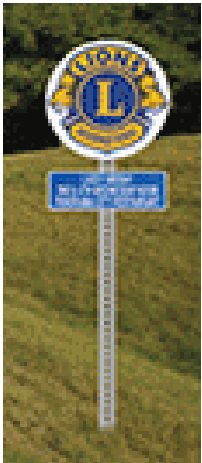
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Lion Bob Watson
District 18E
Columbus, Georgia

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

Lion Chuck Mohr
District 35F
Tallahassee, Florida

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Dr. Eugene Spiess
DC 2008-2009, District 32A
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CLUB REPORTS



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

Athens Lions Club = 90th Anniversary celebration

Athens Classic City Lions Club = Contributed to Our Daily Bread 88 breakfasts for the homeless and under privileged 14 Vol. hrs. Gave \$62.51 to NE GA. Food Bank to support the homeless and others. Provided eyeglass collection box at Fowler Street Elementary School . This was at the request of the office staff. We consider this as a “test=project” to evaluate the potential for eyeglass collection.

Clermont North Hall Lions = North Hall Lions Club is planning a food drive with Georgia Mountain Food Bank in the month of February. We will be hosting a Zone Meeting February 8th from 10 till 1 pm. We start get a nominating committee for our officers. We have decided to do the projects for the Centennial Celebration by 2017 Feed the Hunger, Engage the Youth, Vision, and Environmental. We are organized the project to accomplish in the next year.

Comer Lions Club = January 11, 2015: Monthly meeting for reports and planning.

Commerce Lions Club = Approved glasses for Heather Holmes. Club had a program by District Chair person Bill Graham on the Leader Dog school. Club donated a check for \$80. Club donated \$300 to help fund year round sports for Commerce Parks and Recreation.



Chinese-American Lions Club = Thanks for a great 2014 in Service! I appreciate everything that you all have done to serve the community locally and internationally. I am really thankful to be part of this great group of selfless individuals. Although small in number, each of you made our club's contributions in service and financial many, many, many times greater than anyone can expect! I appreciate how each of you working tirelessly for many months and years without expectations for anything in return. As a reminder, here are a few of our 2014 services and contributions to the community and the world if anyone asked, then LET'S tell them why we are proud to be Lions and invite them to our monthly club meeting.

The real fact is that we have been doing these activities for over 24 years with nearly half a million dollars in contribution while continuing to adapt and add new services to the meet local and international needs. In 2014 we successfully contributed \$18K financially to the local and international projects and many organizations to include:

- 1) Supplemented food cost for 300 + senior citizens locally and monthly.
- 2) Disaster relief programs around the world.
- 3) Two scholarship programs locally: Monte Jade and Asian American Pacific Islander Council of Georgia.
- 4) Monthly health and wellness services to prevent and educate our fellow human beings to live better to include topics on diabetes, hepatitis, and dietary wellness.
- 5) Providing mentoring and call to action activities for 60+ students (13 to 18) year old) of a semi monthly basis.
- 6) Helped financially to provide a forum for nearly a thousand college students to learn from each other and experts in the southeastern states at GA Tech campus.
- 7) Support local cultural events throughout metro Atlanta such as Chinese New year festival and taste of Chamblee.
- 8) At our Dr. Victor Lui Flu Vaccination Event we provided 200 free influenza vaccinations.
- 9) Supporting financially to many nonprofit organizations to include Camp for the blind, Leader dog, Georgia lions lighthouse, sheltering arms, Chinese School camp, Cultural dance schools, and many more!
- 10) Provide an atmosphere for great service minded individuals to collaborate and serve.
- 11) Promoting Teens Safety Driving programs via our LEO club and in local schools several times year.
- 12) Provide funds to help Our LEO club members to financial literacy and youth leadership training.

THANKS YOU EVERYONE! I wish you and your family best health and your view of personal prosperity for 2015!

Here are some pictures of our LEO's on Monday as MLK day service project at Lighthouse foundation. Group of 20 kids and 10 parents took two shifts from 9am to 1:30pm, donating their time on the MLK holiday to wash recycled eye glasses. The officers also visited the Lions museum on the third floor inside the Lighthouse foundation building. Thank you Leo's for serving others! We are so proud of you!



Conyers Lions Club = January 15, Lion Mary Michael (Ch) received 25 soup labels and box tops. During the International Week of Service, January 10 thru 16, Lions John Martin and Charles Walton cleaned and removed diseased trees in their community. January 20, Lions Thomas Linek and Nancy Morton-Linek visited the Massanutten/MaGahysville Lions Club while on vacation in the area. During the meeting, they were given an opportunity to share club activities and sell tickets for the "Camp for the Blind" fundraiser. During January, Lions Scott and Mary Michael collected 250 pairs of eyeglasses. January 27, 6 Lions, Lee Cronan, Charles Walton, John Martin, Larry Cornwell, Felton Floyd and Nancy Morton-Linek, cleaned, read and packaged over 500 eyes for distribution. January 24, Lions Thomas Linek and Nancy Morton-Linek attend the bingo fundraiser (donated \$53) sponsored by the Massanutten/MaGahysville Lions Club. This Lions Club's fundraiser resulted in about \$55,000 going to the local community. On January 8, Lion Lynn Magnuson worked at the St Joseph Hospital Health Fair serving over 200 people. On January 3, 2015, 5 Lions, Ara White, Scott and Mary Michael, Thomas Linek and Nancy Morton-Linek, engaged 132 children, building and painting a mini sled.

Covington Lions Club = Thursday, February 12, 2015, 5 – 8 PM Lions Clubhouse – Academy Springs Park on Conyers Street. Our weather is unpredictable, but not the Lions Chili Supper ‘n all the Fixins which make for a perfect comfort meal with the added bonus of fellowship! Come enjoy the \$5 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Chili ‘n Fixins and Iced Tea. Dessert will be available for a donation. There will be hot dogs for children. Tickets are available from any Lion member, Mayfield Ace Hardware at the Kroger Shopping Center, or you can pay at the door. Check their website at www.covingtongalions.org for more information.

Our 43rd Annual Chicken BBQ

Covington Lions Club

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 11 AM – 7 PM

Lions Clubhouse at Academy Springs Park

3120 Conyers Street

Covington, GA 30015

\$8 tickets can be purchased at the door. Plate includes: ½ slow-roasted chicken over an open pit, coleslaw, bread, chips and Iced Tea. Desserts for a donation will also be available.

Decatur Lions Club = Purchased and delivered the following to the Methodist Children’s Home: ½ bushel of yellow squash 1 bushel zucchini squash ½ bushel cucumbers Total cost \$38.00. A \$25.00 honorarium donation was sent to the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission. Collected 610 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 1,343 pair. Lion Angela Helwig, District 18-I Environment Chair, presented ideas that the club might consider for environmental projects. Lion Dot Sayer, who serves as a member of the Ambassador Club for Winthrop Court Senior Living, S.E. secured items and helped package welcome bags for new residents, as well as visited the new residents to present the bags. She visited residents of Winthrop Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. She made pictures for residents and visitors for family gatherings. She wrote an article for the Winthrop Newsletter. 8 hours Lion Dot Sayer is collating the information (recipes) for a cookbook, whose proceeds will be used for a scholarship or for a youth organization in Rome. 4 hours Dot's total hours for the month: 12

Decatur North Decatur Lions Club = 3 members sorted 450 pairs of eyeglasses to get them ready for washing/sanitizing and reading the strength of recycled glasses and 4 members washed/sanitized/dried 10 lbs. of eyeglasses readying them for volunteers to read the strength of the glasses and for shipment to underserved countries @ GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. Beat the Streets Community & Cultural Activity Uses drum line to mentor young men

Dawsonville Lions Club = Lion Bill Hess spoke about the Nancy Noblin-Lions Scholarship.

Eatonton Lions Club = Purchased eyeglasses for two individuals.

Forsyth County Lions Club = On Saturday, March 28th, the Forsyth County Lions Club will be holding its 2nd Annual “Breakfast With The Easter Bunny” and all Lions are cordially invited to attend. Last year’s “Breakfast” was a smashing success with over 300 attendees and we hope to make this an annual tradition here in Forsyth County. For more information, please see attached flyer and visit our event website www.BreakfastWithTheEasterBunny.com for any updates we post. If you have any questions, then please let me know. Thanks in advance for helping us spread the word and we hope to see you and your fellow Lions there. Lion Linda Slaybaugh volunteered with the Hospice unit at the NE Georgia Hospital

Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club = We were invited to the State Capitol by State Representative Mike Cheokas. We took a tour around the Capitol, and were recognized by the Speaker of the House while they House of Representatives were in session. We were also presented the Georgia State Flag. Along with meeting elite others, and this trip was very informative and another way to get our name out there. Members from the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club attended the meeting of their sponsoring club. The Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club went to visit Georgia Lion Lighthouse Foundation. While visiting, we took a tour around the wonderful facility. Quickly Lions were put to work. We cleaned and sorted over 1500 glasses. Partnering with Georgia Gwinnett College Office of Student Involvement - we set up a table along with over 100 other organizations for more members. This was a great way to advertise our new campus club, and increase membership. We had Green Scene Involvement Fair at Georgia Gwinnett College. We talked to over 30-50 students about the Campus Lions Club. We incorporated hash tags for today and students took pictures with them. The hash tags have Melvin Jones on them to celebrate his birthday. We thank all the members that came out to help even our partnering club sponsor Mr. Pete Stamsen!



GGC Campus Lions Club is moving quickly to the highest peak. We are hosting a Vision & Hearing Screening, and partnering with the Georgia Gwinnett College Wellness Programming and a blood drive. SO A 3 ALL IN 1 DEAL!!! FRIDAY, FEB. 27th @ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM !!!!

Jefferson Lions Club = The Jefferson Lions Club donated \$200 to the Jackson County Department of Family and Children's Services. The Jefferson Lions Club made donations of: \$200 to Learning Ally \$200 to Children's Eye Center \$300 to Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Donation to LCIF. Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 79 eyeglasses and 16 lenses collected in January. The Jefferson Lions Club donated \$200 to Lions Leader Dogs. The Jefferson Lions Club donated \$400 to the Camp for the Blind and \$200 to Camp Kudzu. Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 7 cell phones collected.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was held at the Jefferson Club House on January 26, 2015 with 16 members and 1 guest attending. Lion Greg Broussard introduced our guest speaker, Mary Barrett Yancey, Interim Director of the Jackson County Department of Family and Children's Services. She spoke about the working of DFACS. She also explained how they partner with the Jefferson Lions Club in identifying persons in need of eye exams and eyeglasses. Potential candidates must go to the local DFACS office between 8:00AM and 5:00PM and fill out an application. The office screens the applications and then they are sent to the Club. Lion President, Gay Bradley, also presented a \$200 check to the Jackson County DFACS to be used as needed to help individuals. The Club Secretary reminded everyone of the District 18-I Convention to be held at The Foundry in Athens, Georgia on March 7, 2015.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Welcomed a fellow Lion from Germany, Kai Kramer. He was in Lawrenceville on business and chose to visit our Club. — with Lion Kai Kramer and [Judy Stamsen](#). Brian Donegan, President of the Lawrenceville Lions Club accept a check from Dylan Hoover of Burger 21 in Buford, GA. Thank you Dylan & Burger 21 — with Dylan Hoover and [Brian Donegan](#). We raised \$743 at our Burger 21 fundraiser and \$174 in our collection jar.



We paid for 4 eye exams and 4 pairs of glasses for 4 individuals. We had 1 member attend the Georgia Lions Camp/Georgia Lions Lighthouse meeting. We donated \$950 to Georgia Lions Camp from our Burger 21 fundraiser. We had 3 members volunteer their time at our Georgia Lions Lighthouse washing and sorting used eyeglasses. Lawrenceville Lions Club partnered with Loganville Lions Club to purchase an iPad Mini and case for a Special Needs child. The Gwinnett Citizen newspaper published an article with a picture of the child using his new iPad Mini.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = Consensus from board meeting; decision was made to no longer hold a FRIDAY MEETING based on recent history of very limited attendance as well as increasing use of email, call post and other social media to communicate. We join 8 other clubs in district I, 9 in district L and 19 each in districts O and N representing roughly 28 % of all Georgia clubs. - reflecting what PID Haynes Townsend said in Snellville at their 60th anniversary "it is not how many meetings you attend but what you do in your community that is the measure of a "good" club. We expect to continue to be viable club in Loganville as WE continue to SERVE ! chuck lynch

16 LLLC MEMBERS ATTENDING A QUORUM BEING PRESENT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE ADDRESSED = 1 - Acknowledged the positive results of Kim's work on providing holiday meals to 7 in-need families. 2 - Reported that the pecan sales were successful, selling all 10 cases ordered and that with the knowledge from this year should have even better results next year. Had request for more pecans from prior customers and were able to secure more from another club and sold 144 more bags. 3 - Reported 2 candidates for glasses have been approved and received glasses thru Wal-Mart. 1 candidate for cataract surgery is in process at the Lighthouse. Volunteers collected 77 pair of recycled glasses from donation boxes in the city. 4 - With the closing of Loganville Vision - our resource for free glasses in the past, is requiring we take a different approach. Several options exist and will be reported when determined which is best. 5 - Plans for Father/Daughter dance progressing well. The Motgans provided updated info regarding tickets and web-site. Local dance schools gymnastic facilities, day-care centers and private schools are being approached. 6 - A honorarium of \$ 100.00 was approved to be given to Athens Lions Club in honor of their 90th charter celebration. 7 - Special recognition is due to the Rissers for their volunteering efforts in packing and counting 470 donated frames from Loganville Vision resulting from the store closing. 8 - Campfor Blind raffle tickets can still be sold until May, please continue selling your individual ticket allotment until then, and based on the final results, decision will be made to cover the difference from public sales up to our goal of 250 tickets this amount will be considered our CFB incentive donation for LY2015. 9 - 2 llc members are currently planning to attend the joint CFB/GLH joint meeting in Warner Robins 1/31. 10 - Newly approved city ordinance now prohibits ANY organization profit or non -profit from soliciting funds on any public street in the city of Loganville (solicitation on private streets is permitted with approval of property owner - LLLC will limit collection efforts to Bo Jangles, Kroger pumps, entrance to post office and road between Arby's and Ruby Tuesdays.

“Father/Daughter Dance

The Loganville Legacy Lions Club does an excellent job with this event—their 3rd Annual Father Daughter Valentine Dance. Attached are pertinent information to register.

My son took his 9-year daughter, Kalia, both years and they thoroughly enjoyed not only the wonderful ambiance, but that valuable, quality time between father and daughter or whomever a girl's date might be (grandfathers are a great substitute). It's a time for your special girl to dress up and have fun. Kalia danced in a circle with other girls as well while they giggled and taught each other different steps. She loved the entire evening! I hope many of you will take this opportunity to make a memorable evening with your special girl.

Lion Doreen Stallworth, Covington Lions Club”

Tickets can be purchased online at the website: www.lionsfatherdaughterdance.com OR several club members have paper tickets available for purchase. For more information/tickets call:

Wayne White - 770 875 6494 John Morgan - 678 313 3723 Jan Morgan - 404 358 5966

LaVista Lions Club = Continuing project. Contributed 17.5 hours tutoring reading to 21 second graders at Sagamore Hills Elementary School. Building Wheelchair Ramps for the Disabled Continuing project. Thirty-five hours in January 2015. Collected 250 pairs of eyeglasses in January 2015.

Norcross Lions Club = Lion Trudy Rudert and the Kittredge Magnet School Garden Club raked and composed leaves, cleaned the school pond and the pond's pump filter, cleaned and filled the bird bath, filled the bird and animal feeders, and stacked brush for animal shelters. The club meets after school once a month. The Norcross Lions Club conducted a business meeting about items including the Norcross Fall Festival and having our next meeting at the Crossing restaurant. Thank you notes were read from several charities who received our donations. PDG John Rudert worked 30 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other tasks in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. She and her parents enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members. Lion Trudy Rudert met with Girl Scout Troop 21443 to plan a breakfast activity with younger Daisy Girl Scouts. PDG John Rudert in response to a request from Norcross Elementary School for a vision screening has met with representatives of the school and the GA Lions Lighthouse which has the vision screening equipment. PDG Ed and Yoriko Hashbarger visited NAHA SHUREI Lions Club in Okinawa and gave a friendship banner. They were also honored in meeting Chef Robert Irvine while in Okinawa.



Social Circle Lions Club = The Social Circle Lions Club was at work this month with service activities. The leading service activities this month were service activities such as monthly food distribution conducted by Lion Larry Knox and monthly community volunteering by Lion Sue Ellis. Lions Paul Best and Dede deMarks participated in protecting the environment initiatives by conducting home recycling activities. The club members continue to plan for its vision screening of elementary children scheduled later this year at the elementary school.

Snellville Lions Club = Snellville Pancake Breakfast = Just wanted everyone to know that the Snellville Lions will be hosting our annual Benefit Breakfast on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Snellville United Methodist Church (Wesley Hall) from 7:30AM-10:30AM. Tickets can be purchased from any Snellville Lions member. \$7 adult & \$4 for children (10 and under). Remember that any money we raise goes right back out to projects that we support. For example, Camp Kudzu, Ga. Lions Camp for the Blind, Leader Dogs for the Blind, SE Gwinnett Co-Op, glasses for those in need, Georgia Lions Lighthouse - and the list goes on. We appreciate your support & look forward to seeing you at our Benefit Breakfast!

Congratulations to PDG Lion Norm Masters for receiving his 30 year chevron and Lion John Homolak for his 10 year chevron at our meeting last night. Years fly by when you're in a great organization! Presentations were made by PDG Lion Grace Clower. Lion Ray Swaim received the Silver Ladle Award at our chili cook off. Congratulations Lion Ray!



Thomson Camellia City Lions Club = I hope everyone had as blessed Christmas as we did at our home. I wish each of you a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with my fellow Lions as we finish up the second half of this Lions years. Looking at our Lions calendar; the second half of year will slow down since we had our two fundraisers already and met most of our obligations to Lions projects. We will have our White Cane project sometime this coming Spring at Wal-Mart. The Christmas Cards we signed at November meeting were sent to three names of military personnel in large envelopes with 40=50 cards so they could distribute the cards to their friends, etc. Also gave over 300 cards to Major Green to distribute to military at Ft. Gordon, 150+ to Georgia War Veterans Home in Augusta, and got a list of shut ins from Frist Baptist Church and First Methodist Church and sent to each name on their list.

At our February meeting our District Governor Lion Vicki Hubbard will be making her official visit to our club and we will have our annual Valentine's banquet. Chairman for this event will be Lion Pat Wylie. Lion Pat will give us more details at our January meeting.

On March 7, 2015 District 18I will hold their 3rd Cabinet Meeting/District Convention in Athens. There will be training in the morning followed by lunch at \$25 that will be due by February 23rd. District Officers will be elected so our club will be electing delegates for this meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, Feb. 9th Membership Valentine's Banquet, 7:00 pm, Church
Saturday, Mar. 7th 3rd Cabinet Meeting/District Convention, Athens

THE ART OF BEING WISE IS THE ART OF KNOWING WHAT TO OVERLOOK. A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

Toccoa Lions Club = Toccoa Lions Evening Club continues to meet & Serve

The Toccoa Lions Club Evening Lions met on January 20, 2015. Attendees included Lions: Margo & Drew Taylor, Bill & Dale Graham, Will Mayhue, Bryan Gordon, Brenda Gordon & Ray Cornell. The Lions had a business meeting which included a review of the recent Board meeting. A report from the club's LEO Advisor, an update on the upcoming Pancake Breakfast. The Lions then broke into two groups to work on service projects. Lion Margo, Chair of the Sight Conservation Committee, led one group in processing eye glass applications. this group reviewed four applications. Three were accepted and one was returned for more information. The second group was lead by Lion Ray Cornell, Chair of the Used Eye Glass Collection Team. Lion Ray's group sorted and counted the following: regular eye glasses 424, Dark eye glasses -79, loose regular lenses - 68, loose sunglasses lenses - 8, cell phone - 1, hearing aid - 1, blue-tooth - 1.



Toccoa Lions Club January 22, 2015 Noon Meeting

We held their 2nd meeting in the new calendar year by welcoming back several Lions who have missed recent meetings due to health problems. TLC President Lion Bill Graham, noted, " I am so impressed and inspired by our "Heritage" Lions. They will do everything they can to attend meetings & participate in events in spite of facing many challenges." The speaker for the meeting was Joe Ferguson, a retired local banker. Joe is very active in local community service...and yes we asked him to join the Toccoa Lions but he declined because of his commitment to other projects. Joe gave an outstanding presentation on the Tugaloo Bend project. This is a project that incorporates history, natural beauty & recreation. Pictured below are L/R: Lions Dan Black, Loyd Prewett, James Black, Claud & Ruth Smith, Dr. Frank & Phylis Edmonds. Three of these Lions have over 50 years of service each. TLC Past President Dr. Frank - 60 years, PDG Loyd Prewett - 54 years & TLC Past President Claud Smith.



Toccoa Lions Club =

Toccoa Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winners Recognized

The Toccoa Lions Club recognized the winners of the 2014 Peace Poster Contest at their January 8th, 2015 meeting. The Toccoa Lions feature the artwork of the Peace Poster Contest in their Club Calendar. If you would like a Toccoa Lions Club Calendar, contact any Toccoa Lion. If you would like to meet these artists, please plan on attending "Meet the Peace Poster Contest Artist" at The Studio on Doyle Street in Toccoa on January 31st from 1pm until 3pm.

The artists are all holding the 2015 Toccoa Lions peace poster calendar opened to the month their poster is printed on. Left to right are Madeline Wilmot who is Miss April, Challen Owens who is Miss March, Lion Beverly Vanderhoef, Amiya Lopez who is Miss February, Izzy Bell who is Miss January and Danny Handwork who is Mister May in the calendar. All of these local artists received cash awards from the Toccoa Lions Club. Izzy Bell also won second place in the Lions District 18I Contest.



Toccoa Lions Congratulate Peace Poster Committee



Toccoa Lions Club recognizes Lion Dr. Kevin Vanderhoef

Toccoa Lions Club President, Bill Graham, presented Lion Dr. Kevin Vanderhoef, with a pin at the TLC's January 8th, 2015 Noon meeting. Dr. Vanderhoef is one of four Optometrists that help both the Toccoa Lions Club and the Open Arms Clinic in the Fight to prevent Blindness in Toccoa & Stephens County. Dr. Vanderhoef and the entire staff of the Stephens County Eye Clinic do an outstanding job providing eye health to our citizens.



Sweet Spot Diabetes Awareness Toccoa Lions Club/Maddox Drugs

This month's topic was controlling the high cost of diabetes. Lion Steve Spruill, owner of Maddox Drugs, did an outstanding job explaining options to the 15 attendees. Many of the items Lion Steve mention would also help anyone manage their health costs. If you would like a copy of the handouts, send a request to toccoalionsclub@gmail.com. Pictured is Lion Steve.

Mountain Education Charter High School LEO Club January 15, 2015 meeting

Toccoa Lion Willie Woodruff was the speaker at the January LEO Club meeting. Lion Willie is a lawyer and has served as a local judge. He is also active in the community. He spoke on a wide variety of topics but he emphasized not limiting yourself. He really engaged the LEOs. After the meeting, Lion Bill Graham, LEO Club Lion Advisor, noted "you can really tell you had a great speaker when you have to ask the LEOs to stop asking questions because the meeting is over. Lion Willie stayed after the meeting to answer additional questions. Pictured are Lion Willie Woodruff and a group shot.



Toccoa Lions Club = OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The board meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on December 9, 2014 by President Bill Graham at 6:59 A.M. at Dr. Kay Royal's office with the following board members in attendance: Beverly Vanderhoef, Steve Spruill, Russ Paxton, Kay Royal, Bryan Gordon, Bill Graham, and Margo Taylor.

President Bill Graham opened the meeting with prayer. Bill asked Bryan to read the minutes of the last meeting which were previously posted on Facebook. Kay motioned that the minutes be approved as presented and it was seconded by Steve. The members present approved the motion.

Bryan reported as club secretary that we have 48 members currently with the addition of Kelly Touchton. We have 26 members in the noon club, 19 members in the evening club and 3 members at large. We have a letter of resignation from Henry Fields. Steve had spoken with Henry and he has agreed to become a member at large. Bryan motioned to make Henry a MAL and Russ seconded the motion. The members present voted in favor. Then Bryan mentioned that three members are in serious arrearage on their dues. Bryan mentioned that he has had no response from Kim Fulbright about her dues and she has stopped attending functions. Kay motioned that we drop Kim from the roster of the club. Margo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the members present.

A general discussion on membership retention was had with no conclusions or actions.

Bill mentioned that twenty-members have signed up for the new Leo Club at Mountain Education Charter High School. The December meeting will be held the third Tuesday night at 7:00 pm at the high school. A charter night is being scheduled for January at the school. The LEO club sponsored a Toys-for-Tots barrel at the high school and decorated a Christmas tree for the festival of trees competition at the historic courthouse in Toccoa. Three LEO members marched with the Lions in the Christmas parade in downtown Toccoa on December 6th.

Steve Spruill as club treasurer says we are still in good shape even after mailing donation checks to normal charities that our club supports. We also pre-paid the printers for the 2015 calendars. He presented a balance sheet as of December 7, 2014 showing the following.

Bill mentioned that our club did diabetes screenings at Wal-Mart on Wednesday the 12th of November. We will also do vision screening while at Wal-Mart.

Bryan reported that BJ's Restaurant is reserved on Thursday, December 11th in the evening for our Christmas party. It will start at 6:30 pm. Beverly has lined up a blue-grass band to do Christmas songs for the party. Bryan will make the program and Flo has table decorations.

The planning for the next Pancake breakfast was discussed by the board at large. Steve and Russ are not in a position to be the pancake chair. Bill Graham will apply for the date of Saturday, February 21st at Applebee's for the event. Bryan will get the tickets ready and have them available by the first meeting in January.

Bryan proposed that we as a club in conjunction with the Currahee Artist Guild host a "Meet the Artist Show" for the 34 kids that submitted peace posters in our competition this year. It would be on Saturday, January 31st at the Studio on Doyle Street from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Bryan proposed that the club furnish light refreshments not to exceed \$25.00. Beverly seconded the motion and the board approved the board. Kay suggested we think about maybe in the future auctioning off the children's posters at the art show.

Bill mentioned that he had received a request from the hospital to have the Lions come and do vision screenings at their health fair in late January.

Kay mentioned that the Open Arms Clinic is having a fund raiser on Saturday evening, January 24th at the X-Factor Grill on Doyle Street. Save the date and plan to attend.

Bill asked the board to consider running an ad in the Toccoa Record to thank your many supporters in the community next time the paper has the volunteer's community service section. The board authorized Bill to investigate and report back. Kay motioned for adjournment at 7:58 am and it was seconded by Margo.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Gordon, Secretary

Towns County Lions Club

Upcoming Events

Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens - April & May 2015



Georgia Mountain EggFest - May 16, 2015



Appalachian Wine, Jazz & Art Festival - June 12 & 13, 2015



Greater Atlanta British Motorcycle Rally - June 4 - 7, 2015



Georgia Mountain Fair - July 17-25, 2015 ([Details](#))

Ga. Mtn. Moonshine Cruiz-In - July 30 - Aug. 1, 2015

Georgia Mountain Fall Festival - October 9-17, 2015 ([Details](#))

Towns County Leo Club

Reminder: Meeting tomorrow - board meeting 1:15, general membership meeting 2:30. Refreshments will be served and plans for the upcoming Sadie Hawkins dance and our third annual book drive will be finalized. Sign up for the Camp for the Blind weekend (March 22) will also be highlighted.

Union County Lions Club = Board meeting held at Steve's Steakhouse in Blairsville, GA on January 8, 2015

- In January, the Board approved exams and glasses for 2 local individuals.
- Lion Gene Little reported that the Club donated 2 Low Vision Machines to Stonehenge Assisted Living Center as part of our Lions Week of World Service.
- Discussed the annual Trash and Treasures Indoor Yard Sale which is scheduled for Saturday Feb 22, 2015.

January 8, 2015 Regular Meeting – held with 12 members (46% Attendance) and 2 guests.

- Lion Gene introduced Lion Bobbie Smith who talked about his background and activities in the Douglas Lions Club, the largest in Georgia. Lion Bobbie is a Viet Nam vet who served 3 tours, He and his wife Lynn who is also a Lion have been married 44 years and have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. They have recently moved to our area. While in the Douglas Club Bobbie was involved in efforts to promote and support the Georgia Camp for the Blind. A major Club activity was a very successful Big Buck Contest. The Douglas Club also provided eye screening machines to the local schools.
- Lion Gene noted that we have received a check for \$200 from United Community Bank to support the mint program.

January 22, 2015 Regular Meeting – held with 15 members (47% Attendance) and 3 guests.

- Lion Gene introduced tonight's guest speaker Lyndon W Smith. Mr Smith is a Yale Graduate and retired Army National Guard Officer. He has 30 years' experience in fire safety. He represents The Senior American Fire Advisory. Their group provides educational programs on fire safety as well as home fire safety products. Mr Smith discussed the proper types and maintenance of fire extinguishers. For home use they should be an ABC-type extinguisher. Extinguishers should be turned over and tapped on the bottom every 6 months to keep power from caking. They should be replaced every 6 years. It is important to know where your extinguishers are located and how to use them. He also suggested that you keep a flashlight near your bed and identify a place outside the house for family members to meet in the event of a fire. He also discussed the types of fire alarms and where they should be located. At the end of his presentation he raffled off a fire extinguisher that was won by Lion Carl Buser.
- Lion Betty Gurr then presented a Lion's spotlight program on Lion Carl Buser. He joined the Lions on November 4, 1998. He has served as Club President (3 consecutive years), Treasurer, and on the Board of Directors. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Carl also serves the community through Towns/ Union Volunteers for the Handicapped and the Friends of the Library. He has been married to wife Ann for 60 years. Lion Betty read several humorous stories about Lion Carl provide by his wife Ann and read a tribute from his pastor. Lion Carl then addressed the Club and thanked Club members for all the support over the years.

WORKING LIONS - 108 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 75 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS -15 hours
Total: 183 hours Submitted: 2 news article

Winder Noon Lions Club = The Winder Noon Lions Club will have their 1st Annual Flags Are Flying BBQ" saluting our Armed Forces on Saturday, May 16th. This Backyard BBQ also has a Kids Q competition with prizes. This official Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) is a sanctioned event. Sounds like a lot of fun for everyone. The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church in January by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors were provided with a snack and a drink after they had given blood. 204 pairs of glasses were collected during the month of January. The club assisted a Barrow County Resident with the purchase of a pair of glasses.



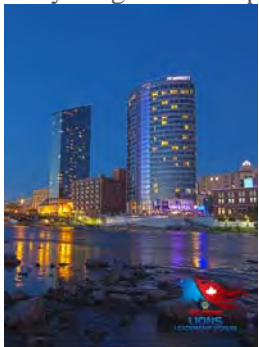
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- “Festival of Lions” kick-off event on Thursday evening
- New Lions Club Handbook provided to every attendee
- World premiere of **We Serve On**, a production detailing a century of Lions service
- Mobile apps to make your Forum experience interactive and more enjoyable

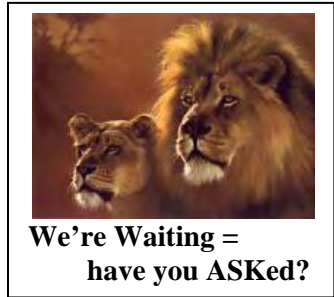
These are just a few of dynamic changes being made, but don’t worry — the core of the Forum will stay the same. It will be three days of learning, sharing, fun, and fellowship just like always!

Click here to register for the 2015 Forum and for more information about the featured entertainment, the motivational speakers, and everything Grand Rapids has to offer.



Pictured to the left are the towers of the Amway Grand Hotel and the JW Marriott Hotel, two of the properties ready to play host to the Lions of North America. Make your plans now to attend what is sure to be one of the best Forums ever!

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