



**We Serve**



**18-D**

**District Bulletin**



**District Governor  
Ed Hashbarger**

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

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

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

So approved in convention this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Cabinet Secretary

Fellow Lions,

I guess I will repeat what I said over 10 years ago. I have been looking as a District Governor does at our Membership and Training status. As far as Training is going - Lion Grace has been doing a GREAT job. We still have a long way to go and we have to get more clubs to participate. Please pay attention to the training pages in the Bulletin for any specific training that might take place.

Now, I am proud of the fact that we are leading the way in the state thus far in this Lions Year in regards to Membership. We all know the importance of membership, but we still have a major problem – “RETENTION.” We all have sat around and talked about this, that and the other over the years – but we still have this problem. We have added 224 new members but dropped 116 (not including the 15 deceased members). This gives our District a plus 93. Before dropping any member, have you ASKed why they want to drop??? I know a few are dropped for non-payment – but the others leave a BIG question – WHY? Many people join in order to give back – that means we have to be active and participate in as many activities as possible (depending on size of club of course). I know you are required to have a Membership Chair – but I also want you to add a Retention Chair on your Board of Directors. The Membership Chair has enough to keep themselves busy – so with a Retention Chair – they can keep in contact with fellow members and make sure they are busy and happy. Let them find out the reason for members wanting to drop and maybe they can resolve the problem.

We do have a promising future and I am proud of the Clubs who have added to their membership rolls. I am proud of all the Clubs within the District. We are family.

Tanx for being who you are - LIONS

*Publicity and Communication are the KEYS – use them.*

Yours in Lionism,  
Ed Hashbarger

*Quote of the month:* “Teamwork is the starting point for treating people right” ~Dave Thomas, Wendy’s

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**17 March = District 18-D Convention:**

**Dahlonega Baptist Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**234 Hawkins Street**

**Dahlonega, GA. 30534**

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Doors will open at 9:00 AM

**10:30 am followed by the 3rd Cabinet**

**President, Secretary and Treasurer Training will begin at 9:00 am**

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## Planning Ahead

The Lions of Georgia State Office now has a new telephone number. Please make the change in your directory. The new number is 706 363-6692. The fax line has been discontinued for the present time.

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

Lions are also encouraged to organize service activities as part of the “[Protecting Our Environment](#)” global service action campaign, and in celebration of Earth Day (April 22)

**5 May 2012 CHANGE**

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

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

## 2012 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



**May 25-27, 2012  
Savannah, Georgia**

### Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):

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

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

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

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

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

### HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:

**Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2012**

#### Hotel Info:

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



Check out pages 31 and 32

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



## **Where in the World**

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

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### *I Believe in You*



**Wing-Kun Tam,  
International  
President**

### ***I Believe Resources***

**Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us.**

As Lions we are all droplets of water that together form the world’s mightiest ocean of service.

The Yellow River is the seventh-longest river in the world, stretching 3,395 miles long. It is often called the cradle of Chinese civilization, serving as the birthplace of northern Chinese civilizations and giving prosperity to millions.

And yet, at its source, high in the Bayan Har Mountains, it all begins very humbly with trickles of water. It gains its power and strength as it flows northwest, then northeast, turning southward, and finally east flowing through seven provinces along the way and nourishing over 120 million people.

It’s astonishing that such a mighty force starts out so small.

Lions Clubs International also had a humble beginning. Our founder, Melvin Jones, and a few of his colleagues, were the first beginning droplets of water that today, 94 years later, have changed the world and touched millions of lives.

Download this booklet and see all the details:

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

### **Filipino Girl Wins Lions International Peace Poster Contest**

We’re pleased to announce that the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest is Trisha Co Reyes. The Manila Centennial Lions Club sponsored Trisha, a 13-year-old girl from the Philippines, in the contest. As the grand prize winner, Trisha will receive US\$5,000 and attend an award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) in New York City. [Learn more about Trisha](#) and [order your kit](#) to participate in the 25th annual competition, “Imagine Peace.” Your town might be the home of our next winner.



### **Young Girl Wins International Essay Contest**

Mikaela Smith, a 12 year-old girl from Indiana, USA, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International Essay contest. The Chesterton Lions Club sponsored Mikaela in the contest.

During this month’s LDUN event, Mikaela will receive an award and the US\$5,000 grand prize. In her essay, Mikaela wrote, “I believe the simplest way to define peace is to ask or watch a child.” [Read Mikaela’s essay](#) – and [learn how your club can sponsor the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest](#) for visually-impaired students, ages 11-13.

### **Eye Donor Awareness Month in March**

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

### **Pre- and Post- Busan Convention Tours**



Lions attending our convention in Busan may wish to visit Yeosu, Korea the venue for [EXPO 2012](#), a world’s fair-type event. The EXPO theme, “The Living Ocean and Coast,” strives to provide education about the importance of balancing the environment and ocean/coastal development. Millions of international visitors are expected to attend the EXPO – and [our preferred tour operators](#) can help you plan your visit there. Not registered for convention yet? Advance registration closes on May 1, 2012. [Register to attend today!](#)

## Leo Lion Summit in Korea

As part of Lions' commitment to youth, we want to ensure that Leos have a voice in our organization. To help us reach this goal, the first ever Leo Lion Summit will take place during the 2012 Lions Clubs International Convention. This Summit will encourage more dialogue between Lions and Leos – and allow Lions to better understand those who will one day lead our association. [Learn more about this special event.](#)

## Get Ready for the Camping Season

Lions recreational camps give youth a chance to be included without limitations. That's why so many parents hope their children with diabetes or other special needs will be able to attend camp. And you can help. Our [partner](#), Diabetes Education and Camping Association, has great resources for Lions who want to start or improve diabetes camping programs. You can also assist an existing Lions camp by providing camperships, helping prepare camp facilities, or planning a special activity for campers.

**We support Camp Kudzu -**  
<http://www.campkudzu.org/>



Camp Kudzu serves Georgia's children, teens and families with type 1 diabetes. Camp brings to mind fresh air...laughter heard across a lake...starry skies...children running, climbing, swimming and looking up to caring adults. Camp provides a sense of community. The children, teens and families who take part in Camp Kudzu's programs learn that they are not alone in their struggle with diabetes.

Camp Kudzu offers summer camp, family weekends, and teen retreats. The focus is on fun, but the lessons learned regarding diabetes self-management skills are critical to long-term health. *Children who have access to quality*

*diabetes management education at a young age can reduce their risk of diabetes-related complications. Camp provides vital education in a setting that gives each child the best chance of practicing lessons learned.*

We all await a cure. Until that day comes, Camp Kudzu helps our young people live life to the fullest.



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

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks so much!

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## LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions in Maryland are conserving water with rain barrels.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Lions Clubs App](#)

Download our Android App to stay in touch with us.

#### [Rockin' the Vest](#)

Share our rap video - and help attract new members.

#### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

## CONTESTS

#### [International Contest](#)

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

#### [Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest in your community.

## EVENTS

#### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

### One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Update

In the time it takes you to read this message, a child will die from a measles related complication. In the following 24 hour period, 450 more children will die. More than 13,000 children will die by months' end. My fellow Lions, we cannot stand by and do nothing.



I am reminded of Helen Keller's words: "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." The most effective way to help is by [making a gift](#) to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative effort. I have already made a commitment, along with International President Tam and the other officers.

Lions, we can and must do something to help these children. We have made great strides against [measles](#) in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria, and have started work in India. I recently visited the Democratic Republic of Congo, meeting with Lions' African leaders and hearing the desperate call for support of this initiative within their country and their community.

Following the All-Africa conference, I visited Nepal, where the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative has expanded. There, we are working to vaccinate and save 10 million children from contracting measles. Representatives from the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Nepal's Ministry of Health all expressed their gratitude for our help saving the lives of children in Nepal. When I met with President Ram Baran Yadav of Nepal, he told me that "this is very necessary work; health and social services are neglected areas in my country and we are happy to have your help."

This is great work, but we need to do more. As our efforts expand, Lions have the opportunity to help children in all countries where measles remains a heavy public health burden. For less than US\$1, we can vaccinate one child for life. Through our collaboration with [Measles Initiative partners](#), we can save 157 million children this year!

The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million by providing a matching grant of US\$1 for every US\$2 raised by Lions. LCIF has received several large donations to

help meet this challenge, including US\$250,000 from Multiple District 300, Taiwan, and US\$10,000 from International Director Seiki Yamaura from Japan. With these generous gifts and other donations, we have raised just over US\$810,000 in donations towards meeting our goal of US\$10 million. All Lions are encouraged to support this program and help meet the challenge. [Donations](#) are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition and qualifying clubs will receive banner patches based on a per member average.



US\$1 =  
1 shot =  
1 life saved  
from measles

You can help us save the lives of these children and ensure they do not become a statistic. Be a part of the solution through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lion,

Over the last few months, you have heard me talk about our expanding partnership program with the Gates Foundation to save children from [measles](#). This month the program expanded to Nepal.



Last week I had the opportunity to meet with governmental leaders and some of our partners in Nepal, including UNICEF and the World Health Organization. We have a long history of working together on other programs, and they expressed their appreciation that we are now joining in the fight against measles. Together, Lions and the Measles Initiative will vaccinate 10 million children in Nepal, and a total of 157 million children worldwide this year.

As a young child in the United States, I had measles. I was fortunate to have excellent timely medical care and no complications. My children and grandchildren have also been vaccinated against measles. Yet in places like Nepal and other developing countries, this is not the case. Medical services and vaccines can be expensive, and it is often difficult to deliver them to the children who need them most. Lions are helping teach mothers about the dangers of measles and why a vaccination is so important. Many of these measles vaccination campaigns also vaccinate against other diseases, such as rubella in Nepal.

Measles is not the only program we are expanding in Nepal. We recently launched [Lions Quest](#) as well. I continue to be amazed at the many ways that Lions around the world are ensuring a bright and healthy future for our children and grandchildren.

A grassroots organization the size of ours has the power to make a significant impact in ending measles. We are already well known for our [SightFirst](#) efforts to end preventable blindness. We now have the same opportunity with measles.

[For just US\\$1 we can vaccinate one child.](#) The Gates Foundation is challenging us to raise US\$10 million. They will match every US\$2 raised with US\$1. I am asking you to join us in saving children's lives. The children of the world are counting on us.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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## **Fighting Preventable Blindness with WHO**

Lions and the World Health Organization are strengthening their commitment to prevent blindness. At a signing ceremony in December, Lions executive officers and WHO officers [signed an agreement](#) to continue and expand blindness prevention efforts through [SightFirst](#). This includes increasing programs for the prevention and control of diabetic eye disease and [childhood blindness](#). Lions will also work with WHO to strengthen 26 childhood blindness centers around the world.

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## **Lions Clubs Strengthen Philanthropy**

A new study shows what we Lions already know: Lions volunteer and give more generously than the general population. The study surveyed Lions in 12 countries worldwide in partnership with Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and CCS. The study coincides with Lions Clubs' 95th anniversary. Topics also included leadership and women.



## **About CCS**

CCS, a leading global fundraising consulting and management firm provides fundraising, development services and strategic consulting to non-profit organizations worldwide. With offices throughout North America and in London and Dublin, CCS designs successful and sustainable development initiatives for organizations across every non-profit sector. Founded in 1947, the firm is wholly owned by its ten partners and retains the largest and most experienced permanent staff in the industry. To learn more, visit [www.ccsfundraising.com](http://www.ccsfundraising.com).

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# Editor's Note



## Fellow Lions:

### Golden Chain — District Chair

**Lion Bonnie Linscott:**

Golden Chain Deadline April 30 -- It is not too late to qualify. The most important and hardest part is to sponsor a new member. If you have a new member, please review the other qualifications and apply for this award through your club president and secretary.—The Order of the Golden Chain MD-18 is a proud group of Lions who have “linked together” their service and leadership in Georgia.

Qualifications are really easy with 5 mandatory activities (club attendance, sponsoring a new member, attending BOD, attending a Zone / Region / cabinet meeting, and being an active committee member) along with 11 or 24 other options in Lionism (including chairpersonship, officer, public relations, attending conventions, assisting the Lighthouse and Camp, participating in district and state efforts). Again, if you are an active member, you probably have already accomplished the above. The main criterion is the new member. And you can do it. Join the Golden Chain this year!

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### Anne Sullivan Award — District Chair

**Lion Margaret Johnson:**

This Award, sponsored by the Macon Cherry Blossom Lions Club, is presented for recognition of outstanding achievement in working with handicapped children. Recommendations must be made by a Lions, giving full biographical data on the Nominee and stating clearly the basis on which the Club is making its nomination. All informational material must set out plainly the depth and scope of the accomplishment or services and the period the services have been rendered or the general effect on the Community of the achievement. The original of the recommendation must be *sent to the Chairman* of the Anne Sullivan Award Committee (listed below); AND

- One copy to your District’s Committee Member;
- One copy to the State Office

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### Outstanding Blind Award — District Chair

**Lion Bill Graham:**

This Award is presented to a blind person (not necessarily a Lion) for some outstanding achievement or unusual Services performed for his Community or Club. Recommendations must be made by a Lions or Lioness Club, giving full biographical data on the Nominee and stating clearly the basis on which the Club is making its nomination. All informational material must set out plainly the depth and scope of the accomplishment or services and the period the services have been rendered or the general effect on the Community of the achievement. The original of the recommendation must be sent to the Chairman of the Outstanding

Blind Award Committee (listed below); AND

- One copy to your District’s Committee Member;
- One copy to the State Office

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### Outstanding Deaf Award District Chair

**Lion Beverly Shirley, PDG:**

This Award is presented to a hearing impaired person (not necessarily a Lion), residing in the State of Georgia, whose outstanding achievements and contributions are an inspiration to others. Recommendations must be made by a Lions or Lioness Club, giving full biographical data on the Nominee and stating clearly the basis on which the Club is making its nomination. All informational material must set out plainly the depth and scope of the accomplishments or services, and the period the services have been rendered or the general effect on the Community of the achievement. The original of the recommendation must be sent to *the Chairman* of the Outstanding Deaf Award Committee (listed below); AND

- One copy to your District’s Committee Member;
- One copy to the State Office;

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### State Awards—District Chair

**Lion Bryson Tanner:**

The State Awards Committee oversees 36+ awards sponsored by the Council and Lions Clubs within the State. The criteria for each award is listed in the State Directory. All clubs are eligible for submission. There are many clubs who deserve to be recognized. Please submit your applications through your district chair.

Your club can also receive kudos. Please submit your applications one week prior to the State Convention!



**GUESS WHAT’s COMING –  
are you prepared?**

### Club Officer Report (PU-101):

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

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

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

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



Dear Lion Leaders,



As we began the year, I asked you to treat the members of your club and the Lions in your district as you would the members of your own family. Reports show there currently is an increase in members around the world due to better member retention. It is because leaders like you are embracing the [My Club, My Family](#) concept. By now, most of you have taken positive steps towards this concept, but let me underline its importance to membership retention and the health of our clubs.

One club I know lost a member in a most tragic way. One of its senior members became very ill and could not attend meetings for more than six months. When he recovered, one of his first acts was to deliver a letter of resignation to his club president. During his lengthy illness, not one member of his club inquired about his health.

Here is one lifetime of service that could have been preserved with a simple telephone call, a card or any expression of concern. I can't say I would have acted differently than that senior Lion. But I was lucky. When I first joined the Mt. Cameron Lions Club in Hong Kong, the senior members made me feel welcome, let me take meaningful responsibility and listened to my ideas.

That is one reason why I regard club presidents around the world as my own Lions family and developed the President Meets Presidents Program. I have met with more than 7,000 club presidents, have listened to their ideas and been inspired by their enthusiasm for service and respect for their fellow Lions. I was especially pleased to hear President Dennis Sew of the Hampstead Lions Club in Hampstead, Maryland, USA say:

*"My Lions rally together to work annual fundraisers, support our causes and celebrate holidays and charter nights as a family would."*

President Jalila Harchaoui of the Lions Club Blida la Rose in Algeria put it succinctly:

*"One hand, one heart, we serve with a smile for better future. We serve because we believe more than ever!"*

And I am confident that the Lions Club of Tumut, New South Wales, Australia, has a bright future because President Phyllis Darragh told me that:

*"We are fortunate to have four of our charter members still with us. We do, however, need to attract members who can actively participate in our community activities. I will be making use of those more experienced than me in our Lions organization for guidance and assistance."*

I plan to meet with many more club presidents before the end of our leadership year. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you would share the stories of your clubs service and membership successes by sending them to [Submit Your Story](#).

As Lions, our main focus is and must always be on service. But let us remember that our fellow Lions are no less our neighbors and no less deserving of our care and concern than those we exist to serve. I believe this is crucial to making a strong finish to our leadership year. Our ultimate success as Lion leaders may well depend on reaching out to them outside the context of meetings and official occasions

They are your Lions family as you are all my Lions family.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam  
International President

### Tree Planting Challenge

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

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

### Recruit Young Adults

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

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

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

Check next page below:  
Tools for Recruiting Young Adults -



## Tree Planting

I am proud and grateful for the overwhelming support Lions have shown for our tree planting campaign. You have done amazing work to surpass my goal more than 6 times over but the project still offers us great opportunities to change the world and build our clubs.

- The ideal time to plant trees in the Northern Hemisphere is during the early spring when the weather is still cool. This allows trees to develop strong roots before the heavy rains and heat of summer. Tree planting remains a crucial environmental concern for our world. Read [Why Trees](#) to learn why they are so important.
- Planting trees is an ideal way to attract new members who care especially about environmental issues. Work in partnership with Leos, other youth groups and environmental groups in your community and use the [Million Tree Planting Campaign Resources](#) to publicize your projects. Be sure to report all tree planting activities through the Service Activity Report to help spread the word about the great work that Lions are doing around the world.

## Global Service Action Campaigns

This year Lions have directly touched the lives of more than four million people through [Global Service Action Campaigns](#) alone. Please take a moment to reflect on these statistics and appreciate how Lions are changing the world one person at a time.

### August - Engaging our Youth

- **Activities: 9,829 -Lions Hours: 825,534 -People Served: 1,746,302**

### October - Sharing the Vision

- **Activities:7,439 -Lions Hours: 588,329 - People Served: 4,425,142**

### December/January- Relieving the Hunger

- **Activities: 7,161 - Lions Hours: 624,978 - People Fed: 7,523,880**

Now get ready for an even greater impact on our world by preparing your club and district for the April Global Service Action Campaign, [Protecting Our Environment](#).

You can build on the momentum of our Million Tree Planting Campaign by planting even more trees or by engaging your club and local Leos on projects such as:

- **Helping to build a safe drinking water system**
- **Organizing a battery or electronics recycling campaign**
- **Cleaning-up a beach or park**
- **Raising awareness about "going green"**

See [Protecting Our Environment Project Ideas](#) for more suggestions.

Use the [Service Activity Report](#) to spread the word about your projects.

## Set Your Sights High

### Worldwide Induction Day

Worldwide Induction Day on April 21, 2012 is the perfect time for a [membership campaign](#), a [public relations campaign](#) and to strengthen [member retention](#). Start your planning now by downloading the [Worldwide Induction Day Planning Guide](#).

### Volunteering as a Family

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

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

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

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Go to this web site and sign up = [http://lionstraining.us/Lions\\_Training/Webinars/Webinars.html](http://lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/Webinars/Webinars.html)

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

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



Fellow Lions Leaders,

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

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

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/PR/Destination%20Tampa.pdf>

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Lions:

Spring is almost here, and the time is nearing for all clubs to hold club officer elections. Hopefully, all clubs are developing a slate of nominees for the 2012-2013 Lions year that begins July 1, 2012.

In an effort to properly train Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs, we will be holding officer training prior to our District Convention on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The training will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the Dahlonga Baptist Church in Dahlonga, GA. Listed below are the Lions who will be leading this training:

- Club Presidents – Lion Pete Stamsen, Pres., Lawrenceville Lions Club
- Club Secretaries – Lion Anne Mundy, Zone Chair, Dahlonga Lions Club
- Club Treasurers – Lion Sonny Medlin, Treas., Snellville Lions Club
- Membership Chairs – PDG Allan Stalker, District GMT Coordinator &  
Lion Chuck Lynch, Pres., Loganville Legacy Lions Club

All current club officers and incoming club officers are invited to attend this training. Even if you are not an officer yet, but you would like to learn more about these positions, you are welcome also. The training for Club Presidents is a great opportunity for Club Vice-Presidents to learn more also.

If your club will not know their incoming officers before this training on March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering another opportunity for club officer training in June. The date and location will be announced soon. Your District Governor Team, Global Membership Team, and Global Leadership Team are committed to strengthening all our clubs. This training is just one way we can do that. You can also go to the LCI website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) or training website ([www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us)) and participate in individual training courses and/or webinars. If I can help in any way, please let me know at [graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net) or phone me at 404-694-0413.

As GLT Coordinator, I have tried to provide as much training as possible for our District leaders and all Lions in our District. In a continuing effort to provide this training, I have listed below a couple of resources for you as Zone Chair:

LCI Website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) – Enter Zone & Region Chairperson Center in the Search box

Training Website ([www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us)) – Click on “Zone Chairs”

Both of these sites have numerous resources for Zone Chairs.

Thank you for your commitment to serve your club as an officer. Together, we can strengthen our clubs and better serve our communities. If you have any questions, please contact me at [graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net) or 404-694-0413.

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

# Training Materials/Resources



## ***The new and improved Leadership Resource Center has arrived!***

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

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

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

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PCC Miller discussed two programs specifically designed to help an existing club. The Club Excellence Process, which is an excellent training program that is a workshop for helping clubs to first, evaluate themselves, second, to look at their community and expose what additional service projects are needed in their community that would bolster that club's relevance to that community and finally, put action plans in place to get that club moving.



The second program is the Pride Building Team, where you recruit and train a certified guiding Lion to work with a struggling existing club to be a kind of coach and counselor to help that club excel. Both of these programs are in each club's arsenal to address clubs that are struggling.



District Governor Elect training will be two pronged next year. There will be a regionalized training for the southeastern 7 states at two separate weekend events before District Governors Elect attend the International Convention. They will attend one extra day at the convention, and then the convention, but the bulk of the training of the DGEs will take place in the southeast, so that is a change. It becomes very important that the District Governor Elect is identified as early as possible to take advantage of the training.

**A special training event will be available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 26, 27, and 28 July.** Georgia will host a Faculty Development Institute for up to 40 people from across the southeast. This will be held in Jasper, Georgia. This is an opportunity to train Lions who will then train other Lions in how to be dynamic, using power point and webinars and all the latest in technology that is available. The faculty is PIP Frank Moore; PID Neil Spencer, PCC Mark Miller and (hopefully) ID Holby Whitley from North Carolina. Districts should begin to identify people who are willing to start facilitating quality training on the district level. The cost will be \$35.00. Hotel rooms will cost under \$50.00 per night. There will be an application process.

The late February and March webinars will be emphasizing helping struggling clubs. He encouraged participation. Lion Miller discussed the four items adopted by the Council at the January meeting concerning

### **Redistricting:**

1. The Council adopted a philosophy statement. A philosophy that we understand that we are forming four new districts in Georgia. These are not mergers or acquisitions from existing districts to those. They are new districts, with new history, new traditions, etc. So a club is not moving to someone else's district. It is, instead, a new day with brand new districts. This needs to be communicated to every club.

2. The LRP gave Council choices to decide how to facilitate the transition next year. The Governors will present in each District a Resolution that will authorize the District next year to participate officially in the organizational meeting of the new LION, so that subject to adoption in your respective districts, your clubs will actually participate jointly in those organizational meetings. Those meetings are:

District O: February 15-17, 2013 (Joint convention with Districts C, F, and E)

District N: February 22-24, 2013 (Joint with B and F)

District I: March 1-3, 2013 (Joint with D and F)

District L: March 8-10, 2013 (Joint with A and E)

3. District Finances. There is a recommendation of splitting those funds appropriately so the money creates something for the new Districts to start with. The Council adopted this recommendation.

4. LRP committee suggested, and Council voted, to not propose any changes to the MD 18 Constitution and By-Laws at this year's State Convention.



# Lions Store

Making plans for your upcoming club celebrations, events and functions? We can help!

Make your tables truly unique, proudly using items showing your Lions emblem. Here are some excellent table supplies and a handy way to carry them!

Visit the [Lions Store](#) to see what's new in 2012!

*And remember, orders OVER US\$50.00 ship for just US\$2.29 thru the end of February!*

## New Apparel and Accessories!



[Carry On Bag - US\\$50.00](#)



[Performance Jersey - US\\$29.50-  
US\\$31.50](#)



[Folding Dog Bowl - US\\$6.50](#)

## New Pens and Office Supplies!



[Flex Calculator - US\\$6.50](#)



[Inkjoy Ball Pens - US\\$0.75/each](#)



[Clip Board Portfolio -  
US\\$16.50](#)

## New Awards!



[Lion of the Year Award - US\\$16.50](#)



[President Award - US\\$18.50](#)





We here at Ultimate Fundraising Inc. are proud to be an Official Licensee of Lions Clubs International. We are committed to providing your club with excellent fundraising programs and invite you to visit our website to learn more about the programs that may work best for your club.

This is our most popular spring fundraising program for your Lions Club to consider for this year. I hope we hear from you and that your club will give this great program a try. I have also included information for our Candle fundraisers and our Golf Discount Card program.

### Golf Discount Card

People love everything about discounts; discount poker chips, cars on sale, cheap records and discount cards. This card allows you to promote 4-6 golf courses in your area and provide your supporters with an average of over \$500 in savings. The golf card sells for \$30 and your organization can make an 80% profit on all cards sold.

Ultimate Fundraising would like for your organization to benefit from this type of discount card. Please visit our [testimonials page](#) to see how well other organizations have done and what they have to say about the golf discount card.

There are other types of theme cards that Ultimate Fundraising is interested in setting up. Some of these include alpine or skiing discount cards and activity theme cards that include a variety of different activities that take place in your area. An activity card may include activities such as bowling, paint ball, go cart racing, discounts on sporting events, etc.



PARTICIPANTS	DISCOUNT CARDS	PROFIT %	TOTAL PROFIT
25	2 cards each	80 %	\$ 1,200
25	4 cards each	80 %	\$ 2,400
75	2 cards each	80 %	\$ 3,600
75	4 cards each	80 %	\$ 7,200
150	2 cards each	80 %	\$ 7,200
150	4 cards each	80 %	\$ 14,400
250	2 cards each	80 %	\$ 12,000
250	4 cards each	80 %	\$ 24,000

### Baseball, Soccer and Football Bracelet Fundraiser



BRACELETS ORDERED	PROFIT (based upon \$10 retail per bracelet)	TOTAL GROUP PROFIT
50	83 %	\$ 350
225	83 %	\$ 1,575
500	83 %	\$ 3,500
750	83 %	\$ 5,250
1,000	83 %	\$ 7,000

- \* Earn thousands of dollars and provide a cool product to adults, teens, and kids
- \* Authentic and stylish looking with a complete wrap-around fit that's trim and snug
- \* Authentic leather baseball seam-stitched bracelet with Velcro fastening
- \* Promote your team, league and/or association and raise awareness with personalized bracelets
- \* Create pride amongst your players
- \* One size fits all (dimensions are 9 inches in length and 9/16 inches in width and fastens with adjustable Velcro)
- \* Group pays \$3.00 US - Suggested Retail Price: \$8 - \$10 US - Group Keeps \$5 - \$7 profit per bracelet!





? **Lions Club**

## "Supermarket Sweep"

\$5.00 per ticket

Drawing June 30, 2011

"Sweep" July 2, 2011

9:30 AM

Kroger's

Address

, Georgia

5 minutes to "RUN THE STORE"

plus \$50 in Meat

\*\*\* No Alcohol or Tobacco Products\*\*\*

## "Seeing Beyond Borders"

Shot, edited, written & narrated by Peter Musurlian, this news report features a Lions In Sight vision clinic in Mexico. The mini-documentary, first aired in late September 2010, was a collaborative effort between Globalist Films & BTV6, the City of Burbank's government access channel, now called, "The Burbank Channel." GOLDEN MIKE -- On January 22, 2011, "Seeing Beyond Borders" won a Golden Mike from the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California. For more info go to: [www.rtna.org](http://www.rtna.org) OR click on the RTNA video on this channel.

Go to this web site:

[http://www.brandonlions.org/blog/?p=2283&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+brandonlions%2FIgiU+%28Brandon+Lions+Club+Blog%29](http://www.brandonlions.org/blog/?p=2283&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+brandonlions%2FIgiU+%28Brandon+Lions+Club+Blog%29)

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### OLIVER THE LION, WHO WANTS TO BE A LION

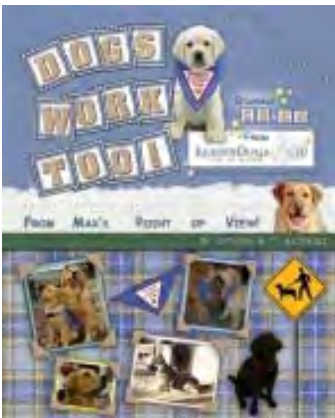
Written By  
CYNTHIA  
BERCOWETZ  
Illustrated By  
ERIK PFLUEGER



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

Formats	Amazon Price	New from
Kindle Edition	\$9.95	-- --
<a href="#">Paperback</a>	\$14.95	<a href="#">\$14.80</a>

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Did you know that dogs work too? My name is Maximus, but you can call me "Max." I'm a six-year old yellow English Labrador Retriever and I just went on an adventure. I learned about working dogs, especially Leader Dogs for the Blind. As you read my story, I'll share my adventure with you from my point of view. If humans can work, then dogs can work too! A portion of the proceeds from this book are donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind.  
***Dogs Work Too!***  
Anthony M.T. Majewski

Formats	Amazon Price	New from
<a href="#">Kindle Edition</a>	\$4.99	--
Paperback	\$10.99	<a href="#">\$8.04</a>



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY

AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

FOLIAGE FEST!

High-Quality Trees  
From Local Nurseries  
At Great Prices

Saturday - March 17  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*Rain or Shine!*



Jefferson City Park Clubhouse  
Old Swimming Pool Road



Don't miss this year's incredible line up...

- Curley Maple - Fiddle-Driven Old Time Folk & Celtic
- Center Stage - With Ga. Hall-of-Fame Fiddler Clyde Beck
- The Green Flag - Traditional Irish Group of Athens
- Red Oak Southern Strings - Foot-Tapping Fun from Athens
- Crystal River - Bluegrass & Gospel from Jefferson
- Bill Long - Local Vocalist and Acoustic Talent

—and— the Jefferson Middle School Symphonic Band!

Tree Sale and  
Music Festival

Select from a large variety  
of tree species to improve  
the look of your yard and  
neighborhood this spring.

- LIVE! Irish, Bluegrass  
and Acoustic Music
- Kids - Bring your  
Bikes for a Skills and  
Safety Course  
sponsored by the  
Jefferson Police  
Department
- Prize Drawings
- Experts Onsite to  
Answer Your Tree  
Questions
- Tree Planting,  
Mulching and  
Pruning  
Demonstrations



**Take Home Trees to Plant**

It's planting season. Several local nurseries will have trees onsite for sale. Select trees from the wide assortment of species available and take them home to plant with your family. You'll not only make your yard and neighborhood beautiful... you'll also be helping your community. A portion of the proceeds from sales will go to the Jefferson Heritage Tree Council for tree planting, maintenance and environmental education.

**Your Support Makes a Difference**

The City of Jefferson has 55.8% of its land area covered by tree canopy – the leafy, shading parts of a tree. That may not seem too bad – more than half – but, consider the pressures of development and population growth that happen in every community. By proactively plant trees together every year, we can keep this percentage from at least from dropping.

Tree canopy is important and often taken for granted. Tree canopy helps keeps surface temperatures from soaring. The area under a shade tree is often 10 to 30 degrees lower than out in full sun. Think of the difference that makes over parking lots and in business districts. Tree canopy helps you save money by reducing the energy you use to cool your home. A community sheltered under a tree canopy's comforting shade is more appealing to residents and businesses and that will keep our property values higher than communities that don't value their trees.

**Need a Valentine's Day Idea?**

We're offering Valentine's Day Gift Cards that can be purchased for \$15 at Jefferson City Hall or the Jefferson Library. The cards can be first presented to your loved one, then later redeemed as a voucher toward the purchase of trees at Foliage Fest. The voucher card is good only at Foliage Fest. And, please note that, unfortunately, we will be unable to provide refunds or make change at the event.

**Kids, Bring Bikes**

The Jefferson Police Department is sponsoring a bicycle skills and safety program where kids can test their maneuvers through cones courses and learn about general rules of the road.

**Calling for Vendors**

Space is still available for exhibitors with products or services related to gardening, tree care and maintenance, conservation, natural and homemade crafts, environmental or community education. We encourage you to forward this email to others you think may like to participate, volunteer or simply come to the event. Some space is also available for food vendors. Please reply to this email if you'd like more information.

**Please Forward**

Please consider the connections you have and forward this to those you know, even in neighboring communities. We have limited resources for outreach and can use all the help we can get to spread the word.

We look forward to seeing you **Saturday, March 17!** Mary Dugan, Founding Member, Jefferson Heritage Tree Council  
[www.jeffersontreecouncil.org](http://www.jeffersontreecouncil.org) It's a way to be GREEN even if you aren't Irish! Foliage Fest is taking place **Saturday, March 17** at the Jefferson City Park on Old Swimming Pool Road in Jefferson. The event is free. Parking is free.



Good morning all,

I am writing you this morning to let you know about an event that will take place on Sunday, March 25th to raise funding for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. It is the 6th Annual Atlanta VisionWalk! We as Lions in Gwinnett County have an opportunity to walk to increase awareness and raise critical research dollars for preventions, treatments and find cures for blindness. VisionWalk is the Foundation's signature fundraising event. VisionWalk is a fun-filled, family-friendly 5K (3.1 miles) walkathon fundraiser. All walk routes are wheelchair & stroller accessible. The Walk is at Piedmont Park in Atlanta. Registration is at 12 and the walk begins at 1

I became aware of VisionWalk when the President of the Atlanta Chapter of the FFB (Foundation Fighting Blindness) contacted me to ask if I would show the Documentary, "Going Blind". I was asked to come to a kick off meeting of the Atlanta VisionWalk. I quickly became aware of how hard FFB is working to raise funding for research. We as Lions know and understand many of the issues that can impact individuals that suffer from loss of their sight. We as Lions in Gwinnett County can help by participating in VisionWalk and raising funding for research. The Foundation Fighting Blindness drives the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinal degenerative diseases.

I would ask that you visit [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org) for more information on the recent scientific advances that have been made. Please also visit [www.RacetoCureBlindness.org](http://www.RacetoCureBlindness.org).

In order to make it easy for you to participate in this year's VisionWalk, I have already signed up and we have a website.

It is: <http://www.fightblindness.org/goto/LionsClub>. Once there you will be able to register, log in and find fundraising tools to help you prepare for this year's VisionWalk. I have set a goal of \$1000 for the Gwinnett Lions and I feel that is a very obtainable goal. I intend to "Walk for the Cure" on March 25 and I challenge the Lions Clubs in Gwinnett County to join me at the 6th Annual VisionWalk and help in finding a cure as well.

Please feel free to contact me or Leslie Ireland at the FFB if you have any questions [Lireland@FightBlindness.org](mailto:Lireland@FightBlindness.org)

As always, I thank you for your support.

Yours in Lionism,

Pete Stamsen  
President, Lawrenceville Lions Club



To all District 18-D Zone Chairs, Presidents & Secretaries,

Do you or anyone in your Club enjoy going to a baseball game? Does your Club support the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind? If you answered yes to either or both of these questions, you might be happy to know that the Gwinnett Braves in conjunction with the Lions of District 18-D have come up with an opportunity to do both and the Camp for the Blind will be the Winner.

On Saturday, June 2, 1012 at 7:05 PM, the Gwinnett Braves & the Lions of District 18-D will be partnering in a fundraiser to raise money for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. For each \$8 ticket that is sold, the Camp will receive \$3 if we sell 200 or more tickets. Last year the Gwinnett Lions Clubs and the Gwinnett Braves partnered to raise funds for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. There were just over 150 tickets sold and the Lighthouse received over \$300 from the purchase of tickets. Those in attendance had a great time. The weather was wonderful and most attendees received a free G Braves baseball cap because of the promotion on that evening. I have not yet received word on what the promotion will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup>

This is how it will work. Included with this email is a ticket form that you and your members can use to order tickets. Each ticket order should be filled out separately. (i.e. if the Jones family wants 6 tickets, then fill out that form for the Jones family, 6 x \$8 = \$48.) The money should be deposited to your Club Activities account, then, when your treasurer sends the orders, a check will be also sent for the amount, (6 x \$5 = \$30) for the cost of the tickets. Your Club then will send the \$18 (6 x \$3 = \$18) to the Camp for the Blind as your part of the fundraiser. The tickets will be available on the day of the game, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, approximately 1 hour before the -game, at a will call table at the entrance of the Gwinnett Braves ball park



**Join the Gwinnett Braves and  
Gwinnett County Lions Club**

**Saturday, June 2nd@ 7:05 PM  
Vs. Charlotte Knights  
Seats are located in the Baseline Box for \$8**

A portion of every ticket purchase will go directly to  
[The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind](#)

Order form and payment must be received by May 4th, 2012



WWW.GWINNETTBRAVES.COM

678-277-0362

2012 GWINNETT BRAVES  
ORDER FORM  
RETURN BY May 4th, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Baseline Box	Ticket Price	Number of Tickets	Amount Due
	\$8		
Total Amount Due			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE RETURN PAYMENT AND ORDER FORM TO

ALL TICKETS CAN BE PICKED UP THE NIGHT OF THE GAME  
AT THE LIONS CLUB PRIVATE WILL CALL TABLE LOCATED  
ON THE MAIN PLAZA OUT SIDE THE BOX OFFICE AT  
COOLRAY FIELD, THE HOME OF THE GWINNETT BRAVES.

WWW.GWINNETTBRAVES.COM

678-277-0362

This is a wonderful way to come together as Lions, creating a high visibility, having a fun evening with *family & friends* and raising money for the Camp for the Blind. I hope that you and your Club Members will join us in making this a successful event.

Please share this with the members of your Club. As this fundraiser is not just for Lions, ask your members to contact their neighbors and friends to help support this project to raise funds for the Camp for the Blind. If we all work together, the Camp will be the Winner and we as Lions of District 18-D will have had a great time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours in Lionism,

Pete Stamsen  
President, Lawrenceville Lions Club  
770-597-2926

# TO ALL GEORGIA LIONS AND LIONS FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

The request for sponsorships is for 18-D Clubs.

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GA Lions District 18-D Camp V-P and Directors Present:

## THE CAMP MASTERS

A Team Golf Tournament benefiting  
*The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind*

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012



DETAILS: \$50 person, \$200 per team – singles or doubles can register.  
Mulligan's available at \$5 each, up to 10 per person.

Maximum Players: 22 Teams, sign up early

District Lions Club is urged to sign up a team: \$15 per person credited with a donation to the Camp for their Club!

EACH District 18-D Club is asked to choose to sponsor the event by:

Hole in One: \$100 for the team OR

Closest to the Hole: \$40 for the team (4 needed)

Longest Drive: \$40 for the team (1 needed)

Hole Sponsor: 18 Holes at \$100 per hole – (will be credited as a Club gift to the Camp –  
A Sign will be displayed at the hole AND a listed on the Program)

Prizes for winning Teams; Number will be according to number playing.

Each Club is requested to donate toward a prize.

**SHOTGUN START at 9:15 AM - Tournament ends at 3 P.M.**

TEAM: Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid by: CK or Credit Card:** Type: MC, Visa, AM EXP, Disc.

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_; Exp Date: Mo: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL To:** Camp Masters, P.O. Box 1118, Hiawasse, GA 30546

**GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC.**

**MEMORIAL GARDENS**



**Buy a Brick Program:** Personalized bricks purchased through our Buy a Brick Program will be put in our Memorial Garden located . Bricks may be: In Honor Of, In Memory Of, To an Individual Club, Lion, Spouse, Family, Anonymous Donor. This is your choice.

**Cost:** The cost of each Brick will be \$100.00. Please mail the below Form with attached check to Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc., 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA. 31503.

**Details:** There are three engraved lines with a total of 13 characters (letters) on each line.

**Detach form below and mail to above address with check attached.**

**Memorial Gardens  
Brick Application Form**

Sponsor or Applicants Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the letters or numbers needed for your brick. Use only the spaces you need.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Attach check and mail to: Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc., 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA. 31503

# CLUB REPORTS



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



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

**Athens Campus Lions Club - WHETHER YOU ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING OR NOT PLEASE SEE THE LINKS AT THE END OF THIS EMAIL TO SIGN UP FOR EVENTS AND COMMITTEES (A LOT OF INFORMATION HAS BEEN CHANGED ON THESE GOOGLE DOCS)**

**Meeting notes are:** Here are the **meeting notes** from **Wednesday, February 15th:**

-We had Pete Stamsen, president of the Lawrenceville Lions Club give a presentation on what Lions Clubs International is all about and what we are a part of. The District Governor also gave us some information on how to use the Lions Website to find projects and events to participate in or plan.

-We stressed that if you sign up for something on the excel sheet you are actually going to participate in the event. In our first few events we had many people who signed up that were unable to do the event. This is fine, however, because we are all college students and academics come first and our priorities are all different. But, **it is our hope that you joined this club so that when you do have free time you can utilize that time to help out our community, gain experience, meet new people and become better educated events happening around the globe, all through lions.**

-We now have committees available for all members to join. These committees allow each and every one of you to **lead, create, plan, and/or organize any one of our events.**

**WE NEED YOU TO HELP US GROW STRONGER AS A CLUB TOGETHER. THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT VALUABLE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, SPACE IS NOT LIMITED. WE LEAD TOGETHER AS A CLUB.**

-There is a link to the page of committees at the end of this email, please click on them and start getting involved in leading our club, making a difference in our community and the world with our involvement with charities around the world

-The committees allow you to get experience with certain aspects of community service as well as the clubs well being

-Membership was also stressed, so that we continue to bring in new members.

**Athens Classic City Lions Club – Join us for all you can eat pancake breakfast**  
March 24, 2012 8:00 AM until 12 Noon St. James UMC 111 West Lake Dr. Athens,  
Georgia Adults \$6.00 Children under 3 Free



**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = During the month we continued the planning and coordination, lead by PDG David Sargent, of the trail at Anna Ruby Falls State Park. We now anticipate an opening during the Spring. The new signage will be a tremendous improvement over the previous signs. Our Nominating Committee also continued work on the new slate of officers for the new Lions Year. We are also monitoring the changes in management and purpose of the Georgia Mountains Center. We are also planning for our next parking event at the Mountains Center. Although we were later in the Lions Year than normal, we made our contributions and met the DG's goals. Service Hours - 122

We serve!



**Dawsonville Lions Club** - Kimberly Boim, Dawsonville News and Advertiser, presents Marty Horne, president, with an award for the Dawsonville Lions Club for Best Civic Club in Dawson County

**Jefferson Lions Club** = **Committee Reports:** Lion Jimmy Mock reported that the Annual Pancake Supper will be held at Jefferson High School on Saturday March 10, 2012. Tickets were available to all members present. Sandra Friedlander circulated a sign-up sheet for those wishing to work at this event. **Eye-glass Collection Committee** - Lion Jerry Legg reported that he had collected 60 glasses, 10 sun glasses, 6 lens, 10 chargers and 8 cell phones. **Service Projects** - Trees have arrived ready for planting in time for Arbor Day - Our club will plant 275 total trees. Trees have arrived ready for planting in time for Arbor Day. Our club will plant half of the 275 total trees this Friday. **LEO Report** - Kings Bridge Leos will plant 25-30 trees at Kings Bridge Middle School. **Sickness, Distress and Praise** - Lion Alice Rosenberg had knee replacement surgery and is experiencing complications. **New Business:** Lion Dot Hunt inducted Lion Camie Thomas, the newest member of the Jefferson Lions Club. Lion Dot also presented Lion Jim Smith with a sponsorship certificate.

**MEETINGS: JAN 23** - Lion Jimmy Mock introduced Jake Todd and Newt Gilman with the State of Georgia FFA. Mr. Todd attends Oglethorpe County High School and currently serves as the State Secretary while Mr. Gilman attends East Jackson High School and currently holds the State Vice-President position. Both of these young men shared with our club the story of their journey with FFA. FFA currently has over 500,000 members nationwide and 31,000 in Georgia.

**Feb 13** Lion Dwayne Ansley introduced Connie Head of the Georgia Forestry Commission, currently serving as Jefferson City Forester. Connie spoke to our club about the current tree planting initiative in and around Jefferson. She has been involved in design, implementation and maintenance of the downtown landscaping project. Also, working with the Jefferson Heritage Tree Council, she has been instrumental in obtaining grants that enabled the city to plant over 120 trees last year. She is currently looking for assistance with pruning. Dates to remember are March 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a tree sale at the City Park from 10-5. Also, Earth Day will be celebrated at Curry Creek Park on April 20, 2012.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** - We had a visitor from Germany this evening. His name Kilian Asangana and he is visiting family in Lawrenceville and has plans to move here. He is planning to come to the Cabinet Meeting/District Convention on the 17th. He was a Lion (Leo) in Germany. We did 16 vision screenings at Collins Hill High School's Health Fair with 3 members and 3 volunteers. President Pete showed the Going Blind documentary to the Foundation Fighting Blindness group with 50 people attending. We donated 35 pizzas to Creative Enterprises, a group of mentally challenged clients for their Valentine's Dance with 6 members and 1 volunteer assisting. We did 18 vision screenings at GGC's Health Fair with 4 members attending. Two students needed follow up care and we are getting 1 student an eye exam and glasses. We had 2 members attend the Snellville Lions Club's pancake breakfast. We collected 75 pairs of used eye glasses and 16 lenses. We had 3 members doing 69 vision screenings at Phoenix High School with 8 students needing further examinations.



**Loganville and Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = Two Clubs join together to on one major project



**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = Our members children, and grandchildren led the pledge before our meeting. They were so proud be a part of LLLC for the day! Children are always welcome and encouraged to learn about what we as Lions do.



Junior LEO's



Ms. Ivy Morgan just joined our club at 99 years young! We now have members ages 19 to 99, WOW!



Joined us at our Feb. meeting to kick off the fundraising and volunteer efforts of LLLC We will be cheering them on!

**Norcross Lions Club** = Norcross Lions Club honored the Norcross High School Student of the Month with \$100 and a framable certificate. The student and her father enjoyed dinner with the club. Our speaker was Shamae Crosswhite, Vision and Finance Director of the GA Lions Lighthouse, who discussed the vision clinic to be held in Norcross. Three of our members volunteered to help with the clinic. PDG John Rudert worked 14 hours in the optic shop at the GA Lions Lighthouse. This month the Club delivered 18 pairs of eyeglasses, 2 cell phones, 8 pairs of sunglasses, and an additional frame to the Lighthouse and continues to collect glasses.



Emma D'Agostino



**Toccoa Lions Club = Programs:** 26Jan - Speaker Greg Roach started his talk by assuring the group that NGTC was more than a “trade school” with the negative connotations that label may carry. It is a technical college for training skilled workers and for preparing students to seek higher degrees. Recently, the Turf Grass and Horticultural students scored very well against teams from much larger colleges. NGTC also won the “Turf Bowl” against UGA and other secondary institutions. NGTC is SACS accredited and many courses will transfer to four year colleges.

**Calendar:** A yard sale to take place at the Vanderhoef’s office is in the planning stages. Dale Graham is heading up the project. **Zone Meeting:** **Sight Conservation:** A total of \$1,222.00 was spent for exams and eyeglass

between July 2011 and the end of December 2011. **Membership:** Lion Bryan Gordon reported that nineteen membership surveys were returned. Three possible motions dealing with dues, membership fees, and billing were presented and discussed briefly. **Tree Planting:** The tree planting will take place at Liberty Elementary instead of the new high school on February 17th due to ongoing construction at the high school. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 A.M.

**Toccoa Lions Sponsor Tree Planting on Georgia Arbor Day at School:** Lions worldwide have been challenged by International President Wing-Kun Tam to plant one million trees in one year to international cooperation and concern for the environment.

In response to the challenge Toccoa Lions sponsored the planting of two sugar maple trees behind Liberty Hill Elementary School on Friday, February 17th which is Georgia Arbor Day.



Over fifty Lions from Hartwell, Lavonia, Carnesville, Martin, Toccoa and Royston-Franklin Springs club enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by the women of Royston United Methodist Church before viewing the movie titled “Going Blind” at the zone meeting on January 19th.



**White County Lions Club -** Club officers decided that the first Thursday of each month will be the club business meeting attended by officers. The third Thursday meeting of each month will feature a program and/or speaker open to all Lions and the community. The Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a speaker from the GA Lions Lighthouse. This will be advertised in the White Co Newspaper, WRWH radio, and also the FM radio station with wider coverage. White Co Lions will invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing:** Approved 1 application for eye exams and glasses. **Glasses Collected:** 229 pairs, Lens- 14 pairs/ 15 singles, Shades -52 pairs, Lens Shades -3 pairs, Frames - 7, Cell phones -75 **Activities: 11 February – Second Annual Trash and Treasures Sale.** The club hosted an indoor yard sale at the Union County Civic center with over 50 vendors. The event was a great success. Vendor fees, food sales, raffle ticket sales, merchandise sales, and early bird entries netted over \$ 1100 for the Club. 15 Lions and 4 friends contributed 160 hours to the sale.

**Programs: 9 February** - Lion Louise Little presented certificates and checks to our 2 local Peace Poster winners from the 4-H Swine team and Woody Gap School. Lion Mary Arnold introduced our speaker Myers Bannister – President of the Georgia Mtn Fair. He discussed the changes at the fair – This year, the fair will be 2 days shorter. It will begin on Friday July 20 and run through Sunday July 29. There will be expanded schedule at the music hall and new handicap parking area. Gate fees have been dropped to \$5 with separate fee for music shows. The craft area will include juried crafts only and all commercial vendors will be grouped together. The Pig Races, a crowd favorite will return this year. Plan to develop new food court within the next 6 years.

**23 February** - Lion Mary Arnold introduced our speaker Allison McGraw from Relay for Life. Alison discussed the plans for the Union County Relay for Life which is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The theme for this year's event is "Staying Strong in the Fight Against Cancer". The Relay will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers Market and will include a Cancer Survivor Event. To date, 15 teams have signed up for the Relay. They are also holding a Pancake Fundraiser at FATZ restaurant on Saturday. Barbara Richardson discussed the Daffodils program. The program is 27 years old and involves the sale of Dutch Master Daffodils from Washington State. Called Board Meeting after Regular Meeting - Board approved motion to make a donation of \$50 for the Union County Relay for Life Daffodil program.

WORKING LIONS - 262 hours

NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS – 170 hours

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



**Winder Noon Lions Club =** Participated in assembling food boxes for the food pantry in January. Collected 86 pairs of eyeglasses since last report. Donated \$250.00 to Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Paid our last installment toward the pledge for the new home for Lighthouse. Sold all the pecans at the 25 January meeting – profit Of \$1,700.00. Meetings: 11Jan – Frances Saunders from Russell Middle School discussed mentoring program and 25Jan – Dennis Merrifield from Barrow County Fire & Emergency Service presented a program. Future Programs – 8Feb Special Agent Trent Hillsman of GBI bomb squad. 22Feb To be announced. 14Mar Lion Grace Clower and 28Mar Britany Romig of Commercial/Industrial Engineer @ Jackson EMC – Trends in Energy Efficiency. Glasses Recycling - 177 pairs of glasses were collected for the month of February 2012. Donation to the Tree House - \$100 was donated to the Tree House, a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the impact and occurrence of child abuse through counseling, educating , support, and nurturing children and families in Barrow, Banks, and Jackson Counties. Number of Lion Hours: 108

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

**PSA – Safari Feeding  
 30 seconds**



**LQ – Lions Quarterly**



Globally Lions are addressing hunger in their communities; promoting water conservation through rain barrels in Bowie, Maryland; fostering sons of ...

**"January 2012" 14:32 minutes**

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

Also you can get these videos:



**NEW**

**Become Involved, Become A Lion**  
**5:22 minutes**

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

Item: EX802



**Building a Better Tomorrow in Communities Just Like Yours**  
**12:00 minutes**

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

Item: PR36DVD



GA. Lions Lighthouse  
 VP Lion John Rudert, PDG  
[JRudert@comcast.net](mailto:JRudert@comcast.net)

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

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



## GA Lions Lighthouse Places 2nd Nationally and Wins Gas Grant

Thanks to Lions statewide and friends of the lions everywhere the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation garnered 5,500 votes in the Citgo Fueling Good competition ending February 9, 2012. That was good enough to place second nationally among hundreds of charities involved. The top four charities will receive \$5,000.00 worth of gas cards from Citgo. How does that translate? That means every vote you cast via on the website was worth about \$.91 cents in donations to the Lighthouse. That also means the Lighthouse can take their gas money and put 192 more needy Georgians in glasses. Thanks to all who voted to make this possible.

### Celebrating Service: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

On Valentine's Day, the Lighthouse staff hosted a lunch for Lions and other partners who have given of themselves and volunteered with the Lighthouse over the last year. Whether it be cleaning glasses or volunteering with the clinics, the Lions have shown again and again their commitment to better hearing and better vision for Georgians.

We want to say from the bottom of our hearts,

*Thank you !*



### Service Numbers

From July to December 2011

People having eye exams  
*1033 were from 18-D*

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

Eye surgeries were performed.  
*33 were from 18-D*

Hearing aids through the dispensation  
*135 were from 18-D*

### Get involved!

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

<b>Monday,</b> <b>5 March</b> <b>Dahlonega</b>	<b>Tuesday,</b> <b>6 March</b> <b>Athens</b>
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**Wednesday,**  
**28 March**  
**Norcross**

Contact Judith at  
[JKerr@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:JKerr@lionslighthouse.org)  
 for more information about  
 volunteer opportunities.

## Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

**18 D District Chair:**  
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274  
[eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)

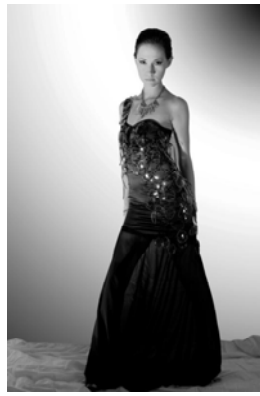


## White Cane is in April; your packets are in the mail!

Your White Cane packet will include:  
2012 to-do list  
Lighthouse facts and figures  
Wal-Mart locations and an update on the grant application process.

The 2012 goal is \$167,500. Let's work together and make this year successful!

For more information, contact Sarah Liz by phone at 770-738-4676 or shoot her an e-mail at [sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org)



## Night of Spectacles Helping your community just got fashionable!

Each year the Lions Lighthouse receives over 100,000 eyeglasses and lenses to be recycled, and a portion of these glasses are scratched or broken beyond repair. Rather than throw out the glasses, they are given to local design schools and artists and turned into wearable dresses.

The artists show off their work and compete for a scholarship at our annual Night of Spectacles. The evening includes a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. For more information about Night of Spectacles, please visit [www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org).

**Date:** Saturday, April 28, 2012

**Location:** [Buckhead Theatre](#), Atlanta  
Now accepting [sponsorships](#) and [silent auction items](#).

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**WHITE CANE EMPHASIS IS APRIL**, but don't wait until then to start planning your club's participation. A few clubs report they are too small, or they are rebuilding, or not sure how to hold a White Cane Drive. NO club is too small (or too large) to participate. A White Cane Drive can be a terrific incentive for a rebuilding club. So, how about some ideas on how to begin or improve your club's efforts.

Here are some ideas:

- \* Place plastic jars on check-out counters of convenience and fast food stores. This could be done 4-6 weeks in April and can be handled by 1 or 2 Lions. Special jar lids and decals are available through White Cane Days, Inc.
- \* Write letters to businesses of your community soliciting donations. Then follow up with a personal visit.
- \* Hold a pancake breakfast, chili supper, chicken BBQ, or other project designated for White Cane.
- \* Get publicity through having a community leader (mayor, administrator, or commissioner) sign a proclamation declaring your club's White Cane Drive and publishing it in your local newspaper.
- \* If you have a Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Kroger's, or some other large retail outlet, approach management about a matching grant for White Cane.
- \* Utilize your White Cane efforts to educate your community about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in general, and your club in particular. You may be able to recruit a few new members.



White Cane Butter Mints  
45.00 per 1000

Miniature Plastic White Cane  
65.00 per 500

Punched Card  
14.00 per 500

Order from Lions of Michigan  
(517) 887-6640

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Help bring hearing loss education to your community!

Contact Sharifa at [SPeart@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:SPeart@lionslighthouse.org) for more information.

## **REPORT OF MD 18 SIGHT PRESERVATION AWARENESS & ACTION – LION J. C. COEFIELD:**

### **1. Georgia Lions Lighthouse White Cane**

As of 31 December 2011 the Lions of Georgia had collected \$9,692.17 toward the goal of \$165,000.00. During these hard economical times, the Lighthouse needs your help more than ever. Please do your part to encourage the clubs in your district to participate in this fundraiser to save sight.

### **2. Georgia Council of Blind Lions**

The Georgia Council of Blind Lions was founded in 2005 to connect the blind and visually impaired community in Georgia with Lions Clubs throughout the state.

### **3. Georgia Council of the Blind**

The Georgia Council of the Blind is a non-profit consumer organization affiliated with the American Council of the Blind. Georgia Council of the Blind strives to elevate the social, economic, and cultural levels of the blind and visually impaired. Visit [www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org](http://www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org) for more information.

### **4. National Federation of the Blind of Georgia**

The National Federation of the Blind of Georgia is an organization of blind and visually impaired individuals who are concerned with the quality of life for all those who are blind and visually impaired. Visit [www.nfbga.org](http://www.nfbga.org) for more information.

### **5. American Federation for the Blind**

The American Federation for the Blind (AFB) is a national non-profit that expands possibilities for the more than 25 million people with vision loss in the United States. Visit [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org) for more information.

### **6. Center for the Visually Impaired**

The mission of the Center for the Visually Impaired (CVI) is to offer comprehensive services to promote independence with dignity and preserve self worth for sight impaired individuals of all ages. Visit [www.cviatlanta.org](http://www.cviatlanta.org) for more information.

### **7. Georgia Radio Reading Service**

GARRS is an independent non-profit, 501(c)3 organization which provides blind and print-handicapped Georgians with access to the printed word. Visit [www.garrs.net](http://www.garrs.net) for more information.

### **8. Learning Ally**

Learning Ally's audio-book library is the go-to resource for thousands of children with special needs, including reading and learning disabilities. Their experience allows them to offer a wealth of information for frustrated parents looking to help their child achieve independence, confidence and success. Visit [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org) for more information.

### **9. Hadley School for the Blind**

Hadley School for the Blind offers free disabled education courses to eligible students who are blind or visually impaired. For more information visit [www.hadley.edu](http://www.hadley.edu).

#### **Goals:**

1. To educate the Lions of Georgia about the important role the Lighthouse White Cane fundraiser plays in the success of the Sight Surgery Program. Remember that "Every Day in Georgia is White Cane Day" (EDGWCD).
2. To assist the Lions of Georgia in finding the programs to enable them to better serve the blind and visually impaired individuals in their communities.

Lion Coefield reported that from 1 July to 31 December White Cane donations from across the state were \$9,100.00. This compares to a little over \$12,000.00 in donations from 2010. He asked Governors to stress the importance of White Cane to pay for needed surgeries.

Lion Coefield congratulated DG Chisholm, 18-E, for having the winner of the Essay Contest in the Multiple District. He pointed out that the Youth Essay Contest has been approved by LCI for a third year. The slogan for 2012-2013 is "Imagine Peace". He will distribute more information on this as soon as it is available.



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Thois Masters, PDG**  
[tstmasters@windstream.net](mailto:tstmasters@windstream.net)



Today is one of those cold and dreary days. You know the type that makes you long for summer. I can't wait for the campers to arrive. The truth is they can't wait either. They are already calling me and telling me how many days 'til camp.

When I first started working here, I was surprised that they would call, and truth be told, I thought it was a little weird. It didn't take me long to realize why they were calling. They call

because camp is what they look forward to the most. They call because here they aren't the minority. They call because here we provide Hope.

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

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

How can you invest your life?

1. Find a camper and make sure they can get to camp. Ask Frank this act alone has given him an amazing friendship with a very sweet lady.
2. Come to work weekends and bring other Lions with you. Physically give of yourself.
3. Tell people about the Camp. Be passionate. You talk about what you care about.
4. Give monetarily. We are stewards of what you as Lions give us.
5. Come to Lions' Day. See how your life investment is actually changing someone else's life for the better! This is the icing on the cake



Dear Lions of Georgia,

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

We need your help with sponsoring a camper for camp. This summer is quickly approaching and each year we look for individual/club sponsors, if you are interested please let us know. Thank you so much to all of you that have already sent in your sponsorship money. Also, remember that **April 30th, 2012** is the last day to get credit for this year's donations to be considered for awards at the State Convention.

As mentioned in Mike's letter, please get in your work weekend applications. We need those, so I can give Kristen a count. Since you're coming, why don't you bring some people with you that may have never come before? It will be fun!

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

Merri Blount, Camp Secretary, 912-283-4320  
[glcblindsec@accessatc.net](mailto:glcblindsec@accessatc.net)

My Fellow Lions,

**WOW! What a great weekend we just had!**

We had some very worthwhile Committee Meetings and a lot of work was accomplished. The result of some of those meetings was more work to get done. That is to be expected when we have such a hands on project as our Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. I am so proud of all our Committees for doing so well and I am honored to be part of such a great Team.



We also had a great deal of fun and fellowship as well. To see my many friends again and share the love we have for our Camp was very special. Thank you once again to the Centerville Lions Club for hosting our Banquet and our Board Meeting on Sunday morning. They have been doing this for years and their dedication to the Camp is greatly appreciated. I also want to give a special thanks to Lion Doy for all the work she does in putting these events together. Her dedication to and love for our Camp is unmatched.

The Board Meeting itself was well attended and very informative. Once again Kristen did an outstanding job of inspiring us to continue supporting our Camp. The Gator Raffle went very well this year. It looks like we sold more tickets this year than ever. Once again the winner hailed from Baxley, GA. **GREAT JOB BY EVERYONE!** A special thank you to PDG David Forrest, VP from 18-E for heading this up for us. We will be once again be doing this same project next year, so please be prepared to beat this year's achievement next year.

Also at our Meeting Lion Doy Barks was elected as President Elect, Lion Paul May was elected as Treasurer Elect and Lion Peggie Chapman was elected as Secretary Elect. Congratulations to all!

I look forward to Lions Doy's leadership and the continued growth of our Camp! I am excited about what we have accomplished and the opportunities we have ahead of us. The opportunity to grow the amount of Visually Impaired Campers "We Serve" and opportunity to open our Camp up to external organizations for use. We now have a quality Campus to market. Opening our Camp to external Groups allows our Camp to serve the citizens of Georgia while not putting the burden of that service on our backs. They would use our Camp, but provide their own staff and facilitate their own needs. Examples of this type of service are Camp Kudzu and other organizations that serve. Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops are another option for taking advantage of our Camp. There are so many more.....

As you can tell, I am excited about our Camp and where it is going. I could go on for another three pages, but will stop here. I look forward to seeing many of you again at the upcoming District Conventions and at the Work Weekends at the Camp.

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

Take Care and God Bless!

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

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Once again another year has gone by and this year's work weekends are fast approaching.

The past year was a good one and a lot has been accomplished. Many of you came and helped make this camp look great. The help you gave me by completing the work weekend projects was very much appreciated. It was a challenge for me to put together a list of projects not knowing what to expect. The volunteers were great!



Look out this year! I now know how hard you all will work and I have a challenging list of projects for you this year. There is no doubt in my mind that you will come and bring more help to tackle these challenging projects with me. Let your club members know what an amazing place they have here. They must come and see it for themselves.

There are many of these tasks that we will complete with help from you and your fellow members. One task is the renovation of the old nurse's quarters and office. It is being converted into another dorm building. This will allow us to increase our number of campers and can be used when we need a more energy efficient space. It will hold 24 people when finished. With your help this building can be ready by this year's summer camp.

Other items of importance are things like cleaning up the walking trail on each side by cutting back the over growth. Upgrading the Bar-B-Que shelter area, trying to build a shelter over the grill, painting the stables, and building a couple of storage shelters. Some of the items can be done by our Leos when they have their yearly meeting. Please get your reservation form to the camp as soon as you know how many people you are bringing with you, so that we can begin to accurately plan for meals.

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**LIONS WORK WEEKENDS**  
**MARCH 23rd-25th, 2012**  
**and**  
**APRIL 27th-29th, 2012**

- \* These projects are the ones that we feel should have highest priority to be completed
- \*1. Hang drywall in the Bunk House Dorms ( walls and ceilings) materials are on hand
- \*2. Hang concrete backer board in bathrooms in the Bunk House Dorms
- \*3. Tape and mud walls and ceiling of the Bunk House Dorms
- \*4. Install a cosmetic beam in the ceiling of the bunk house where the separation wall used to be
- \*5. Build a room behind the Bunk House Dorm for the water heater
- \*6. Paint water heater room
- \*7. Hang and secure all entry doors to the Bunk House Dorms
- \*8. Hang all interior doors in the Bunk House after drywall has been hung
- \*9. Sand and finish walls and ceilings in the Bunk House Dorms (at 2nd work weekend)
- \*10. Paint walls, ceilings, and trim work in the Bunk House Dorms (at 2nd work weekend)
- \*11. Stain or paint all doors in the Bunk House (entry and interior) (at 2nd work weekend)
- \*12. Install all the final electrical items, exit lights, ceiling fans, florescent lights, outlet covers, etc....
- \*13. Install VCT flooring after all the above has been completed
- \*14. Finish painting the area in the bathroom hallway of the dining hall
- \*15. Paint the kitchen walls (paint needed)
- \*16. Paint the serving area in the dining hall (paint needed)
- \*17. Finish painting the foyer in the activities bldg. and also finish painting the restroom doors and the restrooms
- \*18. Repair fishing pier at the pond (dead tree fell across one corner and busted it up) need supplies
- \*19. Pressure wash buildings (we will need about 3 or 4 people with pressure washers and you will need to bring your water hose ) ( NO BLEACH is to be used as a cleaner ) (cleaning solvent for vinyl needed)
- \*20. Need to build four more walls in the bunk house for plumbing and privacy to the sleeping quarters.

**On all the following items you will need to bring the tools that you will need to work with, axe, rake, wheel barrow, pitch fork, weed eater with a small brush blade attachment, chain saws, etc....,**

- \*21. Start clearing out an are 15' on each side of the walking trail (just the wild brush not he large trees, clean around the trees)
- \*22. Clear out around the Low Ropes Course 15 to 20 feet of its perimeter and inside its perimeter
- \*23. Clear out around the Adirondack Buildings 15 to 20 feet
- 24. Clear out over growth and pick up dead limbs along the eastside of the camp near low ropes course
- 25. Repair weathered wood at the stables (materials needed)
- 26. Rebuild and put cosmetic window back on the stable storage room
- 27. Paint stables Barn Red and trim in White (paint needed)
- 28. Rebuild Horse Shoe game form boards and replace sand
- 29. Paint the pump house at the pond (paint needed - hunter green)(I will get it from Lowe's so it matches what we already have)
- 30. Repair supports for the hinges on the main wells pump house

31. Paint the pump house by the main well (use the same paint as above)(hunter green)
32. Tear down and remove old wagon, put debris on burn pile (only what will burn)
33. Mulch the flower beds at the front office (mulch needed)
34. Clean area around the tree house
35. Put Brail nature signs on post at a 45° angle (we need some new 4x4 post about 6' long)(20 would be a good start)(post and signs are to be about 36" in height)
36. Pour a 20'x22' concrete slab under the shelter next to bar-b-que grill
37. Pour a 8'x20' concrete slab where the bar-b-que grill is located
38. Build a shelter over the bar-b-que grill
39. Build a storage building behind the directors house and at the building and grounds residence

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## GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP

### *Weekend Reservation Form*

Complete and Fax to the Camp at (912) 283-5130

Please contact the Camp (912) 283-4320 with any questions or if changes occur after this form is submitted.

March 23-25 & April 27-29

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Which Work Weekend will you be attending?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Arrival: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Departure: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the number of male participants \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the number of female participants \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of each participant for each item below:

Meals: Saturday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Beds: Saturday Night \_\_\_\_\_ (males)

Saturday Night \_\_\_\_\_ (females)

Please note in the space provided below any unique maintenance skills, materials, or equipment that your group can provide to this event.

\_\_\_\_\_



**Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall-O'Shields**  
[liondianewall@bellsouth.net](mailto:liondianewall@bellsouth.net)

Dear Lions and Friends:

## Alum Spotlight

### My First Adventures with Lacey



"I just love how mellow and easygoing Lacey is about everything as well as being playful and affectionate (and sometimes very silly). We're a great personality/lifestyle match."

*"I will shamelessly admit that I do love bragging about my wonderful little Labrador."*

Since first coming to Leader Dog in May of 2011, Maria Kristic quickly realized that getting a guide dog was one of the best decisions of her life. Maria loves to share stories of some of the adventures they have already conquered together.

#### In NYC

Lacey and I were at a subway station in New York City not too long ago. It had been quite some time since I'd taken a subway, and it was my first time doing so with Lacey. At one point we encountered a rotating turnstile, something we hadn't been exposed to during training. At first Lacey was a little uneasy about going through it, but after a little encouragement, she decided to be a brave girl and we worked our way through it without a hitch.

I'd forgotten how loud subway stations are and at one point got disoriented and failed to notice the cautionary tactile strip under my feet. I told Lacey repeatedly to go forward, but she flatly refused my command. When I finally used my foot to find out why she wouldn't move, I realized we were at the edge of the subway platform! It took the intelligent disobedience of my wonderful Lacey to make me realize our situation. She definitely saved my life that day.

#### On Campus

"With Lacey as my travel partner, I've been more apt to step out of my comfort zone to explore unfamiliar places by myself. Having the GPS really increases that inclination."

We recently visited the college where I had done my under-graduate studies, and Lacey really shined! In just a few days she learned the route from my room to the food court in another building so well that I didn't have to give her any directional support! All I had to do was to tell her where I wanted to go. I was amazed at how well patterning worked!

The food court itself has a confusing layout and I never felt comfortable going there on my own during the four years that I studied at the school; I usually asked someone to accompany me. However, Lacey quickly learned how to take me to the food station counters and then to the door of the building after I'd eaten. I know that it sounds very trivial, but it felt great to finally navigate that place independently and with confidence!

Based on how well she did on that campus, I know that we'll do great together when I begin graduate school.

*\*Patterning happens when a dog repeats a route often enough that their human partner tells them where to go, such as "go to the food court," and the dog can get there without further directional support.*



## 2011 - The Year in Review

### Expanded our already successful location technology program by introducing a new GPS device

This new device saved us \$630/client due to its lower cost so we were able to incorporate a free device and training into our accelerated mobility program and we were able to distribute 342 for free to clients in good standing throughout the U.S. and Canada.



### Stretching our dollars

- o Retrofitted the lights in the kennel resulting in an annual savings of \$30,077
- o Saved \$14,000 by changing natural gas supplier
- o Saved \$17,000 utilizing new snow removal methods
- o Negotiated electrical rate change resulting in an annual savings of \$13,700
- o Saved \$8,200 by centralizing the purchasing of cleaning supplies

### Welcomed 480 new puppies from our expanded breeding stock of 16 dads and 83 moms.

#### The training and client services departments (FY 2010—11):

- o trained 167 guide dog teams = 501,000 days of independence\*
- o trained 3 Deaf-Blind guide dog teams = 9,000 days of independence\*
- o trained 40 accelerated mobility clients
- o hosted 13 teens at summer camp
- o supported 305 clients in their homes with follow-up services
- o completed 316 potential client in home visits

*\*On average each Leader Dog serves 3,000 days*



Pictured is Dr. Kelly Wilson

#### The veterinary department (FY 2010—2011):

- o 477 dog spay/neuters
- o 41 major surgeries
- o 478 entry/training exams
- o 54 specialized dental procedures
- o 2,899 telephone consultations (clients, breeders, vets)
- o 54 onsite working Leader Dog exams
- o 997 breeding/puppy program exams
- o 1,376 procedures done under anesthesia
- o 748 puppy visits
- o 15 Cesarean sections
- o 502 hours served by volunteers (vets, vet techs, assistants and records)



### Lion Sheila Rousey at Leader Dog School

Meet the new man in Sheila Rousey's life. His name is Grandt, he was born at LDSFB, raised by a family in Texas and returned to Michigan to be trained with Shiela during February 2012. Grandt and Sheila will return to Toccoa on March 1st.

### Tracking Client Numbers

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



From the desk of State RFB&D  
Chair Lion Fred Smith  
[lionfredsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lionfredsmith@gmail.com)

## Thank You to the Lions Clubs of Georgia

The Learning Ally Athens Studio would like to give a special thank you to the Lions Clubs of Georgia for being major contributors to Learning Ally and its efforts. The following districts and clubs were recognized at the annual Lions Club convention for their contributions to Learning Ally and other organizations.

- Highest Dollar Amount: District 18D
- Highest Percent Increase: District 18A
- Highest Dollar Increase – Club: Ellijay Lions Club

### What's in a Name?

This is not the first time our organization has undergone a name change. When established in 1948 to meet the reading needs of soldiers who had lost their sight in combat, the then small organization was called "Recording for the Blind". The books were recorded onto vinyl phonograph discs (how many young people today even know what a vinyl disc is?). As time passed, not only the technology changed, our user group changed. It expanded to include a rapidly increasing number of students and professionals with learning disabilities. In 1995 the name was changed to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D) to reflect this change in user demographic.

In April of this year the name was changed again, this time rather more drastically, to Learning Ally. It was not a change we entered into lightly, as RFB&D was a long-established national institution and that name was known both nationally and internationally. However our new name reflects our vision to become an advocate and friend to those who *learn differently*.



### Side Notes

The [Learning Ally You Tube Channel](#) contains a number of videos about our student Members and others in some way connected to our services. If you would like to find out more about the history of our organization, please visit [Milestones in the History of RFB&D/Learning Ally](#). The [interview with Andrew Friedman](#) published in the March 2011 DAISY Planet provides some insight into the shift in our organization's focus to our Members and into the future directions of Learning Ally.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair  
[eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)

## Nico Marcolongo, Iraq War Veteran, and Facility Dog Tali

Nico served the United States Marine Corps for 14 years. After he returned from his second Iraq deployment in 2007, Nico was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The experience prompted him to dedicate his life to serving injured troops. Now, Nico runs a program through the Challenged Athletes Foundation called Operation Rebound, which provides post-rehabilitation support to American service members who have suffered permanent physical injuries in recent conflicts.

Nico's wife, Lisa, has also dedicated her life to serving others. She works at a hospice and skilled nursing facilities where many of her clients are military veterans. Together, Lisa and Nico decided to apply for a CCI Facility Dog to offer comfort to their clients.



### Nico and Lisa Marcolongo with CCI Facility Dog Tali

Now, a sweet, black Labrador/Golden Retriever cross named Tali regularly brings smiles to injured troops in San Diego County. She brings a sense of calm to members of a PTSD support group in the evenings and provides a welcome distraction to hospice patients during the day. On weekends, she takes part in athletic events with injured military athletes. She is also a CCI ambassador, providing an example to injured troops of how a CCI assistance dog can make life a little easier.

"My goal is to hopefully help the healing process for veterans coming home," Nico explained. "I don't want anyone else to suffer."



Lion Kathryn Higgins  
 Diabetes Awareness Chair  
[Klhiggins07@windstream.net](mailto:Klhiggins07@windstream.net)

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- Seniors Pavilion addressing aging concerns
- American Diabetes Association World & Bookstore!
- Interactive "Hop on the Health Train" Youth Zone for kids of all ages



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

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

***"Imagine Peace"***

**Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

For more than 25 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2012-2013 Contest – "Imagine Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on 15 January 2012 from Club Supplies.



FELLOW LIONS,

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

*WE ARE EXPECTING OVER 100 LEOS, LIONS, AND OTHER ADULTS THIS YEAR (AND, OF COURSE, HOPING FOR MORE!) FROM FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING. THE LEO GATHERING COMMITTEE IS PROVIDING FOUR MEALS (3 SATURDAY AND BREAKFAST SUNDAY), DRINKS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PUTTING ON AN EVENT OF THIS SCOPE AND THE TOTAL COST USUALLY EXCEEDS \$1,000.00.*

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

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

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

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



***LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY  
CONTEST RULES***

*Dear Lions,*

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

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

Service-Learning is a method of teaching, learning, and reflecting that combines academic classroom curriculum with meaningful service, frequently youth service, throughout the community. As a teaching methodology, it falls under the philosophy of experiential education. More specifically, it integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach responsibility, encourage lifelong civic engagement, and strengthen communities for the common good.

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### **Lions Quest Awards Grants to Expand Program**

Thanks to your continued generosity, LCIF is able to [award more grants](#) to help those in need. Lions Quest awarded 10 grants for US\$382,345. This includes grants to launch [Lions Quest](#) in three new countries - Burkina Faso, Guatemala and MD300 Taiwan-bringing this positive life skills program to a total of 73 countries. District 22-A, Maryland, USA, was awarded a grant to continue Lions Quest in Baltimore. [View](#) the success of this program online. A [Community Partnership Grant](#) was also awarded to District 24-E, Virginia, USA, to bring Lions Quest to all elementary schools in two districts.

*See the YouTube at:*

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3X2rL\\_MZW A&list=PLF03458561D490C03&index=11&feature=plpp\\_video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3X2rL_MZW A&list=PLF03458561D490C03&index=11&feature=plpp_video)

### **LCIF Lions Quest Grants**

**Core 4 Grants** fund large-scale projects relating to the Lions' four core service commitments: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health and serving youth. Lions Quest Core 4 Grants are matching grants available to multiple districts up to US\$100,000 or sub-districts up to US\$25,000.

Is there an open Core 4 Grant in your district? Below are lists of open U.S. Lions Quest Core 4 Grants and International Lions Quest Core 4 Grants. If you'd like more information about these grants, available funds, or new Core 4 Grant applications, contact the LCIF Humanitarian Grants Department, 630-571-5466 or 630-468-6969. \*Adobe Acrobat is required to view lists.

[U.S. Core 4 Grantees](#)

[International Core 4 Grantees](#)

[Download the Lions Quest Core 4 Grant Application and Criteria](#)

[Lions Quest Core 4 Progress/Final Report Form](#)

**Next Core 4 application due date: November 18, 2011**

**Promotional Grants** award US\$1,000 to a multiple district or sub-district for the promotion of Lions Quest in a new area. No matching funds are required. Promotional Grants are the perfect aid to jump start Lions Quest activities in a new area. Funds can be applied to informational seminars for Lions, community members, and/or educators. Applications are accepted the first of every month, for review by the end of the month.

[Download the Lions Quest Promotional Grant Application and Criteria](#) at <http://www.lions-quest.org/pdfs/PromoGrant.pdf>

**NEW - The Community Partnership Grant** program was created to give Lions districts and multiple districts access to small amounts of funding that can be used in a variety of ways that go beyond what is normally allowed in the Core 4 Grant program. Community Partnership Grants should be used to either start Lions Quest programs in new areas, or reactivate dormant programs. Grants are available for up to US\$10,000 at a maximum of one grant award per Multiple District per fiscal year. No matching funds are required. Applications are due by the first of each month, with approvals given within sixty days, until funds are depleted.

[Download the Community Partnership Grant Application and Criteria](#) at [http://www.lions-quest.org/pdfs/CommunityPartnership\\_GrantApp.pdf](http://www.lions-quest.org/pdfs/CommunityPartnership_GrantApp.pdf)

### **Our Workshops in Their Words**

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

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

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



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### YOUTH & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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

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

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

Best Regards,

Faye H. Smith - MD 18 YEC

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Dear Lions,

The Lions Student Exchange Program began in 1961. Countless students have participated and greatly benefited. "Host Families" make it possible for this to happen.

Attached is a letter from Pirita. This young lady is 17 years old, very smart and wishes to travel to Georgia this summer. She needs a "Host Family" for four weeks in June or July. Her trip will cost you nothing. You provide a room with bed and meals with the family. Exchange students love to be "part of the family" – not a guest. She will have her own spending money, furnished by her family in Finland, and her health insurance card.

Please contact me with a "yes" (or let me know if you cannot). Looking forward to hearing from you. I will be happy to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have. There are many other students waiting for families.

Best Regards,

Dear host family,

I'm Pirita Leijonakallio, a 17 years old girl from Finland. I live in city of Turku in the south-western coast of Finland. I'm very interested in the USA, especially the nature and geography. Also the everyday life in USA interests me.

I'm very adaptable and I easily get along with all kinds of people, I like meeting new people. I'm open-minded and I like trying new things, I don't like to judge anyone or anything before I've tried. Hopefully my visit in the USA gives me precious experiences of nice people, the environment and the atmosphere.

I also hope that my visit gives some experiences to you too. The Finnish habits may differ from yours a little bit, so maybe you'll find some interesting things about the Finns. I'll be happy to tell you anything you want to know. I'm looking forward to meet you.

Sincerely, Pirita Leijonakallio

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### Wilson High School Brings Lions Quest to Homeroom

Glen A. Wilson High (CA) students are finding that there's no place like homeroom for developing their social and emotional skills.



Every

Wednesday, students use Lions Quest to develop their cultural awareness, interpersonal communication, and personal-management and -responsibility skills. Homeroom coordinator Laura Siefken said freshmen and sophomores have been particularly receptive to the program. Siefken added that Lions Quest has also been well received by her staff. "Teachers really like the fact that there are different options for each lesson, which means they can reuse lessons and reinforce the same skills with different grade levels."

This is important because each student has the same homeroom teacher throughout high school, which creates continuity, strengthens the student-teacher relationship and now gives students four years to enhance their SEL skills with Lions Quest. At the moment, Wilson High is only using *Skills for Action* Skills Bank, but Siefken hopes this is only the beginning. "I would like to see the (Hacienda La Puente Unified School) District 'open up' the program and use more of the Lions Quest curriculum. It really has a lot to offer," she said.

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NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	# Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	Lion (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

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

Cost of Hospitality Book is:

Before Sept. 30, 2011	\$90.00	Oct. 1, 2011- Dec. 31, 2011	\$100.00
Jan 1, 2012-April 30, 2012	\$120.00	After April 30, 2012	\$130.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
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To receive Raffle Tickets, contact: Lion Chip Nedza via email at [chip993@msn.com](mailto:chip993@msn.com)

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