



We Serve

18-D

District Bulletin



District Goals Revisited

Greeting to Lions in District 18D (soon to be I). I would to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in a successful District Convention. Congratulations to District Governor Elect, Ed Hashburger, First Vice District Governor Elect Vicki Hubbard, Second Vice District Governor Elect Anne Mundy and District Director Camp for the Blind/Historian, Olin Newby. It is hard to believe that my term in office as your District Governor is almost ending. However, we have one more cabinet meeting before our state convention. These are very important events and I hope you will be in attendance.

District Governor
Bill Holley

I thought this would be a good time to remind you of the district goals and encourage you to complete these goals where possible.

18-D DISTRICT GOALS:

1. The District should end year with a net membership gain in each Club (preferably 10% or higher), growing membership by building stronger Clubs and increasing each Club's service to the community.
2. The District should charter at least one new Lions Club and one new LEO Club.
3. The District should continue to work on developing and encouraging Lions to become leaders in their clubs and at district and state levels.
4. Each Zone should hold an Orientation Program.
5. Each Club should conduct at least two visible, publicized, community projects – these might include vision, hearing or health screenings; purchasing eyeglasses for those in need; joint projects with LEOs and other Lions Clubs.
6. Each Club should provide a monetary donation to each of the following: Georgia Lions Lighthouse, the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Learning Ally, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
7. Each Club should participate in White Cane & Keep the Camp Fires Burning events.
8. Each Club should maintain a sound financial status, paying both LCI, State & District bills on time.
9. Each Club should strive to become more involved with Lions Youth Projects including sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest, the Lions International Essay Contest for visually impaired youth, LEO Club activities, Lions Quest, etc.
10. Each Club should work towards involving whole families in our projects – more hands to do the work and more time with our loved ones.
11. Each Club should submit their Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) on time, in accordance with LCI requirements, and send an ELECTRONIC copy to the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary.
12. Each Club should hold elections in April 2013 and submit the Officer Election Report (PU101) to LCI and a copy to the District Governor and District Governor Elect no later than May 10th, 2013.
13. Each club will participate in a project to address literacy in their community by May 2013.

Over the years our clubs in District 18D have demonstrated the ability to attain these goals without hesitation. However, we can enhance our ability to serve by increasing our visibility and reporting our club information in a timely manner. If we are able to improve on these goals our membership will increase (including the recruitment of younger members), our retention of members continues to be a major concern for our district.

Leading by example: Together we serve

District Governor
Bill Holley

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2013 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



BOB CORLEW
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Robert E. Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 4 to July 8, 2011. Director Corlew is chancellor for the State of Tennessee. A member of the Murfreesboro Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chair. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

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

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance (TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!
Saturday: 6 District Breakfasts; General Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor's Banquet
Sunday: 4 District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session.

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

Hotel Info:

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

Presidential Certificate of Appreciation
District 18-I presentations to:
1st Vice District Governor Vicki Hubbard
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Angela Helwig 18-D
Bonnie Linscott Golden Chain Chair 18-D
Frank Jensen Nomination Chair 18-F



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

Planning Ahead

CHANGE

Saturday

4 May 2013 ---- 2pm



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

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

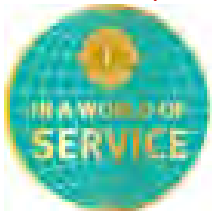




Where in the World

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

**International President
Wayne A. Madden**



Reading Action Program in Finland



The MD Council members of the Leo Multiple District 107 Finland recently organized a [Reading Action Program](#) activity that helped promote literacy among children with visual impairments. Lions and Leos recorded old stories and fairy tales, including four fairy tales and four children's poems, and published the recordings online for visually impaired children to listen.

Lions participating in the Reading Action Program are helping children and adults around the world learn to read, grow and improve their everyday lives. [Find Reading Action Program project ideas here.](#)

How is your club [helping people in need](#) through the Reading Action Program?
- See more at:
<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/02/19/reading-action-program-in-finland/#sthash.dSqgdbC.dpuf>

25th Peace Poster Contest Winner Announced

The [winner of the 25th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest](#) is 13-year-old Jenny Park



of California, USA. Her portrayal of "Imagine Peace" was unveiled at Lions Day with the United Nations. As the grand prize winner, Jenny

will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 96th Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. [Purchase a Peace Poster Contest Kit](#) to participate in next year's theme, "Our World, Our Future."

Lions International Essay Contest Winner Announced

Maura Loberg, an 11-year-old girl from Nebraska, USA, won the Lions International Essay Contest for her essay, "Pieces of Peace." The contest encourages visually-impaired children to express their thoughts on peace through the written word. Maura wrote, "My ideas to help aid world peace include better communication, more respect for each other's differences and the opportunity to dream for a more peaceful planet." She will receive US\$5,000 and will be honored at the 2013 Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg. [Read Maura's entire essay here.](#)

2012 - 2013 Lions International Essay Contest Grand Prize Winner

Pieces of Peace

By Maura Loberg, Age 11,
Nebraska, USA

In English class, we learned about homophones which are words that sound alike but have different

spellings and meanings. I think of the words "piece" and "peace" and realize I am a piece of the peace puzzle. Like a puzzle, our world consists of many types of people that are separated by color, religions, money and many other reasons. It is hard to fit together and live next to each other if not positioned the right way.

My ideas to help aid world peace include better communication, more respect for each other's differences and the opportunity to dream for a more peaceful planet.

One solution to peace would be to try to communicate more and try to get along. I am blind (since birth) and I understand about communication. I rely on my listening skills and I hear a lot of things in the way people talk to each other. I am different than other students in my school because of my blindness, but a lot of students have other differences that they are dealing with.

Another solution is for people to work on respecting one another more. People have to have open minds and be willing to share their ideas to solve problems... but they won't do that if they fear being laughed at and not respected.

A third piece to this puzzle of peace is for people to imagine and dream things can change. For generations people have used their imaginations to come up with new ways to solve old problems. Allowing people to be creative is always a good way for a positive change.

Putting puzzles together can be challenging but rewarding. Pieces all look different and come in many different shapes and sizes. That should never be a reason to give up. With communication, respect and dreams, we can all be a piece of peace. That is a world that I hope to see.

Extending Lionism

For Lions, the motto "We Serve" extends beyond our own communities. It also means bringing the service of Lions to surrounding communities in need. Extension involves building new Lions clubs with new service projects geared towards meeting the needs of these surrounding communities. Lions

can help with extension efforts by helping [Start a New Club](#), having their club [Sponsor a New Club](#), or becoming a [Certified Guiding Lion](#). For more information on forming new clubs, visit the [Membership and New Clubs page](#) or email membershipdev@lionsclubs.org with any questions.

Lions Adopt a Lion



In addition to performing [community volunteer work](#) that helps people in need, members of the Sterling Lions Club are also paying attention to animals in need – in particular, lions. The Sterling Lions recently adopted an African Lion named Arthur, who resides at the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado, USA. The adoption lasts for one year, during which the money contributed by the Lions will help feed and care for Arthur.

Arthur was previously undernourished and underweight after the zoo where he lived was shut down by the USDA for animal abuse and safety violations. The Sterling Lions are helping Arthur the lion enjoy life in a more natural and positive environment.

How does your Lions club help other Lions (whether animal or human)?

- See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/02/21/lions-adopt-a-lion/#sthash.vwguhdaE.dpuf>

Organize a Lions Environment Project



Protecting, preserving and improving our environment are crucial to ensuring a green, healthy future for the earth. Lions are well aware of this, which is why [Lions environmental service projects](#) are among the top five areas of service among clubs worldwide. Below are tips and ideas for organizing an environment project in your community.

Getting Started

It's important to evaluate your community needs in order to plan a project that really make an impact. Does your community reside on a coastline that is often littered with trash? Is graffiti a common problem on your streets? Do the members of your community have the education needed to make informed environmental decisions? Once you've determined the right project, partner with local organizations and start planning procedures, materials and budget. Submit your plan to Lions club, district and/or multiple district leaders for approval.

Environmental Project Ideas

- Adopt a highway and maintain its litter-free appearance.
- Remove graffiti from a public place.
- Plant trees in your community.

- Host a Lions Green Team seminar for the public.
- Encourage schools to include environmental education in their curriculum.
- Volunteer at a recycling center.
- Organize a local recycling program.

- See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/02/13/organize-a-lions-environment-project/#sthash.tijWBS4e.dpuf>



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



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

CONTESTS

[2013-14 Peace Poster Contest](#)

Purchase a kit for next year's theme, "Our World, Our Future."

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

[Digital Lion Magazine](#)

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

[Lions Club iPhone App](#)

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

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Did you know that 33 percent of Special Olympic athletes cannot see well or are in need of different glasses, and six percent have serious untreated eye diseases? However, the 200 million people in the world with intellectual disabilities are often neglected or have limited access to doctors, trained specialist or basic health clinics.



As a Lion and Chairperson of your Foundation, it gave me great pride to attend the Special Olympic Winter Games earlier this month in Korea, and witness the impact we are having through the Special Olympics [Opening Eyes](#) program.



Lions and LCIF are having an impact on the more than 300,000 athletes that have received vision screenings in more than 70 nations! Can you believe, nearly 100,000 of those screened needed corrective glasses? We are able support Special Olympics and this initiative and so many more because we serve, we are everywhere and we care.



You have seen the success that our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has brought, helping nearly 200 million children around the world by protecting them from measles.

To put that number in perspective, that is the combined population of Germany, France and Italy. What an amazing accomplishment! I would like to again express my gratitude for your support and your support and efforts for the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#).

[Our partners](#) often choose to work with our Foundation because they know the ability of Lions and LCIF to make an impact on others, and they know of our global reach and compassion. Through sight services, disaster relief, supporting youth and meeting humanitarian needs, we share our good luck and fortune with people all over the world.

No matter the size of the project, we are able to make a difference. If all these service projects can get support from Lions, we can achieve more partnership in the future, allowing us to serve the world even better.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Awards Grants

Fifteen grants were approved at the January 2013 SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting, totaling US\$3,374,981. As part of the grants awarded, [SightFirst](#) will complete projects spanning the globe - from cataract screening and surgeries in Nepal and Sri Lanka to trachoma control in China, low vision projects in Hong Kong, India, Germany, Turkey and the United States, and more - Lions will be preserving and saving sight with the help of LCIF.

The Lions Quest Advisory Committee also met in January and awarded fifteen grants totaling US\$904,818. Through these grants, [Lions Quest](#) programs will support youth in countries like Brazil, Italy, Nigeria and Romania through teacher trainings and program implementation in schools.



Lions Quest Impacts Students in Nepal



In [this video](#), learn how students at Aster Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal, are strengthening relationships with their school, homes and community

thanks to Lions Quest - a life skills program that centers on social and emotional learning.

As a program of LCIF, Lions Quest has positively impacted more than 12 million youth through character development, civic values, violence and substance abuse prevention. Lions work with schools to implement the program from kindergarten through 12th grade, and often partner on community service-learning projects. Learn more about Lions Quest online through the [LCIF website](#), or the [Lions Quest website](#).



Editor's Note



by PDG Richard Henderson,

It is common sense that if we already have good members in our clubs, we want to keep them as well as bringing in new members. Obviously, we lose members due to illness, death and job transfers. That is to be expected. When members leave for other reasons, many clubs report that they *“resigned in god standing.”* This reason has always bothered me and I wanted to know more specifics. I sent a non-scientific survey to all those who had resigned in my District. On the surveys that were returned some reasons given for resigning were monetary and lack of feeling part of the club.

The monetary reason is something that can be dealt with on the club level. In most clubs, the main expense is for meals. When we make a decision on where we eat or have a meeting, we need to take into account how the cost affects all of our members. If that was done years ago, we may need to look at it again based on the current economic situation. Also, a club has the ability to give the option to a member of having the meal expense paid with the dues or paid only when they eat. Remember that under the LCI Family Plan, anyone else in the household of a Lion member can cut their international dues in half.

A small number of those responding to the survey said that they did not feel included in the club. Over the years we may form smaller groups within our clubs. We have to remember to make an extra effort to make newer members feel included. Every member should have responsibilities within the club.

We all have got to be sensitive to members who are not participating in meetings or may not come regularly. This is the first sign of trouble. Each club should have a membership chairperson that knows each member’s situation and keeps in touch with them. Problems and/or options should be discussed with a member before he or she makes the decision to resign.

Let’s keep our good members along with bringing in the new!



MEMBERSHIP



We have to stop the loss of members within our clubs.

Close the back door – retain your members by improving your programs – keeping everyone busy with projects – try new ideas – visit other clubs

We cannot continue in the wrong direction.

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

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



Reading Action Program

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

- [American Foundation for the Blind](#)
- [Perkins School for the Blind](#)
- [The Hadley School for the Blind](#)
- [National Federation of the Blind](#)

Dear Lion,



As I write this message to you I am visiting our headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, where the temperature outside is 12 degrees F (-11 C). But weather - cold, hot, rain, snow - has never topped Lions. In a world of service, "We Serve" in every climate around the world.

One of our most significant service achievements this year has been the [Reading Action Program](#) (RAP). So far this year, there have been over 46,000 RAP projects completed.

That means hundreds of thousands of people are either learning to read or receiving materials to better their education because of Lions efforts. At the same time, I was surprised to learn on some of my recent visits that Lions had not yet planned a project. RAP is a great way to engage a need that exists in virtually every community around the world, and since the Board has agreed to make RAP an extended service initiative for the next 10 years, now is the time to start a program in your community. It's easy, and so very worthwhile. Refer to the [RAP guide](#) to get started.

RAP and other service activities are a mainstay of who we are, and what we do, and also a requirement for both the [Club Excellence Award](#) and [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#). With 5 months left, there is still time to complete both. Two very important elements of The Club Excellence Award - the "How Are Your Ratings?" and the *Community Needs Assessment* - will provide your club with tools and information to help ensure continued success. Get started today.

Your [club](#) or [district](#) should also be preparing for the third "Pit Stop." Club presidents and district governors have indicated to me how valuable the pit stops have been so far this year. The March pit stop is a time for club presidents to, among other things, have their members register for district and multiple district conventions and district governors to ensure your clubs are in good standing in advance of our International Convention.

This is also the time for you to accelerate efforts in recruiting new members. So far this year we have 113,140 new members and 727 new clubs. District governors still have time to qualify for the [Winners Circle Award](#) (Gold, Silver or Bronze level).

Finally, I am proud to announce the winners of our annual Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest winners. Congratulations to Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner Jenny Park, 13, sponsored by the Northridge Lions Club, California, and to Lions International Essay Contest Winner Maura Loberg, 11, sponsored by the Wayne Lions Club, Nebraska. Both girls have been invited to participate in the upcoming Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Whatever weather you are experiencing, now is the time to rev up your engines as we race toward the finish line. The checkered flag will wave an end to this year in only five short months.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden, International President

Pit Stop Three (January—March)

Service

- Participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Relieving the Hunger](#).
- Continue to support and report [Reading Action Programs](#) activities in your community.

Membership and Public Relations

- Make sure club members are aware of all club activities and get involved.
- Contact your [District GMT/GLT](#) coordinator to schedule a [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP) workshop.
- Host a [new member orientation](#) and begin the mentor process for newly recruited members.
- Share photos from your projects, fundraisers and events on your club web site and [social media](#).
- Submit an application for the World of Service Awards, due March 1st.

Operations

- Submit membership and service activity reports monthly through “MyLCI”.
- Register for your district or multiple district convention. (Can be credited toward the Club Excellence Award).
- Review and pay club statement and ensure Treasurer is familiar with [payment instructions](#) terms and process.

Pit Stop Four (April – June)

Service

- Participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Protecting Our Environment](#).
- Make a contribution to [LCIF](#) (a requirement for the Excellence Award).
- Continue to support and report [Reading Action Programs](#) in your community. Recognize members who led the effort.

Membership and Public Relations

- Continue to [mentor](#) new members and reach out to inactive members.
- Participate in [Lions Worldwide Induction Day](#) in April.
- Publicize your club’s service to local media outlets using LCI’s [sample news release](#) and your club’s social media.

Operations

- Hold club officer elections and submit [Club Officers Report](#) (PU101) by May 1st.
- Host an Appreciation Dinner or event to recognize outstanding service.
- Make sure the club is in good standing and has a net growth at the close of the year (Requirement for the Excellence Award).
- [Transition](#) to the new officers by providing records, helping them set goals and providing the status of on-going projects.

Finish Line! Apply for the [Club Excellence Award](#)



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The Lions year is passing very quickly, and it's time to begin the process to elect officers for the next year. I hope your Nominating Committee is working hard to get the best leaders to serve as your club officers for next year. If you have never served before, I would encourage you to get involved in the leadership of your club. Our District Club Officer Training will be held Sunday, April 28th. The time and location will be announced soon. There is also club officer training available on the LCI website. Check it out.

One of the programs I have encouraged club to investigate is the Club Excellence Process. One of our clubs in 18-D will begin that process this month. It is a great way to take a look at your club and your community, set goals, and write action plans. All this will make your club stronger.

Our District Governor Elect Ed Hashbarger is recruiting Lions to serve as Zone Chairs also. If you have been a Club President and served on your club's Board of Directors, you may be eligible to fill one of these positions. Please contact DGE Ed or me if you are interested.

The other pressing need right now is for Certified Guiding Lions. These Lions work with struggling clubs or guide new clubs that are formed in the district. If you are interested in this program, please let me know so we can set up training.

If you are willing to step forward to serve in leadership, we will certainly see that you have the training and tools you will need to be successful. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at graceclower@comcast.net. You may also phone me at 404-694-0413. Thanks for all you do!

PCC Grace Clower

18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Training Materials/Resources

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

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



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

- **Zone**

Chairperson Training – An independent study module focused on the responsibilities, challenges and resources of the zone chairperson position.

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

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

Club President

Club Secretary

Club Treasurer

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

Club Officer Orientation Instructor Guide

Club Officer Orientation PowerPoint Presentation

Club Officer Orientation Handouts

Club Officer Orientation Curriculum

Club Secretary MyLCI Training Presentation, Workbook, and FAQs

Club Treasurer MyLCI Training Presentation, Workbook, and FAQs

Time Management Handout

Time Management Pocket Guide

Time Management PowerPoint Presentation

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

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

Lionism and History – Become familiar with the history of LCI, our Mission Statement, and Purposes and Code of Ethics.

View a history slide show and take **short quiz** to review historical facts.

Activities and Icebreakers

Strengthening Lions Clubs Membership

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

Date	Topic
March 27, 2013 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CST)	Must Knows for Chartering New Clubs Learn how to complete the paperwork for chartering a new club to ensure timely processing. Also, learn key policies that pertain to new club development.

Recruit Young Adults to Be Lions



Why?

For nearly 100 years, Lions have been serving communities worldwide through sight missions, health projects, disaster relief efforts, youth programs and more. Recruiting young adults into your Lions club helps sustain this service for years to come, and breathes new life and energy into your club's activities. With new, younger members, you club will increase hands to do more service and reach out to the community even further.

Who?

Finding young members for your club is as easy as inviting family and friends to your next project or event. Children and grandchildren of Lions are a great source for membership, and are more likely to join if they already know people in your club. In addition, the Family Membership Program encourages family quality time and allows for dues discounts. You can also visit local colleges and universities to find students who are interested in [local volunteer opportunities](#).

How?

Today's young adults are constantly online and on-the-go. Make it easy for younger members to access your club's resources online by [creating a club website](#). Promote your projects by posting pictures on Facebook. Consider starting a Cyber Lions club, which holds convenient online meetings. Other new club types that can attract younger members include Campus Lions clubs, designed for college students; Leo Lions clubs, which provide an easy transition from Leo to Lions clubs; and special interest clubs based on common hobbies, interests or circumstances.

How does your Lions club recruit younger members?

- See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/02/22/recruit-young-adults-to-be-lions/#sthash.0rg7QfgL.dpuf>



Southeastern

GLT Area 1E

Announces

Lions Leadership Institute of the South

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE of the SOUTH

APPLICATION FORM

Purpose: The purpose of the Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lion Leaders with an opportunity for self-development and sharpening of lifelong leadership skills.

Please type or print.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Nickname
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Residence Phone	Business Phone	Fax Number	E-Mail Address
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Club Name	District Number	Member Number	Years in Lionism
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Current Lion Title	Highest Lion Office	Previous Institutes Attended
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Offices You Have Held:

Club Level: Position: _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Year: _____

District Level: Position: _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Year: _____

Multiple District: Position: _____ Year: _____
Level: Position: _____ Year: _____

On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this application form, describe in 300 words or less your purpose in seeking leadership training at this Institute. If you have special requests or dietary needs with which we can help you, please indicate these on the reverse side of this form.

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	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
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CLUB REPORTS



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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 = Thanks everyone for all of the likes so far! We are up to 191 as of this moment, which means we are up to a \$60 donation to the American Cancer Society already! Keep it up, and keep sharing the page! Our tank top sales have also been a success so far with more than 100 sold, remember the sales close at 10 a.m. EST so make sure to buy one if you haven't already! Other projects – Bowlathon – 5K – VisionWalk – Leader Dawg – looking for other ideas.

Buford Lions Club = Earl Benson and Sue Benson attended the District Convention in Athens, Ga. We had 12 members present at meeting and we discussed new club activities for the spring and summer also plans for White Cane Days. We had 9 members present today and we enjoyed Lunch brought in by Sue Benson. We reviewed last meeting and discussed new service activities for the coming year. We also discussed new fundraisers for the year. Assistance to Individuals aid to disadvantaged children - Sharing and Caring Assistance to Individuals aid to homeless - collecting collected 96 coats and Food delivery collecting eyeglasses and cell phones 927 18 cell phones.

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = We have set up committees for our project in the spring March 29 will be our White Cane Day and have plans to members at two 4 way stops to collect funds for the Lions Lighthouse drive. April 13 we will have a pancake breakfast at our club house. The Lions Club of North Hall will be hosting the 5K run at Clermont Days Centennial Festival on September 20 & 21. We approved 4 application for sight services. aiding slow student in elementary school - assisted in preparing and serving meal at food kitchen - Served on committee advising area libraries and aided book sale - Serve on committee directing county environmental awareness

Dawsonville Lions Club = Dahunega Lions Club has kicked off their 2nd "Supermarket Sweep Stakes" Fundraiser for the month of March. The club has partnered with Fresh and Frugal Grocery Store in Dahunega, to sale tickets. Tickets may be bought from a Lions Club Member or at Fresh and Frugal through March 28th. Running of the Supermarket Sweep Stakes will take place on Saturday, March 30th @ 9:30am. We donated \$2000 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Speaker Doug Powell of the Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County. We donated \$200. Camp for the Blind Board of Directors Meeting 2/2-3/13 Lion Sam Catanzano attended the meeting. Carolyn Bowen and Terri Tragesser spoke to the club about the progress that the Dawson County Humane Society has made in 2012. A check for \$200 was presented to the DCHS.



Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee: Jerry Legg reported that 49 eyeglasses 2 sunglasses and 4 cell phones had been collected. **Sickness, Distress and Praise:** The Club members welcomed Lion Mac Cates' return, following his knee replacement surgery. Lion Ronnie Moore is recuperating at home, following his knee replacement surgery on February 5. Lion Dot Hunt announced that she would be having hip replacement surgery on Friday. **New Member Induction: Committee Reports:** – We collected 138 used eye-glasses. **Pancake Supper:** The Jefferson Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Jefferson High School Cafeteria, Jefferson, GA. Adult Tickets will be \$6.00, Children Tickets for age 2-12 will be \$3.00, and Children under the age of 2 will Eat Free. **Zone Meeting:** Lion Mark Bradley, Zone Chairman, called to order the Region III Zone 1 Meeting that was held at the Golden Corral in Winder, GA on February 12, 2013 – 6 members attended. **Old Business:** Nothing reported. **New Business: Programs: Feb 11 -** Lion Jerry Legg introduced Lion Ken Fuller, District Vice President, who presented a program on the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Lion Ken told us that the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind was started in 1976 and is located on State land that former Jimmy Carter made available to the Lions. Lion Ken told us that the Camp's theme this summer is "Rise Up." He said the Camp provides the campers with a Hope for a better tomorrow." He said that the Camp is a place where your disability doesn't label you as disabled, but where you are given the chance to triumph. It is a place to make lifelong friends and where an active part of society is expected. The Camp is a place where you can "Rise Up". Lion Ken said to help fund the operation of the Camp, the Camp has organized a new fundraiser, called the 1976 Society. To participate in this fundraiser, you can donate \$19.76 a month. Lion Ken encouraged Lion members to come visit the Camp, come to the work weekends at the Camp on March 15-17 and April 5-7, tell people about the Camp, give monetarily, and come to Lions' Day at the Camp on July 20 to see how your investment is actually changing someone else's life for the better. **Feb 25 -** We were honored to have 7 Lions from the Winder "Noon" Lions Club visit our Club meeting. Lion Lisa Nilsen's daughter, Lindsey, won the Miss Jefferson Beauty Pageant. Lion Harold Fletcher introduced our speaker, Mr. Don Elrod, Jackson County Tax Commissioner. Mr. Elrod spoke to the Club about Georgia Department of Revenue House Bill 386 Tax Reform Legislation, State & Local Ad Valorem Title Tax. Lion Bob Norton, Winder "Noon" Lions Club, told us that the Fundraiser Dinner at Ruby Tuesday in Winder on April 25. Also, he told us about their Golf Fundraiser in April. Lion President provided information to the Club about the following events: Classic City Lion Pancake Breakfast, March 23, at St. James United Methodist Church in Athens. The Gwinnett Braves & the Lions of District 18D will be partnering in a fundraiser to raise money for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind on Saturday, May 18, at 7:05 PM.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

MAR 11 Program, Jim Hix
MAR 25 Program, Dot Hunt

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We planted 4 trees at Lawrenceville Elementary School. We donated 3 trees Simonton Elementary School and 3 trees to Special Needs School. There were 4 members and 1 guest attending along with the 4th graders to assist. One member did 57 vision screenings at Phoenix High School Health Fair.



Loganville Legacy Lions Club = We hope everyone is well and staying warm on these cold winter nights! If you know of anyone in need of assistance, food, heat, etc. please let me know. It's that time again...Souper Bowl Supper time that is! We are having our 2nd Annual Soup supper, Saturday, February 2nd at Loganville First United Methodist Church from 5PM to 7PM. Athens Tech Culinary Department along with Claude's on the Bayou, Ms. Dot's Restaurant and Cup & Saucer will be providing soup along with local churches and other individuals. Come eat in, take out or do both! Makes a great Super Bowl supper pre-game meal! We will do delivery to any business/group/church that lets us know prior to 5PM the day of the event. Ticket prices are as follows:

- \$10 All You Can Eat (Unlimited soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)
- \$7 for 2 Bowls (2 Bowls of soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)
- \$5 for 1 Bowl (1 Bowl of soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

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

February is flying by and so far no snow! We hope all of you are doing well and had a Happy Valentine's Day. It was great to see many of you at the meetings, also to congratulate Chuck Bagley as our new keeper of Leo for the month. We need to keep Billie Jean Burch, Fran Bagley, and Jimmy Malcom in our thoughts/prayers due to surgeries and illness. On a happy note, Wayne White celebrated his birthday at our meeting with a huge ice cream and singing! Just to let you know, ALL of the emails listed above are our members, officers, board, and other VIPs who have helped us along the way. I normally don't list them all but many of you have asked for them, so now you can click on them and save! If any of you would like to receive phone calls instead of, or along with email, PLEASE let me know and I will arrange that for you. LLLC had a board meeting on 2/5, lunch meeting on 2/8, and dinner meeting on 2/12. Some of the discussion included upcoming nominations/elections for the 2013/14 ballot, District Convention in Athens on March 2nd, and billing for dues which were mailed out, (please return ASAP or contact Chuck/Mark if any questions or concerns.) We need to begin fundraising efforts, Nancy Golden is the chairperson so please contact her if you want to be involved with any fundraising ideas or events. We will need volunteers for Special Olympics on March 23rd, if you have not been to this event, plan to go, you will love it! Special Olympics had their "Spaghetti Supper" fundraiser and did very well, thank you to all who came out to support these great kids. Shepherd Staff is currently stocked at this time and thankfully they also had a great turnout for the "Souper Bowl Supper" fundraiser. We found out that Grace Clower was elected Lighthouse Assistant Directorship, congrats to Grace! Betsy Grenevich is getting acquainted with her new leader dog "James" and Beverly Hollis is recruiting willing members for our LLLC team, "Lions Roar for a Cure" at Relay For Life, which will take place on April 26th and into the 27th! Important note, Vance and Fern Oakes are no longer members of LLLC, we wish them well on their next journey. Wayne White will be acting secretary and Mark Moore is filling the treasurer's position at this time.

A BIG THANK YOU to all members who took time to volunteer and attend meetings this month, we couldn't be this great without you!



Norcross Lions Club = We received a silver Winners Circle award from Special Olympics of GA. Lion Secretary Trudy Rudert shared thank you notes we received from the charities we support and explained these charities to our guests. She also explained Safety Town to the members who missed the last meeting. PDG John Rudert worked 50 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Wes Luster also worked at the lab. The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. She and her parents enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.

Royston Franklin Springs Lions Club –



Snellville Lions Club = Our newest member, Lion Chris Banks (center) with his sponsor Lion Grace Clower and induction performed by Lion Steve Hart.



Toccoa Lions Club = Saturday March 23rd: Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am to 10:00 am at Toccoa Elementary School Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to the Open Arms Clinic in Toccoa. This is a free medical clinic for uninsured residents of Stephens County. Last year with community support the Toccoa Lions Club donated \$3,000.00 to the clinic.



Towns County Lions Club = Monday night, February 25, 2013, was a special night for the Towns County Lions Club. On this night, we honored 24 Honor students, which included two Star students from the Towns County High School. Every year the Lions Club takes the opportunity to recognize our graduating students who excellent in achievement. With parents, faculty and Lions Club members present, Lion President Julie Payne welcomed all who came out for this special night. After the Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag, and Invocation, a meal catered by Daniel's Steakhouse was served to our guests. Payne then introduced the guest speaker for the night, TCHS Principal Roy Perren. As he spoke, Perren heaped praise on the 24 students for their hard work, determination, and positive attitudes. He called each by name and shared a brief description of that student. Perren then challenged them with this question, "If not you, then who? Encouraging them to accomplish all they can for the betterment of our community and nation. He stated that they were just beginning to build a legacy for themselves, "just like a builder building a house". However, Perren said graduation is just the "foundation" and there is much more for them to do before they finish their "building". At the conclusion of his speech, a Certificate of Recognition from the Lions Club was presented to each student individually. Dillon Diehl and Jennifer Chinnici were recognized as TCHS Star students along with Star teachers Shannon Floyd and Alecia Frizzell. Diehl is also a member of the Towns County LEO Club, which is associated with the Lions. After presentations were made, a drawing to include only the students was held to give away two \$25 gift certificates. Ryan Tallent and Christa Hamill were the winners. Towns County Honor students along with any other graduating senior can also apply to the Lions Club for a scholarship, which will be awarded to them upon graduation. The applications will be sent to the TCHS counselor next week. Applications will be accepted until April 15th, and then scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Honors day program at the school. The Club offers three scholarships at \$1500 each, paid at \$750 per semester.



Justin Moore
March 1, 2013
7:00 PM

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March 23, 2013
7:00 PM
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Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 2 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected:** Eye Glasses-532 pairs, Lens- 152, shades – 83 pair, frames 3 pairs, lens shades- 81 pairs, Cell phones -34. **Activities/Community Service Activities** - Lion Mildred Thompson agreed to head up Scholarship Committee. Lion Joan Shaw discussed White Cane. It will be held April 19-20. Letter to businesses are ready and will be passed out at last meeting in February. Board discussed the upcoming Trash and Treasures fund raiser to be held Feb 9. Lion Lisa read a thank-you NE Georgia Boy Scouts for \$50 donation in 2012. Board approved a \$50 donation for 2013. Lion Lisa read a thank-you the Wilderness Scouts for our recent donation. She also read a letter from a senior at Woody Gap school for our support of their scholarship fund. **Programs: Feb 9** - Third Annual Trash and Treasures Sale. The club hosted an indoor yard sale at the Union County Civic center with nearly 40 vendors. The event was a great success. Vendor fees, food sales, raffle ticket sales, merchandise sales, and early bird entries netted over \$ 1000 for the Club. **Feb 14** - This was annual Lions Valentine meeting. Lion Betty Gurr had charge of 'game time' which consisted of Lions Jack Gross, Paul Clark, Michael Thompson and guest, Mark Enzmann telling of how, when & where they each met their wives! That was eye opener & very entertaining! They each were presented a special Valentine cup with small stuffed animal in it. Then there was a special wives award presented to Marge Myers as wife of Lion Les Myers. To Judy Enzmann as faithful wife that so often sees that her father in law, Lion Don Enzmann, gets to Lion meetings. They were each presented a bud vase containing a crocheted red rose. Lion Mary introduced Misty Kirkland who had a beautiful song rendered with her lovely voice. She also gave a reading that included verses from the Bible 'love chapter', 1st Corinthians chapter 13. After the meal, Misty Kirkland then came & gave another lovely song. Lion Betty Gurr then called on Lion Chaplain Paul Clark to give a special Valentine devotional. He then discussed the origin of how Valentine Day came about & afterwards, closed the meeting with prayer. It certainly one of the best and most meaningful Valentine meetings this Lions Club has ever had!! **Feb 28** - White Cane Co-Chair Gray Williams passes out donation request letters to be taken to local businesses. White Cane days are set for April 19-20. Lion Jim Wentworth introduced his wife Cindy Wentworth who was the night's guest speaker. Cindy is a volunteer at Castaway Critters Pet Rescue. Castaway Critters is a no-kill shelter and is unique and differs from other rescue groups in the area in that they take in Heartworm positive dogs and have them treated before adoption, are not selective in the breed or the age of the animal, take in injured and sick animals, rescue from surrounding counties and over state lines, and occasionally pull dogs and cats on death row in animal control facilities. In 2012, they took in 496 dogs, 216 from high-kill animal controls and shelters. They adopted 76 and sent 334 to their partner rescue groups in NJ and NC. Castaways rescued 196 cats in 2012, adopted 146 and sent another 40 on transport to NJ where all were adopted – some had homes before they even arrived.

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White County Lions Club – The meeting February 7th was very productive. During the business portion of the meeting. Lion Tommy Miller requested applications and funding for two people who are in need of glasses. These requests will be considered upon receipt of the applications. A motion was made and carried that the meetings be moved to the first and third Mondays of the month. This should be more convenient for all concerned. Cindy Cannon, the White County Tax Commissioner was our speaker. She explained the new tax law concerning motor vehicles which will take effect on March 1, 2013. Vehicles purchased on or after March 1st will be exempt sales & use tax and the annual “birthday” tax. These taxes will be replaced by a onetime tax that is imposed on the fair market value of the vehicle. This tax called the title ad valorem tax (TAVT)

The tax rate from March 1st to December 31st 2013 will be 6.5%

For the year of 2014 the rate will be 6.75% and

For the year 2015 the rate will be (you guessed it!) 7%

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Winder Noon Lions Club = The club recognized two Junior Class Students from each of the two Barrow County High Schools as Juniors of the Month. They are selected by their principals for their outstanding achievements in academics and participation in service activities. pairs of glasses were collected for recycling during February. 201 was raised selling raffle tickets for the Ga Lions Camp for the Blind.

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Toccoa Lions Club

March 2013 (*Eye Donor Awareness Month*)

16th – Vision Screening – Senior Center – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Home & Garden Show)

23rd – Pancake Breakfast – Toccoa Elementary – 7:00 to 10:00 am

23rd – Martin Lions Chicken Que – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Martin Community Center

April 2013 (*White Cane Month*)

Zone Meeting – 7:00 pm – Ty Cobb Medical Center Cafeteria

12th & 13th – White Cane Days – Public Solicitations – Wal-Mart

13th – Nick Thomas Memorial Service – 2:00 pm – First Methodist Church

Vision & Hearing Screening – Healthy Kids Day – YMCA – Date TBA

JR ROTC Cadet Awards Banquet – TBA

May 2013 (*Recycle for Sight Month*)

9th – 80th Anniversary Banquet – 6:30 pm – Gate Cottage – Speaker PCC Kembra Smith

10th – Chilly Open Golf Outing – 9:00 am – Highland Walk – Victoria Bryant SP

17th – Relay For Life – Lions Team – 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm – downtown Toccoa

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

Jefferson Lions

Saturday, March 16, 2013 Pancake Supper

Saturday, April 20, 2013 White Cane

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

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

Monday, June 24, 2013 Officer Installation



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

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

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

Bill Graham, Region I Zone I Chairman - 706-779-6990 - blueberryfarm@windstream.net

April 2nd, 2013 7pm, Lavonia Lions Club, Lavonia Community Center, Lavonia, GA.

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

25 March – 7:00 pm at Ryan's, 126 Highway 400N., Dawsonville, GA

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



We're Waiting =
have you ASKed?

Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or

Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or



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

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

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



19 Years Later: A Story of Charity and Thanks

At the age of 25, my lifelong battle against a rare, genetic and brutally painful eye disease finally took its toll and rendered me almost legally blind. My young son, who was just a year old at the time, was also experiencing episodic bouts of pain and severe sensitivity to light which meant he too had inherited the dreaded disease. Each erosion or, scratch across our corneas, occurred for any number of reasons; simply upon opening our eyes from sleep, or a wisp of hair across the eye, or for no known reason at all. Each erosion caused a lattice work pattern of abrasions to appear across the surface of the eye. Each and every time my infant son or I experienced an erosion, we were confined to bed. The extreme photophobias meant those days in bed were spent in utter darkness. Not a candle, not the flicker of a television, not a ray of sunlight could be tolerated. My son was so young that scarring of his cornea had not yet become a concern. The horror of the pain in someone so young? Yes. Blindness not yet. For me though, the recurrent corneal erosions and central corneal clouding had finally disabled me.

I had no insurance, could not allow myself to continue to drive, correcting my vision with glasses was not a reality and faking it at work was out of the question. Between his bouts and mine it was pretty hard to hold down a job for long. On good days when I could see it was a challenge. Without vision at least some of the time, we were done for. I was alone and I was scared. I knew I needed a cornea transplant. My Mother had one with moderate success and an Aunt and Grandfather had also been helped by the operation to some degree. Because I had been dealing with my disease, I mean just living with it and all its consequences as a part of my reality since birth, missing school, losing jobs, learning how to handle pain I did with no doctor I could call on.

Dr. Stephen Hamilton, a brilliant, kind and in my humble estimation, heroic surgeon, invited me into his office in Atlanta for a consultation. He confirmed what I knew to be true. A transplant was the way to go. In the exam room Dr. Hamilton made me an offer I'm sure might be shocking to many in the modern medical profession. He offered to do the surgery for free. However, we would need outpatient services and surgical accommodations from the hospital. We would also need a donor cornea and after care costs covered. Cornea tissue transplant recipients never reach a place where they are risk free from rejection and I would require lifelong care. How do you pay for that with no insurance?

If you wish to read more go here:

<http://lionslighthouse.wordpress.com/2013/01/09/19-years-later-a-story-of-charity-and-thanks/#more-120>



Service Numbers

From July to December 2012

People having eye exams
123 were from 18-D

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
30 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation
72 were from 18-D

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

5	8
Athens	Norcross

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:

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



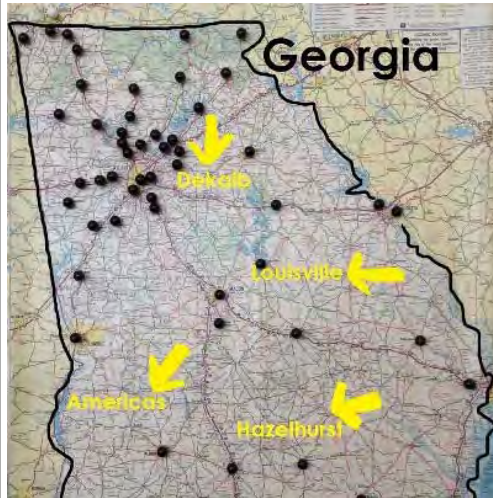
We've been on a hunt for gold and boy did we find some. A whole van full!

The gold from recycled glasses will be melted down and the profits will go toward funding for our clinics.

"People with hearing loss are more likely to experience difficulty with thinking and memory than their peers with normal hearing", says a new study by Doctor's Health Press

Each year, our hearing providers give almost 1,000 Georgians the gift of sound.

Below is a map of our hearing providers. All of the black dots are areas where we have providers, whereas the yellow arrows indicate a need for providers in the area listed. Do you know a hearing provider in your area? Let them know about the Lighthouse!



Loyal volunteer Susan helps out at the Lighthouse packing and posting eyeglasses for shipment.

Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events



Night of Spectacles - April 27, 2013

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



6th Annual

night of spectacles

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



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



Dear Georgia Lions,

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEB SITE: <http://www.glcb.org/>

Welcome to the Georgia Lions camp for the Blind

Camp Mission It is the mission of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

List of activities

Our camp activities may include:



- [Swimming](#)
- [Adaptive sports](#)
- [Horseback riding](#)
- [Arts and crafts](#)
- [Dances and talent shows](#)
- [Karaoke](#)
- [Scavenger hunts](#)
- [Fishing](#)
- [Archery](#)
- [Spirit competitions](#)
- [Campfires](#)
- [Carnival](#)

Objectives

- to foster the desire for participation in all camp activities
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- to develop in campers, a sense of responsibility and respect for others
- to provide the opportunity to develop a more positive attitude toward their disability
- to enable the camper to learn to accept ways of competing and cooperating with others
- to stimulate in campers greater independence, self reliance, resourcefulness, and initiative
- to help the camper learn new skills and to explore one's individual abilities
- to encourage participation in, and shared responsibilities of a democratic society
- to provide opportunities for understanding and appreciation through an awareness of the natural surroundings
- to aid the camper to achieve self-realization, self fulfillment and personal identity
- to provide an opportunity for campers to have FUN



Upcoming Events

Winter Work Weekend! – March 16 & 17, 2013 [Work Weekend Registration](#)

Spring Work Weekend! –April 6 & 7, 2013 [Work Weekend Registration](#)

Board of Directors Meeting! –State Convention Augusta GA May 31-June 2, 2013

Summer Camp!

<i>Session 1</i>	<i>June 10-14</i>	<i>Family Camp</i>	<i>4-9 years old</i>
<i>Session 2</i>	<i>June 17-21</i>	<i>Pre-Teen</i>	<i>10-13 years old</i>
<i>Session 3</i>	<i>June 23-30</i>	<i>Older Adult</i>	<i>32 and up</i>
<i>Session 4</i>	<i>July 5-12</i>	<i>Young Adults</i>	<i>18-31 years old</i>
<i>Session 5</i>	<i>July 15-24</i>	<i>Teenagers</i>	<i>14-17 years old</i>



Lions Day July 20th, 2013

Lion Doy J. Barks, President - Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Lion of Georgia,

Winners of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Raffle for 2013 are as follows:

Gator or \$5,000 = Kate Anderson -- A non Lion works for Warner Robins City. She choose \$5,000.

\$500 Cash = Zack Blount -- A non Lion in seminary in Travelers Rest, S.C.

\$100 Cash = Jada Miles -- A non Lion in Baxley, Ga. went to school with her good friend Joey Carter of the Baxley Lions Club.

Frances Moody -- A lion in the Hinesville Lions Club.

Hal Herrington, Jr. -- A lion in the Waynesboro Lions Club.

As of today (Feb. 7) we have received \$24,487 from the raffle ticket sales. (Some monies may still come in.) We thank all the Lions of Georgia for their part in this fund raiser.

Paul May
Camp Treasurer



2013 MD-18 State Convention Golf Outing



On Friday morning May 31, 2013

Consecutive Tee Times starting at 8:00AM

at the

River Golf Club in North Augusta, SC.

www.rivergolfclub.com

Cost is \$59.00 and includes Golf, Cart, Range Balls and all taxes.

Appropriate attire must be worn: collared shirt, slacks or shorts. Absolutely NO denim is allowed on the course!

RSVP must be received by May 20, 2013

RSVP to Lion Frank Spinney, State Convention Co-Chair

at

LionSpinney@aol.com or call (706) 339-5535



Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction 2013 State Convention

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

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

If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email Marty Connell, GLCB Fundraising Chair at salto.one@cox.net and/or your Camp for the Blind Vice President as follows:

Lion Ken Fuller, District 18D, hiawasseeken@yahoo.com

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

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



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

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

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

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

All checks payable to your local Lions Club

Return order forms to your local Lions Club

WWW.GWINNETTBRAVES.COM

678-277-0350

2013 GWINNETT BRAVES ORDER FORM RETURN BY April 19th

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

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

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



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

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

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

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678-277-0350



Atlanta VisionWalk



Foundation Fighting Blindness

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

Walk Information:

Date: March 24, 2013

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

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

2013 Kick Off

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

Sponsorship Campaign

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

Have You Collected Checks

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

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

For more information or to register, contact: Lesley Ireland, Events Manager 919-781-8014 ■
L.Ireland@FightBlindness.org



Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey



GEORGIA LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donations from ticket sales will help benefit someone to get a Leader Dog. Visit www.atlantaliions.org for more information.



Sometimes, everything changes in just one moment. It only took a moment for Kevin O'Callahan to learn he could trust Leader Dog Flynn with his life, and that moment came in a warehouse when Flynn stopped Kevin from stepping into the path of a fork lift truck. And it only took a moment for Tom Dockham to learn he should listen to Leader Dog Bubba, and that moment came when Tom broke his tooth in a collision with a 2x4 that Bubba was trying to steer him away from. Life-changing (and life-saving) moments like this are brought to you by . . . you. Leader Dogs for the Blind receives no state or federal funding, relying instead on the generosity and compassion of our friends to help train these wonderful dogs and the people who need them.

2013 - The Year in Review



Improved the continuity of care for our dogs by changing our dog care team scheduling from location-based to dog-based so the dogs are cared for by the same people throughout the entire training process. We also enhanced our canine support program to allow our volunteers to have increased interaction with our dogs when they are being introduced to the kennel and throughout their formal training.

Established In-For-Training standards for all puppies in our puppy raising program. The standards help our puppy raisers raise their puppies to achieve behaviors expected when they return to Leader Dog for training. The data collected will also help us correlate the puppy's behavior upon return with graduation success.

Implemented a Voice of the Client program to track client satisfaction and provide feedback for continuous quality improvement. Also improved the follow-up services we provide to clients in their home environment by utilizing qualified guide dog mobility instructors who are contractors, allowing us to improve our response time when a client contacts us needing assistance.

Began using a new model for scheduling Accelerated Mobility Program clients that allows us to service more clients without adding staff.



Ozella Tate and her Leader Dog, Josie



Our Veterinary Department

- 501 dog spay/neuters
- 538 entry/training exams
- 44 specialized dental procedures
- 966 breeding/puppy program exams
- 1,491 procedures done under anesthesia
- 983 hours served by volunteers (veterinarians, vet techs, assistants and records)

Increased our use of volunteers to transport clients and their Leader Dogs to/from the airport from 10% to 100%. This has provided more time for our Guide Dog Mobility Instructors, who used to be in charge of transport, to work with clients and their dogs.

Our Training and Client Services Departments

- Certified a new Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) for our Deaf-Blind program
- Trained 205 guide dog teams
- Trained five Deaf-Blind guide dog teams
- Trained 51 accelerated mobility clients
- Hosted 20 teens at summer camp
- Supported 435 clients in their homes with follow-up services
- Completed 200 potential client in-home visits



Established standard breeding criteria for selection and inclusion of dogs in the breeding program, and welcomed 519 new puppies from our breeding stock of 80 moms and 16 dads.



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

Homework Help: 9 study tips for fewer tears and less frustration

Completing homework after a long day at school can be strenuous for your child when he has a learning disability. Completing homework after a long day at school can be strenuous for your child when he has a learning disability. For you, watching their child stress over schoolwork can be just as difficult, if not more. To avoid the frustration and tears – for both you and your child - a clear plan of action is your best bet, including:

- Designate a desk or homework area. Give your child an uncluttered space where he can work on homework every night. Make sure his desk is in a quiet area where there are few distractions.
- Organize materials and assignments. Keep school supplies together in his desk drawer or in a bin, and use color-coded folders to organize assignments from each subject.
- Schedule a consistent homework hour. Assign a set time during the afternoon when your child knows he needs to start homework. This will help him with time management and will avoid the frustration of rushing to complete homework right before bedtime.
- Make a “to do” list. Review your child’s homework tasks together and make a “to do” list that he can check off once each assignment is completed.
- Tackle harder assignments first. Before your child’s attention starts to wear, have him start with the subject he has the most difficulty with and save the easier assignments for last.
- Work in intervals. At first, set a timer for 5 to 10 minutes and have your child work on homework until the timer goes off. Then let him take a break before setting the timer again. Gradually increase the time he works on homework as his concentration increases.
- Keep your library of audiobooks updated. If your child has a print disability, download his textbooks from the Learning Ally library, where he can listen to his reading assignments while following along, he will comprehend and retain the information better.
- Lead by example. Sit down to complete your work too. While your child works on homework, use that time to pay bills, complete your shopping list, or get out a book and read quietly.
- Reward his hard work. If your child shows dedication and is successful at completing his homework, reward him at the end of the week with a special treat such as an ice cream or pizza and movie night.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Putting the Pieces of Autism Together...

Robin knew an assistance dog would help her son Braden, challenged with autism.



She contacted several organizations who expected her to do a great deal of fundraising before receiving a dog.

"I had basically given up hope, then I learned that Canine Companions for Independence was training dogs for autistic children," says Robin.

In May 2007 Robin and Braden graduated from Team Training with Skilled Companion Camille, free of charge and free of fundraising. Since then, Camille has changed Braden's life.

"Braden is much more social, calmer in public, and is developing empathy," Robin continues. "Camille gives Braden acceptance and love, without expecting him to be like everyone else."

Facility Dog Teal Motivates Students

Special Education Students Enjoy "T-Time"



Facility Dog Teal is also known as Doggie, Dog, Super T, Tealy Bear, Mr. Tiki, T-dog, T-friend and T the Helper. He is partnered with Melissa, an occupational therapist who works in schools and a private therapy clinic. Together, they are referred to as Melt—a nickname given by the special education students that Melissa and Teal work with.

"I see changes in my kids with just his presence in the room. T has truly made me a better therapist," shares Melissa.

Melissa has so many memorable moments working with T. One child had been attempting to throw overhand all year and eventually succeeded while playing fetch with T. Another child overcame his fear of dogs with T. Another child, who has severely limited mobility and tightly-fisted hands, opened his hand long enough to feed T treats. "He gave the biggest smile, complete with dimples!" Melissa recalls.

Still another student, who is very shy and has speech challenges, gave her first speech in front of her class on T. "She was so proud of herself and told me that everyone is jealous of her because she gets to play with Mr. T! It was a huge confidence booster," explains Melissa.



Lion Diabetes Awareness Chair

New!!! Diabetes Resources for Lions

New resources are available for diabetes awareness and community outreach.

For Lions

- *Diabetes Awareness and Action* program brochure
- *25 Project Ideas for Diabetes Awareness*
- *IDF Country Diabetes Association Links*
- *Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness* – this program

has been re-branded and expanded to include more activity options, such as cycling, dancing, walking, running and more! Program materials have been translated.

For Your Community

- DVD's (EN and SP):
 - *Diabetic Retinopathy*
 - *Type 1 Diabetes: Caring with Confidence*

(includes bonus videos: *Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam* (English and Spanish); and *The Links to Chronic Kidney Disease: Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, and Family History*.)

- *Diabetes Bookmark* – Informational
- *Diabetes Bookmark* – Help Some One
- *Healthy Vision Starts with a Dilated Eye Exam*

(EN, PO, SP)

- *Be Sweet to Your Feet* (EN; co-branded with partner NDEP – National Diabetes Education Program)

All publications are downloadable; or you may use the new [Diabetes Materials Order Form](#) to purchase

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Diabetes Forecast Magazine Encourages People with Diabetes to Live Life without Boundaries

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Though it may take a bit more effort, people with diabetes can live life without boundaries, whether that means becoming a professional baseball player or designing a stylish, diabetes-friendly shoe. The March issue of [Diabetes Forecast](#), the Healthy Living Magazine of the American Diabetes Association, offers tips and real-life stories about living life with diabetes to the fullest, even when faced with challenges.

Numbers Game: Sam Fuld knew his chances of becoming a Major League Baseball player were slim, especially as a person living with type 1 diabetes. Despite these odds, Fuld didn't give up and has even become a YouTube legend. Now in his sixth season as a big-league outfielder, "Super Sam" proves diabetes doesn't have to affect your dreams.

Clutter Busting: Keeping an organized home may have surprising health benefits. From organizing medicine and supplies to filing medical records, this article provides tips for a structured diabetes-friendly home that can lead to better health. And for people with diabetes complications such as neuropathy or vision impairment, conquering clutter can be a vital safety move.

Sole Mate: From the top of her head to the tips of her toes, Eleanor Leinen is a stylish woman. After being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes in 2003, she took matters into her own hands to resurface diabetes-friendly shoes to make them fancier and a little more fun. "People [with diabetes] are in a desperation mode," she says. "We're just trying to make people feel [that] they're able to reclaim their style."

Body Wars: Eating disorders are twice as common among women and girls with type 1 diabetes, compared to those without diabetes, but they can be hard to diagnose. By neglecting their diabetes care and overall health—skipping meals, purging food and avoiding insulin—they lose weight but also put themselves at risk for serious complications, including diabetic ketoacidosis. The magazine looks at the frightening world of diabetes and eating disorders, with real-life stories from women who have been through it, and offers hope and help.

Additional exciting features and columns in the March 2013 issue of *Diabetes Forecast* include:

- **How to prevent diabetes ketoacidosis.**
- **Lesser-known factors that may contribute to hypoglycemia.**
- **Finding a path to specific blood glucose and A1C goals.**
- **A humorous look at life with diabetes.**
- **Three easy recipes for cooking with steam and the kitchen tools needed to get started.**
- **The virtues of eating a variety of healthy foods.**

Diabetes Forecast has been America's leading diabetes consumer magazine for more than 60 years, offering the latest news on diabetes research and treatment to provide information, inspiration and support to people with diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight to Stop Diabetes and its deadly consequences and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Founded in 1940, our mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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

Atlanta, GA

May 19, 2013



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

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

Our World, Out Future

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

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

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

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



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Our World, Out Future

"NEW" The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in Peace Poster kit and on the LCI website. The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on 15 November 2013. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

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

Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.

- Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Kits are available 15 January – 1 October 2012:

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

April is Leo Club Awareness Month

Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to your Lions club and can increase your club's community exposure by attracting new audiences, such as young professionals and parents. April is Leo Club Awareness Month, the perfect time to consider [sponsoring a Leo club](#) that will provide members with camaraderie and growth through participation in community service projects, social functions and leadership development activities. Through Leo clubs, you will have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults – helping them become better citizens and leaders for life.



Greetings Georgia Lions

It's that time again! We have four student applications from Finland, who are anxious to participate in our Exchange Program this summer. Please help us provide Host Families for the students. We must have willing hosts before we can process these applications.

Each student has written a letter to their "potential family". These letters are wonderful; they are about why they want to come to Georgia and what it means to them. They tell us about their families, schools, their hobbies and what they hope to accomplish. They want to know you, your family, and to learn about our Country.

Please let us hear from you. You may contact your District Youth/Exchange Chairperson or me for information .

Let me know if you have any questions and I will be more than happy to assist. My e-mail is fayehsmith@hotmail.com.

Many Thanks

Faye H. Smith MD 18 Chairperson
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It's always amazing to learn about the great things young people are doing around the world to address the same issues that Lions combat every day, including blindness, poverty, hunger, disease and more. We recently learned about Eric Wenzl, a young boy in Romania who completed the "Eric's Fight for Sight" [eyeglass recycling](#) project last year in partnership with the Bucharest Millennium Lions Club, of which his father is the president.

The project involved collecting used eyeglasses and upon completion, presenting about 170 pairs to the Bucharest Millennium Lions Club. On October 7, 2012, the donated glasses were handed over to the District Governor at the Bucharest International Marathon, an activity celebrating Lions World Sight Day. The glasses will become a part of the [Lions Recycle for Sight](#) program.

Below, Eric and his father share their thoughts on the Fight for Sight project.

From Eric:

I made this social service learning project about poverty and how to fight it at school last year. I thought about all the problems around the world and figured that I, as one individual, cannot stop poverty in the world. My approach was to help poor people with bad eyesight. Then I searched for a strong partner. My dad told me that Lions Clubs International helps people who cannot afford glasses. So I decided to collect used glasses and donate them to a local Lions club and spread the word. It became a family project and I really appreciated that my mom, my grandparents, my sister and my dad helped me so much. I started this really confidently because I knew that the local Lions clubs would help me whenever they could. When I handed over the full box with around 170 used glasses to the members of the Lions Club Bucharest Millennium, I felt exited, happy and proud at the same time. It was one of the best feelings I have ever had. When I am older I want to become a Lion and help more people in the world.

From Marco Wenzl, Eric's father and Bucharest Millennium Lions Club President:

It was easy to support Eric with all the Lions Recycle for Sight program equipment, but I wanted him to be creative and mostly independent. He came up with the "Fight for Sight" idea. He handcrafted and painted the boxes together with his sister, I established the contacts for the locations of the eyeglass collections, and his mum gave him a lift every time he needed one. Eric had a very comprehensive approach, and he used all the knowledge he gained at school. I am very proud of him and the goal he achieved. I am sure he will become a strong Lion in the future and an enrichment to our community. We serve!

You can learn more about the project at the [Eric's Fight for Sight Facebook page](#).

How is your Lions club helping children make a difference in the world? Leave a comment and share your story!

- See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/02/06/a-boys-fight-for-sight-with-lions/#sthash.LRHprXD2.dpuf>

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

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

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

The Leo Zone



The [Leo Zone](#) is the primary online resource for the [Leo Club Program](#). Whether you're a Leo advisor a Leo yourself, you'll find information to help your club stay active and engaged.

Find info on:

- [Starting a new Leo club](#)
- [Creating an e-LeoClubhouse website](#)
- [The Leo Lion Summit](#)
- [Forms, publications, videos, logos and awards](#)
- **And more!**

Lions are committed to helping today's youth develop the skills needed to become strong leaders for the future. Through [youth camps](#), leadership conferences, Leo clubs and more, Lions give young people worldwide the opportunity to serve and succeed.

- See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2012/11/23/the-leo-zone/#sthash.u6pK7i1I.dpuf>



Lions-Quest.org Has a Brand New Look

Posted by [Lions Clubs International](#) on Monday, February 18, 2013 · [Leave a Comment](#)



Check out the [Lions Quest](#) website's new design! [Lions Clubs International Foundation's](#) Lions Quest program is a positive youth development and prevention program for students in grades K through 12. The program focuses on helping students to communicate effectively, make responsible decisions, avoid drugs and violence, and grow into solid citizens.

Featured sections of the redesigned website include:

- [Programs](#) – Explore Lions Quest programs and grade level options, and download resources such as guides and brochures.
- [Teacher Training](#) – Learn about Lions Quest professional development workshops.
- [Program Resources](#) – Find sample lessons, evaluation tools, curriculum updates and more.
- [Funding](#) – Learn about Core 4 Grants and Lions Quest Promotional Grants.

Visit the website at www.Lions-Quest.org.

- See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/02/18/lions-quest-org-has-a-brand-new-look/#sthash.ENHWK0LU.dpuf>

Quality Matters

A number of national and international organizations committed to guiding young people toward healthy, drug- and violence-free lives have recognized Lions Quest and Lions Clubs International Foundation's support of youth development. Our research-based programs and superior professional development have been given high marks by numerous organizations.

The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) has designated all three Lions Quest programs "Select SEL."

This highest rating was awarded in recognition of Lions Quest's excellence in three areas recommended by CASEL as the most important starting points for program selection - Outstanding Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Instruction, Evidence of Effectiveness, and Outstanding Professional Development.

Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence is listed on the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP), a service of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Previously designated a "Model" program under SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Model Programs Initiative, Skills for Adolescence remains on the NREPP list as an evidence-based prevention program, rated for Quality of Research and Readiness for Dissemination.

Lions Quest Program Evaluation and Results

Many research studies have been completed, some conducted by school districts, others completed by universities and independent research firms. Program evaluations, as well as reviews from objective organizations on the overall effectiveness of Lions Quest programs, can be viewed online at www.lions-quest.org

Lions Quest schools and students have benefitted from improved school climate, student-teacher relationships, interpersonal skills, and strengthened commitment to service. Evaluation studies and educator testimonials continue to report the positive effects Lions Quest programs have on student performance and behavior, such as:

- 41% improvement in problem-solving skills *
- 51% increase in resiliency *
- 9% increase in GPA *
- 44% decline in out-of-school suspensions *
- 82% decline of in-school suspensions *
- 57% decline in school absences *
- 50% decrease in boy vs. girl bullying †
- 47% decrease in girl vs. girl bullying †

Sources: * An Evaluation Report of Student Attitude and Behavior Changes, Year Two of the Learn and Serve Project, by Dr. Molly Laird, December 2008

† Berlin Brothers Valley School District, PA

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Augusta, GA

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HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# M/J Luncheon tickets	Lion (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

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Address:		City, State, Zip:	
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Hospitality Book Includes: 2 District Breakfasts and District Governors Banquet on Saturday Night.

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2012 \$95.00 Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012 \$105.00
 Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013 \$125.00 After April 30, 2013 \$140.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
M/J Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention			Total Amount Due:	\$	
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