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March 2014

We Serve



District Bulletin



District Governor
Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

On a personal note – I know many of us are getting older and just feel tired. I guess I am the exception. I am out and about and every chance I get I ASK if someone wants to be a LION. Many of those I ask also asks “Who and what are the Lions and what do they do.” Always the same thing and I know that gets tiresome – but at times the eyes open wider and 1 out of 10 say “Why not.” I don’t have any answers as to why people don’t seem interested or what can we do about it. All I do know is that we have to spread the word and let people know who we are and what we do for a living. Again, Communication is the KEY – we have to make sure that somehow – someday – we must make sure the community knows that we are out there trying to serve the community. That is why it is important to show our Lions emblem and wear our Lions vests when actively serving the community.

The last time I did this was in 2001 – of course there was an increase in population – but a major decrease in members over the past several years. We have a very promising future – a tremendous amount of prospective members – all you have to do is look at that yellow box **and JUST ASK**. Now look at this as a challenge and golden **OPPORTUNITY**.

County	2012 Population	Lion Members
Banks	18,316	0
Barrow	70,169	77
Clarke	120,266	76
Columbia	131,627	47
Dawson	22,422	34
DeKalb	707,089	73
Elbert	19,684	17
Forsyth	187,928	33
Franklin	21,894	55
Greene	16,092	8
Gwinnett	842,046	141
Habersham	43,520	30
Hall	185,416	49
Hart	25,518	16
Jackson	60,571	67
Jasper	13,630	0



County	2012 Population	Lion Members
Lincoln	7,737	7
Lumpkin	30,611	36
Madison	27,922	48
McDuffie	21,633	37
Morgan	17,881	44
Newton	101,505	95
Oconee	33,619	39
Oglethorpe	14,618	32
Putnam	21,198	15
Rabun	16,297	15
Rockdale	85,820	34
Stephens	25,891	52
Taliaferro	1,680	0
Towns	10,495	82
Union	21,451	38
Walton	84,575	85
Wilkes	10,076	17

One question? When was the last time YOU gave a speech or just talked to a group of people and told them what the Lions have done within their community (church, other civic groups, townhouse meetings, etc.). Why not try spreading the word – try Facebook, Blog, YouTube, Twitter or put pictures in Flickr. Getting the word out would be the ideal thing to do.

Exciting NEWS **Together We Can Grow Contest**

-- Now check this out – go to page 13 and 14

Communication is the KEY!

Make sure you pass the WORD.



Yours in Lionism,
Ed



A big thank you to Lions Clubs International director Donal Knipp and his lovely wife Betty for stopping by the Lighthouse during their trip to Atlanta!

CONGRATULATIONS

McClain Hermes Essay Contest Winner – 7th grade
Certificate from State and \$200 from District and State



President Certificate of Appreciation



Lion Brian Donegan



Lion Doreen Stallworth



Lion Robert Norton

CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Lion Kembra Smith

District Officers for 2014-15



**DGE Vicki Hubbard
1stVDGE Anne Mundy
2ndVDG Bob Norton**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday

26 April 2013 ---- 12 Noon

4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic/Outing

Fairgrounds, Comer, GA.

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

New Officer Training begins at 9 am



Picnic begins at 12 Noon



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

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

Planning Ahead

Check out page 7 on future Dates to Remember

2014 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



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

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

Saturday: 4 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, 2014

Hotel Info:

[Macon Marriott City Center](#)

240 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217

(478) 621-5300





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

Barry J. Palmer

First Vice President



April Is Leo Club Awareness Month



Lions are making a positive impact on the next generation of leaders by serving as mentors and motivators through the Leo Club Program. This April, Lions are encouraged to raise awareness of Leo clubs and share information about this important youth development program during Leo Club Awareness Month. Get involved by [sponsoring an Alpha Leo club](#), organizing a joint service project with Leos, or including Leos in any special events planned for Family and Friends Month. As an integral part of the Lions family, Leos will appreciate the recognition and support they receive from Lions.

Plan Your Family and Friends Month Event in April!

Family and Friends Month in April is a great opportunity to grow your club by showing people the difference you're making every day. It's also a time to

show your family and friends how much they mean to you, and how much your Lions club means to the community. [Download the Family and Friends Month flyer](#) and start planning your event today!

And don't forget to register



your club for the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th. It's a 24-hour international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. Registered clubs can enter Lunch Relay contests and earn special recognition. Don't wait ... [register your club today!](#)

Peace Poster and Essay Contest Winner Announced



Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from India, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. He was sponsored by the Moirang Lions Club. [Order your kit for the 2014-15 contest](#), "Peace, Love and Understanding."

Ashish Karki, a 12-year-old boy from Nepal, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International Essay Contest. He was sponsored by the Kathmandu Ramechhap Lions Club. "We have to bring the light of peace, justice, brotherhood, responsibility and rational human behavior through education," Ashish wrote in his essay. Read Ashish's essay and [learn how your club can sponsor the Lions International Essay Contest](#) for visually-impaired students, ages 11-13.

Each grand-prize winner will receive a special award and US\$5,000. Both winners will be recognized at this year's Lions Clubs International

Convention in Toronto, Canada. Congratulations and thank you to all the children and Lions who participated!

LCIF Is Your Foundation

In your community and communities around the world, LCIF is your Foundation. Since being founded in 1968, LCIF has been supporting Lions in their efforts to make a difference around the world. In this new video, learn about the accomplishments of Lions and LCIF. Together, we are making a difference.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php?id=gBiHgF>



LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) for a preview of the 2014 convention in Toronto.

CONTESTS

[2014-2015 Peace Poster Kits](#)
[Peace, Love and Understanding](#)
Purchase 2014-15 Peace Poster Kits

HIGHLIGHTS

[Digital LION Magazine](#)
The LION Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos and links.

[President's Service Blog](#)
Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)
Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

As Lions, we care about our communities and about the health and well-being of others. This is a theme that can be seen around the world. Maybe you've held health screenings as a club, or maybe you have even received a [Lions Clubs International Foundation \(LCIF\) grant](#) to provide needed medical equipment or services in your community. But I know that one thing is certain – Lions want to help people have a better life.

A few years ago, Lions and LCIF [embarked on a pilot initiative](#) to help vulnerable communities where measles is prominent. Lions in those communities wanted to be involved. Three years later, LCIF [solidified a partnership with the GAVI Alliance](#) to continue helping children in those vulnerable communities.

Lions' ability to identify and meet needs, no matter the size, makes a real difference in the lives of others – a quality that is recognized by LCIF's partners. Past District Governor Aruna Oswal and I recently had the opportunity to gather with more than 30 CEOs, senior executives and government leaders, including Bill Gates, at a [GAVI Alliance hosted event](#). We convened in Switzerland to discuss global health and immunization, and the importance of the private sector's role.

Whether measles is a deadly threat in your community or not, there is a need for vaccination efforts globally. Measles still kills more than 300 people each day, and creates lasting health issues for many others. By working with the GAVI Alliance, more than 114 million children will be vaccinated against measles.

Thank you for [your support](#) with this initiative. I am looking forward to celebrating Lions' achievements and goals during World Immunization Week in April this year.

*Lion Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

Measles News Updates



Progress towards reducing global measles deaths and measles elimination goals

Efforts in countries to increase access to measles vaccination has reduced measles deaths worldwide by 78% from an estimated 562 400 deaths in 2000 to 122 000 in 2012. The latest data also show that cases have declined 77% from 853 480 to 226 722 during this same time period.

These gains are a result of global routine immunization coverage holding steady at 84% and 145 countries having introduced a second dose of measles vaccine as part of the routine immunization schedule.

Additionally in 2012, 145 million children were vaccinated in Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIAs) against measles and more than 1 billion have been reached through SIAs since 2000 with the support of the Measles and Rubella Initiative.

However, measles continues to be a threat around the globe, with five of six WHO regions still experiencing large outbreaks and with the African, Eastern Mediterranean and European regions unlikely to meet their measles elimination targets. These same three regions also have the largest number of infants not receiving their first dose of measles vaccine in 2012 and bear 98% of the estimated global measles mortality burden.

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known to humankind and an important cause of death and disability among children worldwide. Those unvaccinated against the disease are at risk of severe health complications such as pneumonia, diarrhoea, and encephalitis (a dangerous infection of the brain causing inflammation) and blindness. The disease can be fatal. The vast majority of measles deaths occur in developing countries and weak health infrastructures.

WHO recommends that every child receive two doses of measles vaccine to ensure immunity and prevent outbreaks.

Measles Outbreak Map

A map that shows outbreaks of various diseases over the last three years, including measles, has been created by the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2011, there have been measles outbreaks on every continent. [View the measles map.](http://www.cfr.org/interactives/GH_Vaccine_Map/index.html?cid=nlc-news_release-news_release-link4-20111024#map)



According to USA Today, most U.S. cases of the measles are imported by U.S. travelers who have not been vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warns that the Olympics in London, as well as the Euro 2012 soccer cup in Poland and Ukraine, will be huge draws for American travelers and will increase the risk for measles infection.

The virus is much more prevalent in Europe, leading to 26,000 illnesses last year.

Currently, measles is on the rise in Europe, according to the CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO).

A [WHO report](#) showed that as of October 2011, more than 26,000 cases of measles and nine deaths have been reported this year in 36 countries in Europe. That's three times the number of cases from four years ago. Western European countries reported 83 percent of those cases. In the United States in 2011, more than 200 cases of the measles were reported — the highest number in 15 years, according to the CDC. Before routine vaccinations, the virus killed between 3,000 and 5,000 Americans each year.

The recent increase in measles is due mainly to low vaccination rates and lack of awareness about the disease. This outbreak in Europe has been linked to outbreaks in several other countries including Brazil, Canada and Australia. According to the CDC, the increase in measles cases and outbreaks underscores the need for high measles vaccine coverage, and the importance of prompt and appropriate public health response to measles cases and outbreaks.

Lions and LCIF – Changing Lives

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is recognized on a global scale for supporting large-scale blindness prevention initiatives through SightFirst. But did you know that a majority of LCIF's annual support is given in humanitarian grants to support Lions' led initiatives that strengthen the communities where you live?

Does your club have an interest in purchasing equipment and improving facilities at schools, medical centers, and homes for the elderly in your community? Perhaps you are concerned about diabetes and want to enhance local diabetes education, prevention, and treatment programs. Or maybe your vision is to connect with Lions clubs from across the globe to provide lesser developed communities with basic health-care, education, or clean water. LCIF humanitarian grants can help achieve each of these dreams.

Annually, LCIF awards hundreds of grants to Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts for a variety of projects ranging from disaster relief to youth development to eye-care services. Each year, millions of people around the world benefit from a project funded by an LCIF grant.

Lions are both local and global. This unique position ensures that the financial support that LCIF receives is given to immediate and long-term initiatives identified by Lions who are members of the community they serve. When Lions see a need in their community, they can fulfill this need through designing an appropriate project, raising local funds, and applying for a LCIF grant.

LCIF grants are an important part of the work of Lions around the world. Grants are available for a variety of projects and can help fulfill many needs on a local, national, and even global level. Visit the LCIF website at www.lcif.org to see what Lions around the world have done with their grants, to explore grant programs and criteria.

5 Facts about LCIF Grants

1. **63 grants** awarded in 2012-2013 to Lions for humanitarian projects in their community through the Standard Grant program. The Foundation awards more of these grants than any other type of grant each year.
2. **US\$47,728**- The average grant awarded for community based humanitarian projects in 2012-2013.
3. **32 grants** awarded in 2012-2013 partnered Lions in developed countries with Lions in lesser-developed regions. Projects included a vision care mission in Kenya, a water well project in Tanzania, and equipment and supplies for medical missions to the Philippines.
4. **US\$75,000** – The maximum amount that may be requested for a Standard Grant. At least half of the funds must be matched by Lions submitting the application in developed countries. Lions in developing countries must match a minimum of 25%.
5. **44 grants** awarded in 2012-2013 were used by Lions to purchase equipment for eye clinics, food banks, and hospitals.





Florida Lions Editor's Note



SECRETARIES

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

Club Officer Report (PU-101):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

***Deadline for submission of applications for State Awards is
May 25, 2014.***

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

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

REMEMBER...you can't win an award if you don't apply!

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***



Please take a moment to read my message below. I am asking club leaders to focus on keeping current members satisfied with their club experience. I have also encouraged clubs to get started with the *How Are Your Ratings?* survey so they can get their clubs prepared for the Club Excellence Process.



Dear Lion,

As you continue to work hard toward achieving your club goals, be sure to take advantage of every opportunity to grow your district membership.

Family and Friends Month in April is the perfect opportunity for your clubs to showcase their great work to potential new members. Work with your clubs to plan a special event in April so family and friends can see the difference your clubs are making in the community. Promote this month-long event to your clubs today!

The Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th is a special Family and Friends Month event that gives your clubs the perfect event to promote themselves. The Lunch Relay is a day of family, food and fun that brings Lions clubs together around the world. Ask your clubs to register for the [Lions World Lunch Relay](#) and invite their family and friends to join them! Registered clubs can participate in special contests that encourage service and membership. Start promoting the Lunch Relay by registering your own club. It's easy to register, so click on the button to get started!

Join the Lions World Lunch Relay today—it's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Register your lunch event – Share the time and location for your lunch.
2. Plan your lunch event – Choose a location and menu that's good for you.
3. Celebrate your event – Take photos and share the fun through social media.

Don't miss this special day of food, family and fun! Register your club today for the [Lions World Lunch Relay!](#) = http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/lions-world-lunch-relay.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20Feb2014%20EN

NOTE: *You can use this flyer and adjust the date for 26 April – District Family Picnic in Comer, GA.*

Invite New Members– Work with your DG team and GMT/GLT to invite new members to existing clubs, and put an emphasis on membership satisfaction to boost retention in your district.

*Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President
2013-2014*

Protecting Our Environment

Make your Family and Friends Month event an opportunity to serve by organizing an environmental service project for your family and friends. The LCI Protecting Our Environment campaign in April is a great opportunity for family and friends to make a difference in the community and feel the satisfaction of service.

You can organize a community clean-up, plant a tree, or plan a recycling project to collect old eyeglasses, batteries or small electronics. Check out the environmental [planning guide](#) for great ideas to jumpstart your project, or visit the [Protecting Our Environment](#) Web page for more resources and information. Remember to share your projects through MyLCI!

April Is Family and Friends Month

Family and Friends Month in April is the perfect opportunity to introduce your club to potential new members.

Did you know that women are the fastest growing group of members in LCI? Women now represent 25 percent of Lions club members worldwide, and more women are looking for an opportunity to serve.

As you plan your [Family and Friends Month](#) event, I encourage you to invite men *and* women to get to know your club. Women can play an important role in expanding your membership and meeting the growing service challenges in your community.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/lions-world-lunch-relay.php>

March 3: International Ear Care Day = According to the World Health Organization (WHO), over 360 million people live with disabling hearing loss, and 32 million are children. WHO's [International Ear Care Day](#) provides you with an opportunity to raise awareness and carry out community-based activities for promoting ear and hearing care. Locate resources and information on LCI's [Hearing](#) web pages. What is the impact of your club's service?

April is "Lions Family and Friends Month" = This is a special opportunity for you to share the experience of service with family and friends in your community. Showcase your club and its joy of helping others – consider inviting family and friends to join you to serve in these or other service projects:

25 PROJECT IDEAS TO SERVE CHILDREN

1. Organize a monthly food drive and donate collections to the food pantry.
2. Provide meals at a homeless shelter.
3. Assist with a school lunch program.
4. Make hygiene kits for children at homeless shelters.
5. Collect children's clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
9. Assist at children's camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Collect safe soft toys (no small, removable parts) and/or coloring books for a children's hospice or children's hospital.
12. Supply Braille and large print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.

13. Help to provide safety identification for children with serious/chronic illnesses (medical bracelets, necklaces, etc.).
14. Establish a tutoring program (reading, math, science) for children or youth.
15. Develop a reading program or "story day" for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
16. Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.
17. Refurbish used bicycles and distribute to children and youth.
18. Assist local law enforcement with a neighborhood photo identification project for children.
19. Collect usable furniture for an orphanage or family in need.
20. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
21. Remodel a children's center or school room: paint, repair and landscape.
22. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
23. Donate blankets (or crochet, knit or make fleece blankets) for orphanages, foster children or other children in need.
24. Prepare and send handmade cards to youth affiliated with children's shelters and organizations.
25. Sponsor a sports day for children and youth facing physical challenges and other disabilities.

Reading Action Program Project Ideas

- Organize a virtual book drive to support a reading program in your community
- Read to children at a local library or after school program
- Host a book fair and invite an author or illustrator
- Hold a monthly reading challenge for children at your library (encouraging them to read a designated number of minutes every month to win a prize)
- Work with a deaf education teacher to organize a book reading group for children or adults who are deaf
- Volunteer at an after school program to tutor a child in reading
- Donate computers or other technology for learning to a local school, community center or library
- Work with your local school or library to increase access to information in braille
- Supply new parents with books for young children and include facts about the importance of early reading
- Collect new books for a children's hospital
- Sponsor a community spelling contest
- Purchase a children's magazine subscription for a local school or library
- Distribute large print and audio books to local senior centers
- Provide free books for children at a vision or hearing screening or other service activity for children

- Help people who are blind or visually impaired enroll in free, distance learning courses from [The Hadley School for The Blind](#)
- Provide assistive devices to children or adults who have low vision
- Sponsor a creative writing workshop and encourage the children to write a story about their favorite toy, food or an action hero and then have them read it
- Read a book aloud to a small group of children and encourage each child to paint a picture of the story
- Serve as a volunteer reader at a senior center
- Host a board game evening for adults
- Organize a book exchange
- Teach an internet class at a local library – show others how to use the internet for greater access to information
- Organize a community event in connection with the International Literacy Day, held during the month of September, to raise awareness about the importance of reading
- Work with a local school to provide backpacks filled with books and school supplies to children in need
- Host a computer literacy course for adults

GLT UPDATE

We are excited about our Member Orientation Training that will be held before our District Convention on February 22nd. Please encourage your members, especially new members, to attend this training. If our members don't know all about Lions, how can they be passionate about their work? We look forward to seeing you there!

There are still webinars available on the LCI website as well as the Lions Learning Center. Let's make 2014 the year that we educate ourselves about the greatest service organization in the world. It's great to be a LION!!

PCC Grace Clower

18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Lions Learning Center <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>

The Lions Learning Center (LLC) provides Lions with the opportunity to develop leadership skills through online learning courses. Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete. Download [Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/faq-llc.pdf) (pdf). <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/faq-llc.pdf>

New Improved Login: Create a personal profile to take courses and keep a record of your completed courses. View a [quick video](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-llc-video.php) on this process. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-llc-video.php>

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

Lions Course Categories

Club Officers Orientation

Club Officer Individual Training = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php>

Online courses reviewing the roles, responsibilities, tasks and resources of each club officer position. Power points:

- [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](#)

Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

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



Upcoming Webinars

You've been a Club President...What's Next?

Explores district-level leadership opportunities including committees, chairperson opportunities and the zone chairperson role.

Intended Audience:

Current and past club presidents who want to explore district-level opportunities.

[Friday, March 7](#)

[8:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, March 12](#)

[1:00 pm](#)

Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?

Review the role and responsibilities of the district governor position. Learn about typical district level leadership development, opportunities and training.

Intended Audience:

Lions who are interested in the path to district governorship

[Friday, April 4](#)

[8:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, April 9](#)

[1:00pm](#)

Conflict Resolution

Webinar disarms the idea of conflict by revealing the benefits of conflict, the five typical ways conflict is managed, the pros and cons of various approaches and conflict management "best practices.

Intended Audience:

All Lions

[Friday, May 9](#)

[8:00pm](#)

[Wednesday, May 14](#)

[1:00pm](#)

Training Curriculum

Member Orientation

These three modules can be used by individuals or for a presentation to a small group of members to provide orientation to the Lions Clubs organization, history, structure, and badges and membership emblem. Open these files using internet browser software such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox.

[Overview](#)

<http://lions.alkonhosting.com/EN/overview/player.html>

[Structure](#)

<http://lions.alkonhosting.com/EN/structure/player.html>

[Badges and Emblem](#)

<http://lions.alkonhosting.com/EN/badges-emblem/player.html>

Volunteer Leadership

A 3-hour workshop that covers leadership styles and motivating volunteers. PDF items

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

- [Volunteer Leadership Instructor Guide](#)
- [Volunteer Leadership Slides](#)
- [Volunteer Leadership Handout](#)



Lions Clubs International

Just Ask!

**JOIN THE CLUB.
Make a difference.**



Membership = *Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.*

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

Monthly Membership Netcasts

Membership webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Panelists are made up of Lions from around the world and Extension and Membership staff. Below contains a list of upcoming webinars with the link to register. Space is limited, so register today!

Register for this netcast

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/434246086>

Topic

Date

Chartering Special Interest Clubs

Learn how to form new Lions clubs that have a specific focus or interest.

March 26, 2014

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. CDT (Chicago)

Conducting Informational Meetings for New and Existing Clubs

Learn how to conduct an informational meeting for a new club or an existing club. Find out tips and tricks on how to get prospective members to join and tools and resources available.

April 29, 2013

12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m. CDT (Chicago)

Membership Planning for Next Fiscal Year

Start the next fiscal year off ahead by having a membership plan in place for your club, district, and/or multiple district.

May 22, 2014

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. (CDT)

Now is the time. Achieve your dream.

Lions are successful when opportunities, concerns and action plans are communicated to and fro – from individual members on to the governing members and then returning back to the individual. If Lions’ actions and interactions are compared to the pendulum of a clock - maintaining continuous to and fro collaboration – progress will be made and dreams will be achieved. Similar to a pendulum that is restricted, dreams become restricted when Lions’ actions and interactions are obstructed.

Successful membership development is a dream shared by all Lions. [New members](#), [satisfied members](#), [new clubs](#) and [successful clubs](#) are all part of the ultimate dream of Lions leading and engaging the world in community service.

Wherever you are serving in the path of action and interaction, we encourage you to keep the momentum going. If the pendulum slows or stops, utilize the energy and knowledge of fellow members and LCI resources to reactivate collaboration. Now is the time. Achieve your dream.



Together We Can Grow Contest

Want to be rewarded for growing your club? The Together We Can Grow contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. Building a strong club takes teamwork and leadership. Your club can do even more when the current and incoming club presidents work together this year to increase club membership. Check out what you can earn for your efforts!

Here's what your club needs to achieve to win:

- Be the top club in your district with the largest net membership gain (by percentage) between January 1 and July 31, 2014.
- Your club must have at least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain during the contest period. See complete contests rules below.

Together We Can Grow winners will also receive:

- A congratulatory letter and certificate from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston for the current club president and the incoming club president
- A Together We Can Grow banner patch
- Special recognition on the LCI website

Together We Can Grow Contest Rules

- LCI will count new members who join between January 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014, as reflected in LCI's official records. Reinstated members do not qualify.
- At least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain are required during the contest period.
- The winning club in each district shall have the highest net membership gain (by percentage) in the district for the contest period, and shall have already submitted to LCI (prior to January 1, 2014) names for the persons of Club President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- To receive the US\$250 prize, winning clubs must pay their first membership dues billing for 2014-15 by August 31, 2014.

Enter our Innovative Member Recruiting Contest!

Twenty-four clubs from around the world will be recognized for their creative and effective approaches to adding or inducting new members. The 24 winning clubs will each receive:

- US\$250 in a Club Supplies Credit or a US\$250 donation from LCI to LCIF towards the club's next MJF
- Publication in LION Magazine and on the LCI website

Participating clubs must submit their member recruiting stories from August 1 to August 30, 2014. Winners will be judged on the quality, creativity and effectiveness of their invitations, recruiting campaigns and induction ceremonies. See complete contest rules below.

Innovative Member Recruiting Contest Rules

- Submissions will be accepted from August 1 to August 30, 2014.
- Entries must be 500 words or less.
- 3 clubs from each constitutional area and Africa will be chosen as winners.
- Winners will be selected by the international Global Membership Team (GMT).
- Clubs are eligible to win in both contest categories – membership growth and innovative recruiting.



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There's more rewards and opportunities to earn! Visit the LCI website for complete contest details and your chance to earn additional rewards in our innovative recruiting contest!

Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!

Win your choice of...

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Donation



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Strengthening Lions Clubs Membership

Strengthening Lions clubs membership is important for both new and long-term Lions alike. For new Lions, it's about getting acquainted with a new service organization. For long-term Lions, it's about getting back to the basics.

- The **Club Excellence Process (CEP)** will get your club operating at the highest levels of excellence! CEP can help you improve your service and membership experience, strengthen your club and set goals that will keep your club on the road to excellence. Clubs can now choose between two versions: **CEP Pro**, a facilitator-led workshop; and **CEP Lite**, a self-guided workshop.
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>
- **Member orientation** provides new members with the information they need to get started as a Lion. It also serves as a refresher for existing Lions, with information on Lion history, structure, its purpose and ethics.
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/programs-mem-orient.php>
- The **Lions Mentoring Program** teams a knowledgeable Lion mentor with a new Lion. The mentor's role is to acquaint the new member with Lions Clubs International, encourage club involvement, develop their leadership skills and offer guidance for holding a club position. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/programs-mem-mentor.php>
- The **How are Your Ratings? Survey** allows you to evaluate your club. This survey lets you see your club through your members' eyes -- what is going well and what needs some attention. The results can assist you in focusing your efforts on the areas where your members desire change. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/how-are-your-ratings.php>
- Continue to keep members engaged by incorporating various [membership satisfaction](#) programs. These programs focus on club cooperation, member morale and enhanced meetings to help get members involved.
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/programs-mem-brret.php>
- Celebrate new members by participating in [Lions Worldwide Induction Day](#).



Involving Family in Service

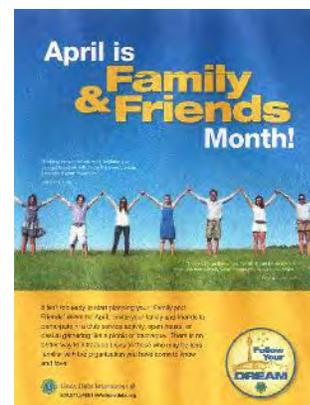
Why do you think it's important to involve your families in service?

- See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2014/01/21/your-feedback-involving-family-in-service/#sthash.Y7b56MTG.dpuf>

Celebrate Family and Friends Month in April!

Family and Friends Month is your opportunity to invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, host an open house or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Visit the [Family and Friends Month](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/family-and-friends-month.php) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/family-and-friends-month.php> page for planning guides, service project ideas, and tools to make your event a success. Start planning your Family and Friends Month today, and share the dream of serving others in April!



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World Map Design Ballpoint Pen
US\$5.95

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Lion Bob Watson
District 19E
Columbus, Georgia

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

Lion Chuck Mohr
District 36F
Tallahassee, Florida

"The Lions of Spartanburg, South Carolina have been selling brooms to the public for over 50 years. During that time, the Broom Project has been a major fund raiser year after year with many repeat customers."

Dr. Eugene Spiess
DG 2006-2009, District 32A
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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CLUB REPORTS



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

Athens Campus Lions Club = Spring Break is coming up fast and it's time to order your "Drinks Well With Others" tank tops! All proceeds go to Vision Walk Atlanta to help find a cure for childhood blindness! They are great tank tops for a great cause, and only \$10! Tanks come in 5 delicious colors and will be available for pickup March 5th and March 6th in Tate Plaza! Order Now!



Atlanta Chinese American Lions Club = Chinese American Leo Club members spent Lunar New Year weekend raising money via selling cotton candy, fish netting game, Chinese crafts, etc. in Atlanta, Georgia. Raised funds will be donated toward not profit foundation such as GA Lions Lighthouse foundation, Turnaround ministry in Gainesville serving children without parents, and many others



Buford Lions Club = 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm We had 9 members present. We discussed recent successful fundraisers such as Pecan Sales which netted aprox. \$1,200 and our birthday calendar sales which netted aprox. \$3,500. We also finalized plans for our annual get to gather that was postponed from Dec. and Jan. 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm: Our meeting today was held at Longhorn Steakhouse for our annual get to gather. We were joined by District Leadership Chair Grace Clower, who shared information about her new role with the Lions Lighthouse of Ga. We had 12 members and 3 guest present. We discussed the upcoming election of officers and summer fundraising ideas. District Convention / Officer Training: Lions Earl Benson, Lion Sue Benson and Lion Kevin Clary attended the District Cabinet Meeting/Convention on Feb 22nd in Winterville, Ga. Lion Kevin also attended the new member orientation prior to the Cabinet Meeting. All enjoyed the meeting place, food and getting to see and meet other Lions from District 18-I. Lion Jackie picked up Ms. Watson who is disabled and took her to church and brought her home.

Clarkesville Lions Club = It's Pageant time again. The Miss Mt. Laurel Pageant is April 12, 2014. If anyone interested send me a message.



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = North Hall Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (fourth bi-annual) the committee decide the date is March 29. From 8 am till 11 am. Adults tickets \$5.00 Kids under 12 \$4.00 get in touch with one of our members to get the tickets. We will accept walk-in. Our White Cane Day is April 19. Saturday before Easter. We have not secured a location, yet and the committee will bring it to the board for approval. Facebook (North Hall Lions Club) is still going on, click, like us, be friend us to see what is going on in the North Hall Lions Club weekly. We have nominating committee to work on get Officers for our club for 2014-2015.

Commerce Lions Club = 6 Lions met on 2/1 to pick up trash on a 1 mile section of Woods Bridge Road in Commerce, Georgia. Club recycled 16 trash bags of plastics to the City of Commerce recycling center.

Conyers Lions Club = The club met twice in February, on 3 February and 17 February, both Mondays. At the first meeting President Nancy Morton-Linek announced the appointment of several committees: Awards, Peace Poster & Melvin Jones Fellowship. Eight members of the club worked with 90 children at the February Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. At the second meeting Lion Tom Linek thanked the members who turned out to make the annual Pancake Breakfast a success. He reported that over \$600 had already been collected from member ticket sales. Lion Lee Cronan outlined a plan to partner with Rockdale Emergency Relief to provide clothing to victims of house fires in Rockdale County. The former, and possibly future, tail twister, Lion Dan Estep, suggested that each member should give a five minute 'bio' so we would become better acquainted. Lion Scott Michael led off, taking us on an odyssey that began with his birth at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta and led to his being tail twister of the Conyers Lions Club. Lion Scott held us spellbound, wanting more. I strongly recommend that any club with new members (or old members for that matter) consider doing likewise.

Comer Lions Club = A few of the activities our club has been involved with during the winter. One event that we do annually is preparing fruit baskets at Christmas for the local Senior Citizens Center, schools and under privileged families. The second set of photos is from our participation in the Comer Christmas Parade. Our focus was on the theme of the parade, which was "A Cotton Candy Christmas". Since the community recognizes the Comer Lions Club's involvement in the Madison County Fair, we entered the miniature ferris wheel decorated with "candy". Our club won the Mayor's Award. The third set of photos is from the dedication of the gazebo for the Comer City Park. The gazebo was donated to the city from the Lions Club.



Covington Lions Club = A Post Christmas Parade Meeting with City officials, Police and Main Street was held on Tuesday, February 4, at 3 PM at City Hall. Lions represented were Richard Brown, Missy Braden, Earl and Doreen Stallworth. It was a productive meeting; and a follow-up meeting will be held to discuss subsequent assignments.

A Board Meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 7 PM. President Richard Brown presided. Eight Board members attended. We are ready for our Chili Supper on February 13th. Lion Missy reviewed the results of the Post Christmas Parade meeting. Lion Charlotte picked up 246 pairs of eyeglasses and Lion Anne had 100 eyeglasses for a total of 346 pairs. These and a few hearing aids were taken to the Lighthouse. We reviewed 3 eyeglass applications. The Board immediately approved 1 and the other 2 are pending. Board reviewed a new member application and motion was made to approve, seconded and voted to accept. This new member will be inducted at our March 13th Membership Meeting. After discussion of the upcoming Relay for Life fundraiser at our clubhouse, the Board agreed to allow a rental fee reduction. Lion Anne reported progress with our Scholarship Program. All high schools are represented. The Scholarship Committee will meet to decide on the winners. Lion Richard urged everyone to attend the District Convention on February 22nd. Board discussed roof repair estimates and later approved the minimum repair for the present time. Lion Earl reported that the Oxford Lions Club is holding their Pancake Supper on February 28 at the Flint Hill Elementary School.



A short discussion followed on our Silent Auction basket for the District Convention. Lion Missy brought the birdhouse that Lion John built and Lion Missy painted a Lion face on the front.

Lions Richard Brown, Earl and Doreen Stallworth, Frank Jensen and John McClure attended the District Convention in Winterville on Saturday, February 22nd. It was well attended by many clubs. All six clubs in Lion Earl's Zone 8 were represented. It was a productive meeting, we listened to guest speakers, voted at the District level, several awards and gifts were given and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch. Four clubs submitted a Silent Auction Basket.

Due to inclement weather, our Board agreed to postpone our Chili Supper to Thursday, February 27th. Lions scrambled to get the word out to cable, community bulletins, personal calls, clubhouse door signs, etc.

The Thursday, February 27, Chili Supper was well attended (probably due to a very cool night—perfect for Chili and fellowship). We thank those from the Oxford Lions Club and the Social Circle Lions Club who attended.



TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS = Chili Supper (February 27) - 20 Lions 100 hours, Eyeglasses pick-up (346) – 2 hours, Eyeglass Applications (3) – 2 hours, Newton County – “Miracle Field” & Lions 2020 International Convention – 25 hours, Post Christmas Parade Meeting – 12 hours, Covington 1st United Methodist Church – 26 hours, Communion for shut-ins – 2 hours, Homeless Shelter – Club Food Delivery – 2 hours, FFA Wildlife (meetings, fundraiser) – 85 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Distribution – 3 hours, Homeless Shelter – Cooking – 4 hours, Newton Medical Center – 169 hours, Conyers Presbyterian Church – 91 hours, Meals on Wheels – 36 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop – 125 hours, School – 2nd Grade Reading Program – 3 hours, Gideons – 4 hours, Porterdale Baptist Church – 2 hours, CV Club Website – Maintenance – 3 hours, Newton High School FCCLA Judging – 13 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, Chili Supper Article, Zone participation, misc.) – 22 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, telephone calls, Zone participation) – 10 hours.

TOTAL HOURS - 740 hours

Dacula Lions Club = Turned over 500 pairs of glasses to the Lighthouse which we will get credit for. Date confirmed with Hamilton Mills for White Cain in April 4/19 and 4/20, 2014. Please mark your calendars. (Wal-Mart says only if they have to advertise for the store they would have to move us but for now we are confirmed). Silent Auction may be able to allow us to use the church Hall at " Dacula United Methodist " as a afternoon Brunch I am awaiting a call back from the secretary.

Dahlonega Lions Club = 2 Dahlonega Lions attended the Lighthouse Volunteer and the Lion Camp for the Blind Director Meeting 2 Members attended, Bill and Anne Mundy District Convention. 2 Dahlonega Lions Attended the Lighthouse Volunteer and the Lion Camo for the Blind Director Meeting

Dawsonville Lions Club = Lion club president Katie Hulsebus presented Lion Joe Bosworth with his 10 year membership certificate and Lion Joe Hirsch with his 40 year membership certificate. Lion Pres. Katie Hulsebus presented Lion Heather Hulsebus with her 10 year service chevron. The meeting set the election of officers slate. Lion Katie presided over the meeting concerning scholarships, White Cane Day and the awards banquet.



Decatur Lions Club = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 97 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 705 pair. Three (3) members worked a total of 48 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 411 man hours. Treasurer Ken Massingale and Secretary Genie Massingale attended the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Meeting in Warner Robins. Treasurer Ken Massingale and Secretary Genie Massingale attended the District 18-I Cabinet Meeting and Convention in Winterville.

Forsyth County Lions Club = "Breakfast With The Easter Bunny"

Saturday, April 12, 2014 · 9:30 – 11:30 AM - FOWLER PARK - 4110 Carolene Way, Cumming, GA

TICKET PRICES:

Adults: \$6.00 in advance · \$7.00 onsite

Children (Under 12): \$3.00 in advance · \$4.00 onsite

**Pancake Breakfast With The Trimmings - Appearance by The Easter Bunny
Face Painting · Balloon Animal Making - Art Activities · Storytelling**



Performance by "Three Score and More" Barbershop Quartet

Grovetown Lions Club = Work meeting at the Clubhouse and look at Jackie in the background eating and supervising.



Hartwell Lions Club = The Hartwell Lions Club held its regular meeting on Monday. Hartwell Lions Club President Lion Mike opened the meeting with the Pledge & a Prayer then the Lions enjoyed a good meal. The speaker for this meeting was Zone 1 Chair, Lion Bill. Club Secretary Judd presented several members with service tabs. Zone 1 Chair Bill presented Lion Margaret Ann with a pin for her help with the last Zone meeting. Lion Bill then gave an overview of the CEP "How are your ratings" survey which was conducted at a previous meeting. Lion Bill closed by telling the Hartwell Lions that the survey presented several potential areas that the club could use to improve the club. He also noted that he or the District GMT are available to help.



Jefferson Lions Club = Lion Jerry Legg reported at the Jefferson Lions Regular Club Meeting on February 10, 2014 that 26 pairs of eyeglasses, 3 pairs of sunglasses and 1 lens were collected. Lion President, Jerry Legg called the Board of Directors Meeting to order on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:45 PM at the Jefferson Club House with 11 members present. Lion President Jerry reported that the Club has contributions on account with the LCIF for an unnamed Melvin Jones recipient. Following a motion and a second the Board approved for a Melvin Jones recipient to be chosen at the next Regular Meeting on February 24, 2014.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order by Lion President, Jerry Legg on February 24, 2014 at the Jefferson Club House with 21 members and 1 guest attending. Lion Gay Bradley introduced the guest speaker, Paul Brown, Executive Director for the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. Brown explained how Habitat for Humanity is working in Jackson County. Lion Ken Brand handed out the work schedule and donation sheet for the Annual Lions Pancake Supper to be held on March 22 at the Jefferson High School Cafeteria. Lion Gay Bradley announced that our Club would hold our annual White Cane Day on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Lion Club Members were given ballots to vote for a Melvin Jones recipient. The votes were to be counted by Lion Secretary, Rita Gunter and Lion Dot Hunt. The recipient will be announced at our next Regular Meeting. Lion Joe Dorrough received his 25 year chevron and Lion Don Lord received his 35 year chevron. Congratulations to both.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order by Lion President Jerry Legg on February 10, 2014 with 20 members and 2 guests present. Lion Jimmy Hix introduced our guest speaker, Josh Fenn, President and CEO of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Fenn informed the Club of new economic development in Jackson County. He also shared new ideas to increase economic development. Lion Jerry Legg reported that 26 pairs of eyeglasses, 3 pairs of sunglasses and 1 lens were collected. Lion Dwayne announced for Lion Ken Brand that tickets for the Annual Lions Club Pancake Supper to be held on March 22, 2014 would be mailed to each member. Lion Don Lohmeier asked Lion Secretary, Rita Gunter to read a thank you letter from Teddie Lohmeier of the Jackson County Art Council for the support given for the Dancing With the Stars - Jackson County Style. Because Lion Don and his partner had our Club as their non-profit partner, he presented the Jefferson Lions Club with a check for \$1,028. The Club thanks Lion Teddie, Lion Don, his partner and the JCAC. Lion Jimmy Mock reminded everyone to turn in money for their tickets for the Georgia Lions Camp for The Blind, Inc. The Jackson County Council for the Arts presented Dancing With the Stars - Jackson County Style on January 25, 2014. Lion Don Lohmeier was one of the dance participants. He and his partner chose the Jefferson Lions Club as their non-profit partner to receive half of the donations received by the dance team. Lion Teddie as President of the JCAC also helped promote the Jefferson Lions Club with posters at a parade and brochures at the event. Many of our Lions Members donated money and time to the event and attended the event. Lion Don presented the Jefferson Lions Club with a check for \$1,028 from the event. The Club congratulated Lions Don and Teddie for their success and thanked them for their support of the Jefferson Lions Club. The Jefferson Lions Club collected and donated \$242.00 for tickets for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

LaVista Lions Club = With meetings in late January and in February cancelled due to weather, winter has been a slow period for LaVista. Our only meeting in February was held on January 25th. Fourteen members and two guests, PCC Grace Clower and PDG June Phillips attended. PCC Grace Clower gave a very enlightening program on the Clubs Excellence Programs. Afterward we discussed plans for the rest of the year. The four months will be busy with several annual events such as the annual Fireman of the Year dinner and our Shrimp Shuck are scheduled in the next two months. Despite the downturn in meetings, our members remained active in Lions and our community projects. Lion Bob Deryck continues in the reading program at Sagamore Hills Elementary School volunteering 18 hours in February. Lion Don Smith continues to contribute many hours to the Lighthouse eye glass recycling efforts. Lion Ray Rowell contributed over 20 hours building wheel chair ramps for the handicapped.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had 4 members assist in giving a Valentine's Party for Creative Enterprises clients and provided them with pizzas for dinner. We had 3 members attend our 3rd Cabinet Meeting Orientation Class and District 18I Convention. We had a member, Lion Brian Donegan receive the President's Appreciation Award for all the work he has done for Keep The Camp Fires Burning at our Georgia Lions Camp For the Blind. We recycled 139 pairs of used eyeglasses. We did a fundraiser in December at Burger 21 and they presented us with a check for \$938.00. We did a vision screening on 49 students at Phoenix High School with 13 needing further eye exams.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = I don't know how to start this! I just want to send a great big THANK YOU to everyone that came out and supported our Walton County Special Olympics Spaghetti Supper last night! We are not sure of the exact number served, but we think between 350 and 375. To each of you that came and ate or took out, to all that gave donations and to all who came and volunteered THANK YOU from all of our committee! 🙏😊😊😊 You are helping many young people attend events by your support! 2/1 : 6 llc members donated 18 service hours in support of Shepherd staff food bank fundraiser 2/8; 8 llc members assisted in fund raising effort for Walton county Special Olympics 2/14; 16 members and Zone Chair Earl Stallworth attended regular Friday meeting. Highlight was awarding plaques for outstanding service to Helen Thornsbey, Jan and John Morgan for their collective efforts on behalf of the father - daughter dance and Mandie Logan for her on-going service as the clubs outreach person for eye glass request 2/22 -; 3 llc members attended district 18I convention in Winterville, GA



Norcross Lions Club = Two members of the Norcross Masons joined the Norcross Lions Club for dinner and discussion of how our two clubs could together could give service to our community. We came up with several times a year when we might have a vision screening and they would do the CHIPS program for children. DG Ed Hashbarger, Lion Yoriko Hashbarger, and PDG John Rudert attended the convention and rally. This month the Norcross Lions Club celebrated its 70th anniversary. The Club decided to forego a large celebration until our 75th anniversary. Our speaker was a member of the governing board of Norcross Meals on Wheels who shared how their service works and thanked us for our generous yearly monetary gift and for the opportunity during our fall festival to tell the community about their service. PDG John Rudert worked 44 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other support work in the Optics Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. This month Lion Trudy Rudert also assisted in the Lab for 2 hours. The Norcross Lions Club honored 2 Norcross High School Students of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. They and their parents enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.



Sam Medinger



Ted Dickerson

North Decatur Lions Club = North Decatur Lions Club Eye washing night — with Ardett Rogers



Oconee Lions Club = *Chicken Mull fundraiser*



8:00 am - March 08, 2014
- *Union Christian Church*

Oxford Lions Club = The membership contest between the Gold and Blue team was extended to March. The winning team will enjoy a bar -cue- meal. The runner up team will enjoy leftovers. On January 21st four Lions and one prospective Lion took a tour of the Lions Lighthouse and processed glasses. They also delivered 205 pair of glasses and 4 cell phones. Other service activities are as follows. Three members served a total of 14.5 hours at the local library. One member served 20 hours at the Hospital. Two members served a total of 12 hours with the Scouting Units. One member worked for 25 hours with Newton Reads which is a literacy program.

Social Circle Lions Club = On February 21, the Social Circle Lions (Juanita, David, Penny, Judi, Howard, and Dede) spoke with fourth graders at the Social Circle elementary school about environmental awareness and the significance of Arbor Day. The program ended with each fourth grader receiving a Loblolly Pine tree to plant. The tree is about 12 to 18 inches tall. The club purchased 135 trees from the Fourth Grade Forester USA project. The *Walton Tribune* news staff attended the site for an article in the local paper. driving elderly to/from doctor's appts and waiting. The club spoke to Social Circle fourth graders about the importance of environmental awareness and the significance of Arbor Day. Also the club presented each fourth grader a tree to plant. Distributed food this month-----40 hours

Snellville Lions Club = Boy Scout Mark Bolt (Lawrenceville Troop 566) shared with our members at last night's meeting that he will be collecting eyeglasses as part of a project to earn his Eagle Scout status. He has been in Scouts for the last 5 years & attends Grayson High School. His goal is to collect 400 pairs of glasses, participate in cleaning and sorting them at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, along with other Troop members. We wish him luck and he has agreed to update us on the progress! He will be working closely with Lion Harold Walker on the process of collecting glasses.



Club held their Annual Benefit Breakfast on Saturday, March 1. We served over 100 people – most of them being returning guests! From former members that moved away to family, friends and fellow Lions, each enjoyed pancakes, sausage, bacon, grits, and eggs. Our sponsors have been very kind again this year, supplying us with most all of the breakfast "fixins". Club members pitched in to set up, cook serve, clean, greet, and visit with friends and family. We also sold tickets for a chance to win a prize and proceeds go to the Georgia Camp for the Blind. Eye screenings were also provided for those in the community to see if they need to visit their eye doctor. This is one of our largest fundraisers and we are most grateful to those that attended, worked, and donated to our Breakfast.



Toccoa Lions Club =

The board meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on February 18, 2014 by Lion President Bryan Gordon at 7:05 A.M. at Dr. Kay Royal's office. Membership is now 42. A new membership application from Georganne Meeks was accepted. There was discussion about how to proceed with a member who is significantly in arrears on his account and who has not responded to repeated requests for payment. Secretary Margo asked for direction from the Board. It was decided that a letter should be sent requesting payment by March 15th. If there is no response by that time, the member will be dropped. Lion Bill Graham moved that the member be offered alternative membership options. There was no second.

The Open Membership meeting will be March 13th. Members have been unresponsive in supplying Lion Bill Graham with names of prospects. They need to be sent in as soon as possible. Members will need to help with food. Lion Bryan has done a mail-out for the Chili Open. The next Golf meeting is tomorrow. The School Board wants \$400 plus for the use of the lunchroom for the pancake breakfast. Michelle Jamieson proposed that we consider Applebee's as an alternative. She will check with Applebee's. The Lions Proclamation is in the works. Lions will need to attend. A letter was received requesting help with Relay for Life. No action was taken. It will be taken to the branch club. A thank you letter was received from the Lions Club International Foundation. White Cane will be April 11th and 12th. Help is needed for vision screening.

Toccoa Lion Branch Club

The Toccoa Lions Branch Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Toccoa Church of Christ. This meeting was a new day of the week and time for the club. At the last meeting the club voted to change the meeting from the 3rd Thursday of each month to the 3rd Tuesday of each month and the meeting time from 7pm to 6pm. The club continues to discuss which projects and fundraising events to emphasize. The club is currently focusing on supporting the Sight Conservation Committee and the Open Arms clinic.

Toccoa Lion "Leaps for Literacy" in Cold (burr....) Lake Louise

Toccoa Lion, Beverly Vanderhoef participated in the 8th Annual "Leap for Literacy". She was sponsored by the Stephens County Eye Clinic and the Toccoa Lions Club. Not only did Lion Beverly help raise money for children literacy, she did it in style. You will notice from the photo, no insulated outfits are allowed. Pictures include Lion Beverly making her leap and a picture of a dry Lion Beverly.

Below is some information from the "Leap for Literacy" brochure.

Come be part of Stephens County's wildest, craziest & most invigorating fundraiser! Leapers and Spectators WELCOME! Proceeds benefit: Family Connection & Communities In School Read at Home program and Stephens Education Literacy Foundation. *These programs positively impact our community by encouraging children to dream and learn through reading, promote parent involvement and provide linkage to adult education.*

Toccoa Lions Club holds February Sight Conservation Intake session

The TLC held its February Sight Conservation Eye Glasses Intake session on February 20, 2014 at the Open Arms Clinic in Toccoa GA. Lions Bill & Bryan were the outside crew and Lions Dale & Sheila were the inside crew. Leader Dog Grandt also attended the session but quite frankly he slept most of the time.

Nine consumers were interviewed. Four consumers were issued vouchers for eye glasses. Three consumers did not meet the clubs criteria for eye glasses at this time. One consumer was counseled by Lion Bryan about eye surgery and referred to the GA Lions Lighthouse. One consumer was counseled by Lion Bill about reading glasses. He was encouraged to try reading glasses from a local merchant. Because of his age, lack of insurance and the description of his condition, Lion Bill encourage him to contact the GA Lighthouse to see if he could get an eye exam. Lion Bill also encouraged him to come the April 11th White Cane Campaign where he could get a free eye screening and diabetes screening.

Toccoa Lions Valentine's party

The Toccoa Lions had their Valentine's party on Thursday night February 20th. It was delayed one week due to winter weather in Toccoa. If you put a caption in the website or the Facebook page strike the last names.



Join in the fun at the . . .

Chilly Open



with the Toccoa Lions at
Black Mountain Golf

In Toccoa, Georgia
Benefits local sight conservation programs

Friday, March 21, 2014

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS:

- **CORPORATE SPONSOR @ \$350**
Logo on tournament publicity & event signage
One foursome
One hole or tee sponsorship
One cart sponsorship
Recognition at awards picnic
Ability to distribute promotional items to players
- **HOLE OR TEE SPONSOR @ \$100**
Recognition on all tournament publicity
Company name-logo displayed on hole or tee signage
Ability to distribute promotional items to players
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Company name-logo displayed on cart signage
Ability to distribute promotional items to players

"Thank God . . .

. . . It's a Best Ball Tournament"



Toccoa Lions Chilly Open Golf Tournament

Friday, March 21, 2014

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

The player fee is \$40.00 until March 20th
or \$50.00 at the tournament which covers:
Cart and greens fee, a variety of homemade chili, drinks,
snacks and prizes for skills competitions.
Players are limited to buying one Mulligan each.

No string is allowed.

(In case of rain players will be issued a rain check from
Black Mountain Golf, formerly The Pines.)

Registration Form:

Team Name: _____
 Contact Number: _____
 Contact e-mail: _____
 Player 1: _____
 Player 2: _____
 Player 3: _____
 Player 4: _____

Return to Jamieson Accounting or Dr. Kay Royal's office or
mail to Lions Chilly Open, P.O. Box 703, Toccoa, GA 30577



The Toccoa Lions Club

www.toccoalions.org

www.facebook.com/Toccoalions

The Toccoa Lions are up to their old ways again golfing in March and serving homemade chili to the golfers who brave the elements. We are putting out the word that we want Lions to come and play in our tournament on the mountain just above Toccoa Falls. Our golfing rate is \$40.00 per player with registration up until Thursday, March 20th.

Lions can register a team by e-mailing Toccoa Lion Michelle Jamieson at golfer45@yahoo.com or Toccoa Lion Dr. Kay Royal at ocdoc00@gmail.com

You can call Lion Michelle at Jamieson Accounting at 706-886-6889
You can call Lion Kay at Family Eye Care at 706-886-5214

Toccoa Lions Club



We have a former PDG Ruth Payton who has moved again.

Ruth Payton = Emeritus at Summer Wind. Room G8. 5955 West Castle Drive. Boise. Idaho 83703

Union County Lions Club =

Board Meeting: Held its regular Board meeting at the old Civic Center Board room in Blairsville, GA on February 6, 2014.

- Eye Glass Co-Chair Lion Michael Thompson presented 4 applications for eye exams and glasses. All 4 applications were approved by the Board.
- Board passed a motion to make a \$50 donation to the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days.
- Board discussed plans for the 4th Annual Trash & Treasure Event to be held Feb 22nd from 8 AM-3PM.
- Lion Gene Little discussed plans for White Cane Days which will be held on April 18 & 19. Letters to local businesses requesting donations have been delivered.

February 13, 2014 Regular Meeting – Cancelled due to bad weather.

February 22, 2014 = 4th Annual Trash & Treasure Event - The club hosted an indoor yard sale at the Union County Civic center with nearly 50 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. 19 Lions contributed 207 hours to the sale.

February 27, 2014 Regular Meeting =

- Our guests tonight were Lions Pete Stamsen and Brian Donegan of the Lawrenceville Lions Club and Laurie Parker. Lion Brian and Laurie discussed their experiences at the Georgia Camp for the Blind in Waycross, GA. Brian started going to camp at age 6 and went for 10 years. The experiences at the camp affected him in many ways and the lessons he learned help him to be the man he is today. He joined the Lions because of his experiences at the camp and now travels throughout the District to raise awareness and encourage clubs to increase their support for the camp. He also discussed the Keeping the Camp Fires Burning Program and wrist bands that are being sold to raise money for the camp. Laurie also is a former camper. She summarized what the camp meant to her by the "4-I's" Initiative, Independence, Inspirational, and Innovative. Among the many things she learned at the camp was how to work with others and leadership. Lion Pete closed the presentation with a discussion of the Lions Night at the Gwinnett Braves, the proceeds of which go to the camp this year.
- Following the speakers, Membership Gray Williams inducted 2 new Lions, James and Heather Batye. Gray also presented President Mary Arnold with a membership Excellence pin for bringing in 4 new members last year.

WORKING LIONS - 289 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 101 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 14 hours
Total: 404 hours
Submitted: 3 news article

Washington Lions Club = In February, the Board passed a motion to make a \$50 donation to the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. 4 members provided Bingo to nursing home people. Animal Shelter used club bldg. to raise money for animal shelter. 3 members helped with food pantry during the month of February. members held chicken barbecue. Club lets youth use building for the youth to get training in martial-arts .

Winder Noon Lions Club = The Winder Noon Lions Club has the tickets available to purchase. Support a great organization and have a chance to win \$500 worth of Ingles Shopping. The winner may use the \$500 to purchase groceries or gas. To obtain tickets see any Lions Club Member or buy them at their regular meeting on February 12, 26 and March 12, 2014 - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Golden Corral on East May Street Winder GA. The club provided assistance to an individual in getting a vision check-up and purchasing glasses. This assistance included paying \$150 for the appointment and glasses. The individual told the club that the glasses have greatly improved her quality of living. The club recognized a Junior Class Student 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. 29 pairs of glasses and 25 pairs of lenses were collected during the month. The club donated funds to the following local agencies Tree House (mission is to reduce child abuse) - \$100 Come Alive Ministry (mission is to assist women facing an unplanned pregnancy to make healthy life choices) - \$100 Peace Place (mission is to empower victims and survivors of domestic violence) - \$100

The clubs of District 9: Atlanta Chinese American, Conyers, Decatur, North Decatur and LaVista Lions Clubs will be hosting a joint flea market throughout the year starting possibly in June. The proceeds from the market will go to LCIF, Leader Dog, The Camp and the Lighthouse. We are asking all other clubs for any donations to contribute to the market. If you want to clean out your closets or houses we will be accepting donations as well as if there is an event or festival or venue that you are aware of that could be appropriate for us to set up, suggestions are welcomed. Please forward all information, questions, comments, or concerns to Zone 9 Chair Dr Elbonie Hornbuckle @ dr_ehornbuckle@hotmail.com or 404.457.9112.

18I Zone 1 Lions meet for Zone Meeting at Martin Lions Club - 25 Lions from 8 Clubs met at the Martin Lions Club for their Winter Zone Meeting. 6 out of 7 clubs were represented. Guests included 18I 1st VDG Vicki Hubbard, 18I 2nd Anne Mundy and PDG Bill Mundy. Lions Vicki & Anne thanked the group for inviting them to attend and gave some opening remarks.

Lion Jimmy, Vice President of the Martin Lions Club, welcomed the Lions to the Martin Lions Club and then turned the meeting over to Lion Bill, Zone 1 Chair (pictured peering around from SeeMore the Lion). Lion Bill then led the group on a rousing rendition of "Hail, Hail, the Lions are Here". Lion Margaret, Lavonia Lions Club Treasurer, announced that the Lavonia Lions Club will be having their 80 Year Anniversary on March 22, 2014 at the Depot in Lavonia. She invited everyone to attend.



Lion Bill thanked Lion Bob, Martin Lions Club, for providing the internet service. Lion Bill then gave a presentation on using LCI Webinars. Zone Chair Bill emphasized that it is very important that Lions Clubs start taking advantage of the internet resources available at LCI. These resources include training courses, webinars on current topics, Lions Publications and, of course, many of the administrative and reports functions required by a club. He emphasized these are outstanding resources and as Lions Leaders, we should be setting the example for the Lions in our clubs.



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Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014
Registration 11:00 a.m.
Walk Begins 12:00 p.m.

Location: Piedmont Park, Meadow Area
Atlanta, GA

Register your Team today for the
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Join us as we work together to reach our goal of \$136,000! Money raised at VisionWalk will help to carry on the sight saving research of the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Are You a Team Captain?



Check out our VisionWalk Team Captain Packet which has all of the information you need to cheer on your team and paint Atlanta blue and yellow!
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Foundation Fighting Blindness
Attn: Atlanta VisionWalk
4600 Marriott Drive
Suite 340
Raleigh, NC 27612

Calling All Volunteers!



Are you looking for another way to get involved with the Atlanta VisionWalk? We are always in need of great volunteers. Contact us today - we need your help!

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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 information about "making the ask", please contact Lesley Ireland at 919-781-8014 or LIreland@FightBlindness.org



Lots of fun and exciting activities are planned for the convention in Toronto; you won't want to miss the event of the year. [Register](https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?D=d&EventCode=HPH) (<https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?D=d&EventCode=HPH>) today for the 97th International Convention in Toronto!

Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city, is situated on beautiful Lake Ontario and is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant places on earth. Lions will find an abundance of vibrant nightlife, stunning architecture, great museums, wonderful vintage stores, luxury shops and everything in between. Discover and experience a world of arts, culture, and energy around every corner in a friendly atmosphere that welcomes everyone. Toronto is expecting you!

Convention-goers can look forward to an inspiring week of business and pleasure, as we unite to shape the future of our great association. The festivities include our own culturally diverse International Parade of Nations through the heart of Toronto along with interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President.

Please also remind your Lions to book their convention hotel through LCI. Of course, bus shuttles will be available from LCI's official hotels to all official convention events. As an added incentive, Lions who reserve their housing with LCI will receive a very special thank you gift (while supplies last).



Online Registration for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Is Open

The Island of Enchantment is beckoning you. The beauty and history of San Juan, Puerto Rico will be the backdrop for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September 11-13, 2014.



While there may still be plenty of time to register, early-bird discounts won't last. [Click below to register now.](http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails) You will be redirected to our official forum registration page. You'll be glad you did!



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Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
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Dear Lions of Georgia,

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is thrilled to announce Roberta Green as its new Executive Director. Green brings more than two decades of non-profit experience to the organization, most recently as the Executive Director of Bartow Health Access.

"We are so pleased to have chosen Roberta, who brings a wealth of experience in working with non-profit organizations, a broad knowledge of the Atlanta philanthropic community and a caring heart to the Lighthouse. We look forward to working with her and to the new energy and ideas that she brings to the organization."

- Kembra Smith, Board Chair

As the Executive Director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Green will oversee the work of the Lighthouse programs, which served over 6,500 people of all ages last year. The Lighthouse Foundation is the only statewide organization providing comprehensive vision and hearing services for the under-served and under-insured Georgians; counting 27 traveling vision clinics and collaborative partnerships with over 350 audiologists, ophthalmologists, and optometrists throughout the state.

"The legacy created by the Lions Clubs of Georgia in 1949 and the wonderful support that we have received from our statewide community over the years have allowed Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to be recognized as one of the premier programs providing charitable care in the state. I am very excited about what the future holds for Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and look forward serving and growing our organization to meet the needs of those who might otherwise not have access to care."

- Roberta Green, Executive Director

Green has enjoyed a long and successful career in healthcare encompassing clinical care as a Registered Nurse, strategic planning, business development, and quality and cost analysis. Prior to her most recent work at Bartow Health Access as the Executive Director, Green was the Chief Operating Officer at The Good Samaritan Health Center for 8 years, leading the development of the new facility on Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway.

She credits the varied experiences throughout her career, as well as the opportunity to work alongside leaders in the Atlanta healthcare community, as the basis for her understanding of business development, management, and cost-effective strategies aimed at delivering exceptional care.

The Lighthouse staff is so excited to have Roberta on board and looks forward to working with her to expand the Lighthouse's reach.



Service Numbers

From July to Oct 2013

People having eye exams
256 were from 18-I

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
62 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
320 were from 18-I

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 I District Chair:
Ken Massingale, PDG
 E: g_massin@yahoo.ie



Dear Lions,

night of spectacles

The Buckhead Theatre

May 10, 2014

www.nightofspectacles.org

Join the Lighthouse for the 7th annual Night of Spectacles! We hope you and your club will consider attending in support of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation's mission to create a better Georgia through vision and hearing care.

For the third consecutive year, the event will take place at Atlanta's historic Buckhead Theatre, in the heart of Buck-head. A fashion show with designs made from recycled eyewear will feature student made designs and eye doctors as models! This is an fun and important evening for the Lighthouse Foundation, and we hope to see your club represented at the event.

If you are interested in event sponsorship, or have general inquiries about the event, please contact Kembra Landry, Development Director for the GLLF. klandry@lionslighthouse.org. | 404.325.3630 x 322



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is registered with Kroger! If you have a Kroger Plus Shopper's Card, you just need to log onto Kroger's website (www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and link your card to the Lighthouse's identification number (97345). If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, GET ONE.

WHITE CANE

White Cane had its beginning in Georgia in 1980 as White Cane Day. We no longer limit White Cane to just a day in the year. White Cane donations equal about 1/3 of the Georgia Lions contributions to the Lighthouse. The goal for White Cane 2014 has been set for \$120,000. Over the last 4 years White Cane donations have averaged over \$113 thousand dollars per year.

As everyone knows, prices have been on the rise and the services offered by the Lighthouse are no exception. The present economy is creating additional needs at the Lighthouse to help those who have lost their jobs and subsequently, their health insurance. The money collected through White Cane is instrumental in changing people's lives. While it is usually no problem for a local club to purchase a pair of eyeglasses for a needy person, it would be literally impossible for a club to provide eye surgery needed to restore someone's sight. The money raised throughout the state for White Cane can be combined to offer services to people who, without the Lions of Georgia, might have no hope.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help them help others. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. One hundred percent of all money collected for White Cane goes directly to sight services. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2014 the best ever. Lions get an excellent return on their investment in the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is now able to get \$5 in services for every dollar.

Not only is this a time to raise funds for the Lighthouse, it also gives us an opportunity to be out in our communities and to educate people about the services that we, as Lions of Georgia, can offer. A chance to put hands and feet to our motto, "We Serve".

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

J. C. Coefield, Jr.
MD-18 White Cane Chair
478-922-9023 coefield@cox.net



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



Lions of Georgia,

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind 2014 Silent Auction



Thank you for making last year’s Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction a success! With bids and donation we had a grand total of \$5025. Many said that it was the largest auction, but I know with your help this year the auction can be a greater success. Lions working together can accomplish great things.

We are challenging all clubs to participate in the GLCB Silent Auction during the 2014 Lions State Convention in Macon, May 30 – June 1. This is a great opportunity to get your members involved in a club project and you may want to showcase products from your area. **Please attach a list of the items in the basket and the total value. Theme baskets will be displayed with bidding sheets in an orderly manner so the bidding process runs as smoothly as possible.** Theme baskets will be on

display during the State Convention and bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday night, May 31. Last year we had a watermelon, chocolate candy, Lions pins, weekend at a bed and breakfast, coolers with food and even a fire pit to mention a few. The baskets are only limited to the creativity of the members.

The camping program is for campers from 4 years old to senior citizens and it offers campers an opportunity to experience things they never thought were possible. You as Lions and Leos help to make dreams for these campers come true. You are also helping to provide learning and fun experiences that the campers will never forget. The Camp needs support from every Lions and Leo Clubs in order to continue its important mission. If a club is not able to donate a theme basket to the auction, a monetary contribution to the Camp would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email me at forrestfamily@windstream.net .

Dimple Forrest // Silent Auction Chair

The Camp is planning to repay \$35,000 to their Trust Fund this year, in addition to the current revised budget of \$266,000 for operating expenses this year. Remember, there are Camp costs all year round. The Camp Raffle is going on now, and this is the biggest fundraiser. Clubs have been sent 10 tickets per member. Please sell all of your tickets. For your information, December was the best month this year for Club contributions: \$33,157.

The Brick Memorial Garden project is complete, except for all the additional brick memorials that can be purchased. Your contribution of \$100 will get an engraved Memorial Brick. The next brick-laying will be Lions Day at Camp. Now, most of your donation will be going toward the general camp expense fund. Recognizing your clubs leaders and departed leaders with a memorial brick will be a good way to remember them. Don’t forget the 1776 project, Keep the Campfires Burning, and the old “Send a Kid to Camp.” Remember, sending one kid to camp costs over \$3,000 a week.



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey s_rousey@truvista.net

17 February 2014

Mixing Metaphors You can teach an old Lion new Tricks or A Lion in a Leader Dog Winter Wonder Land!

Because of several recent dangerous walking situations, Toccoa Lion Bill Graham realized he needed to upgrade his orientation and mobility skills using a white cane. He did some research and found the best place for him to do this was at the Leader Dog for the Blind. Lion Bill relates, “this was a great experience for me. I learned a lot of new skills and I met a lot of great people, many of them fellow Lions. I just can’t say enough good things about the Instructors and Staff at Leader Dog, they are absolutely fabulous”

While Leader Dog for the Blind is widely known for their outstanding Guide Dog Training, they also have an excellent Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Training Program. The O&M program teaches a low vision or blind person to be able to be active by using a white cane and their remaining senses. The O&M Training is one week long. Also, to effectively use a Leader Dog a person needs to have good O&M skills. The O&M Training is tailored to each individual student.

His first surprise was that his fellow student, Bryan, was also from Georgia and the his mother is a member of the Snellville Lions Club. Lion Bill and Bryan had met before at a Zone meeting.



The first day started off with housekeeping & goal setting and then it was out in the Winter Wonderland to start training. One of the challenges in preparing for the training was in getting the proper clothing for snow and temperatures in the teens. Lion Bill had feared that the weather might hinder the training but it had little effect. In fact, the snow forced Lion Bill to rely on his white cane more and his vision less.



Each day typically involved two outdoor training sessions, one before lunch and one after. Each student had their own Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Instructor. Lion Bill relates, “I found the instructors to be capable, effective and friendly. The instructors had a wealth of knowledge and experience.” Lion Bill’s instructor, Lynn Gautreaux, is a member of the Downtown Baton Rouge Lions Club. Lynn is the author of an O&M Book. Bryans instructor, Erica Ihrke, is in the process of joining the Lake Orion Lions Club. Her father is the incoming President of that club. She is the director of the Leader Dog O&M program.



O&M Training included lessons on using a Sighted Assistant, traversing stairs, doors, elevators, escalators, proper techniques for using a white cane, safely crossing intersections, walking on roads with no sidewalk, maintaining a sense of cardinal directions, traveling at night and in rural areas plus many, many more techniques.



Lion Bill also had the opportunity to explore mounds of snow and some ice carvings left over from a recent Rochester Hills Winter Festival. Lion Bill relates, “two non-training items I really enjoyed were the tour of the Leader Dog Kennel and observing the Leader Dog Trainers working with dogs in training. It is really marvelous how they train the dogs. I got a chance to see dogs in all stages of training. He also got an opportunity to place one of the Toccoa Lions Club’s 80 Year Anniversary Pin on the Pin Board in the Tack Room of the Leader Dog Kennel.



They saved the best for last! On the last day of training, Lion Bill got the opportunity to use a guide dog. Lion Bill and Leader Dog, Henry, went for a walk. Of course, Erica came along to make sure things did not get out of hand. Lion Bill also got some training on using a GPS system.



Leader Dog does all this training plus they provide transportation, rooms and meals at no expense to the student. Leader Dog for the Blind is one of GA Lions four State/District supported organizations and Lion Bill recommends that all Lions wholeheartedly support Leader Dog.



Winter Concerns for Your Dog



Future Leader Dog Meg

Colder weather is approaching and there are potential hazards you should be aware of to keep your dog safe.

As people winterize their cars and change or add antifreeze to their vehicles, watch for spills of this toxic liquid. Antifreeze is sweet-tasting, and dogs are attracted to it. Even a few laps of antifreeze can destroy a dog's kidneys and become a life threatening condition.

Salt used to melt ice can also be a hazard to your dog. Salt may get stuck between your dog's toes and cause irritation. If salt is stuck to its feet, your dog may ingest it while cleaning itself after coming inside. After walking outside in the cold and freezing temperatures, make sure your dog's paw pads are clean of any snow, ice or salt, and be on the lookout for wounds on the feet caused by stepping on broken ice.

For minor scrapes or abrasions, wipe with warm water, do not let the dog lick the area. Do not wrap the foot. Any bleeding wounds or limping dogs should be examined by a veterinarian.

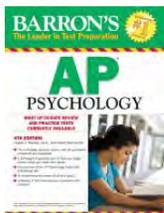
Please share this information with any friends or family members who have dogs so we can keep everyone safe this winter.



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

Prepping for Advanced Placement Exams: Study Guides Available in Learning Ally's Library

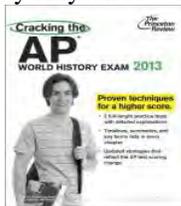
High scores on advanced placement exams help students earn college credits while still in high school. Not only will these credits help them stand out in college applications, they'll also be able to skip introductory college courses and get a jump-start on their degree. With May exams just around the corner, studying is a high priority. Learning Ally has AP study guides on a variety of subjects to help these exceptional students prepare for the strenuous exams. Popular courses include psychology, history, English literature, and environmental science. Here are recommendations for popular study guides, including the most up-to-date editions available in Learning Ally's library:



A review of all AP test topics, including research methods, the biological basis of behavior, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, learning, cognition, personality, abnormal psychology, and treatment of disorders.

[Barron's AP Psychology](#)

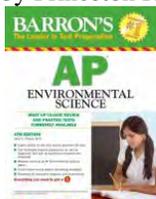
by Allyson J. Weseley; Robert McEntarffer 5th Edition



A must-have guide to the AP World History Exam. Timelines, summaries, and key terms lists are included in every chapter, with detailed, full-length practice tests.

[Cracking the AP World History Exam](#)

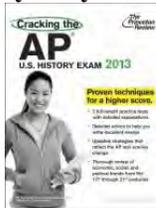
by Princeton Review 2013 Edition



The topics fall into three categories: earth systems and resources; the living world; and population. Each review section is filled with practice questions and quizzes with answers.

[Barron's AP Environmental Science](#)

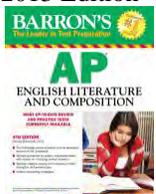
by Gary Thorpe 4th Edition



Detailed advice for receiving better scores on the U.S. History Exam. Includes two full-length practice tests with helpful tips to write better essays for the test.

[Cracking the AP U. S. History Exam 2013](#)

by Princeton Review; Tom Meltzer; Jean Hofheimer Bennett 2013 Edition



This guide includes sample questions with answers covering poetry and prose fiction. It shares a review of test topics including poetry, fiction, and drama, plus, a detailed glossary defining 175 literary and rhetorical terms.

[Barron's AP English Literature and Composition](#)

by George Ehrenhaft Ed.D. 4th Edition



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DogFest Walk 'n Roll



Grab your furry friend, family or human friends and be a part of Canine Companions DogFest Walk 'n Roll! It's a community event that supports the mission of Canine Companions for Independence. Register just yourself, or put together a group of friends, family members or coworkers and walk as a team.

Then fundraise. Your fundraising efforts will transform the lives of people with disabilities and earn you an awesome DogFest Walk 'n Roll prize. If you raise \$100, you get a bandana to sport at our event. Register today, you're sure to have a tail-waggin' good time!

Event Info: No Fees General Registration
Get ready for a tail-waggin' good time on Saturday, March 29th at the Atlanta, Georgia DogFest Walk 'n Roll, the signature national event of Canine Companions for Independence! Grab a leash and join us for lots of fun as we raise money to provide highly trained assistance dogs for people with disabilities, free of charge. To walk or start a team, click =.

<http://www.cci.org/faf/home/waiver.asp?ievent=1077173&lis=1&ktae1077173=E02AC5A4917B48868AFFFB6FD5D4B097>

If you have questions or to volunteer, email:
DogFestAtlanta@cci.org

Rules for Pooches and Pups at DogFest Walk 'n Roll:

- No female dogs in heat.
- Dogs attending must be social and friendly with other dogs and people.
- Dogs attending must be comfortable in crowds.
- Dogs who display aggressive behavior, as determined by Canine Companions volunteers or staff, will be asked to leave.
- Dogs must be up to date on vaccinations. This means puppies must be over 4 months old and have completed their full set of puppy vaccinations, including rabies.
- All dogs must be kept on a leash, no longer than 6 feet, at all times.

Event Location: First Baptist Church Atlanta, 4400 North Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30338

Event Schedule: 8:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. - Festival Activities and Sponsor Booths Open

- 8:30am Check-in begins
- 9:15am Opening ceremony
- 9:30am Wheel and dog friendly walk begins
- 11:00am Costume contest winners announced



Diabetes Awareness Chair

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Study shows yogurt consumption reduces the risk of type 2 diabetes

New research published in *Diabetologia* (the journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes) shows that higher consumption of yoghurt, compared with no consumption, can reduce the risk of new-onset type 2 diabetes by 28%. Scientists at the University of Cambridge found that in fact higher consumption of low-fat fermented dairy products, which include all yoghurt varieties and some low-fat cheeses, also reduced the relative risk of diabetes by 24% overall.

Lead scientist Dr Nita Forouhi, from the Medical Research Council (MRC) Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge, commented "this research highlights that specific foods may have an important role in the prevention of [type 2 diabetes](#) and are relevant for public health messages".

Dairy products are an important source of high quality protein, vitamins and minerals. However, they are also a source of saturated fat, which dietary guidelines currently advise people not to consume in high quantities, instead recommending they replace these with lower fat options.

Previous studies on links between dairy product consumption (high fat or low fat) and diabetes had inconclusive findings. Thus, the nature of the association between dairy product intake and type 2 diabetes remains unclear, prompting the authors to carry out this new investigation, using much more detailed assessment of dairy product consumption than was done in past research.

The research was based on the large EPIC-Norfolk study which includes more than 25,000 men and women living in Norfolk, UK. It compared a detailed daily record of all the food and drink consumed over a week at the time of study entry among 753 people who developed new-onset type 2 diabetes over 11 years of follow-up with 3,502 randomly selected study participants. This allowed the researchers to examine the risk of diabetes in relation to the consumption of total [dairy products](#) and also types of individual dairy products.

The consumption of total dairy, total high-fat dairy or total low-fat dairy was not associated with new-onset diabetes once important factors like healthier lifestyles, education, obesity levels, other eating habits and total calorie intake were taken into account. Total milk and cheese intakes were also not associated with diabetes risk. In contrast, those with the highest consumption of low-fat fermented dairy products (such as [yoghurt](#), fromage frais and low-fat cottage cheese) were

24% less likely to develop type 2 diabetes over the 11 years, compared with non-consumers.

Welcome to the 2014 Atlanta Tour de Cure!

Route Distances: 2,28, 37, 65, 100 MI & 2-mile Family Fun

Contact your event manager, Anissa Johnson:
anjohnson@diabetes.org | (404)320-7100 x3036

Please mail checks to our local office:
American Diabetes Association
ATTN: Tour de Cure
225 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 550
Atlanta, GA 30303

131 Days to event. 68 teams. 305 riders. [Join us!](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=9372&type=fr_informational&sid=15800) = http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=9372&type=fr_informational&sid=15800



Register. Ask a Friend. Start a Team. Stop Diabetes.

When: 05/18/2014

**Where: Boundary Waters Park
Address: 5000 Georgia Highway 92/166**

Registration Fee: 15.00

Fundraising Minimum: 200

Tour de Cure is more than just a cycling event. It's a life-changing event. A day full of fun and excitement where riders of all levels join forces in the fight to Stop Diabetes® and raise critical funds for diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the American Diabetes Association.

The Tour de Cure welcome riders of all levels and all ages! Enjoy the beautiful roads of the Silk Sheets, filled with rolling hills and plenty of rest stops. We also have our 2 Mile Family Fun Ride inside of the Park for our beginner riders!

After the ride, return to the park for our Day of Event Experience, including Great Food, Live Music, a Grand Health Expo and an Interactive Kids Zone! New for 2014, there will also be an area for adults to relax in the Family Fun Lounge, with many field games to choose from!

So take the Ride of Your Life and sign up today!

Whether you are an occasional rider or an experienced cyclist, there is a route just for you:

Route Length	100 Mile	65 Mile	37 Mile
Check-In Time	6:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:30 AM
Start Time	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM

Route Length	28 Mile	8 Mile	2 Mile Family Fun
Check-In-Time	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:00 AM
Start Time	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM



Notice of MD18 Leo Council Meeting

The next meeting of the MD18 Leo Council will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross, as a component of the 2014 MD18 LEO State Gathering and Conference.

As stated in the Standard Multiple District Constitution approved at the 2010 Leo Conference/Gathering all MD18 Leo club Presidents of clubs in good standing as of the date of this meeting are a voting part of the MD18 Council and are encouraged to attend or send a designated representative in their place (must be Leo from same club).



A Proposed Agenda for the MD18 Council Meeting will be sent shortly. All interested and relevant parties should make plans to attend this important meeting. Please advise MD18 Leo President Roselbia Carranza and Leo Club Program Chair Steve Helwig no later than March 15, 2014 if you are planning to attend and wish to address the Council.

MD18 Leo District Chairs are asked to submit a written report detailing their club's activities from July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 to the MD18 Leo Secretary no later than 3/15/14 so it can be included. MD18 Leo Officers are asked to submit a report on their activities and accomplishments as that respective officer using the same dates.

Any suggested or proposed by-laws must be submitted in writing to the chair of the Constitution and By-Laws committee and MD18 Leo Chair no later than February 20, 2014 to be considered at the Leo Council meeting.

Peace, Love and Understanding

is the theme of the 2014-15 [Peace Poster Contest](#). Lions clubs can sponsor this [art contest for kids](#) in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

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

- **Official Club Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

[Order a Kit](#)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr785.pdf>

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

Promoting the Contest

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

- **Peace Poster Brochure**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr775.pdf>
- **District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr787.pdf>
- **Honorable Mention certificate**
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC_790_honorable_mention.pdf
- **Peace Poster DVD**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/?c=1&id=53>

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

Ordering Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2014-15 Lions International Essay Contest is "Peace, Love and Understanding." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

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

Essay Contest Guidelines

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

View past grand prize winning essays:

- [2013-2014 "Our World, Our Future"](#) by Ashish Karki, age 12
- [2012-2013 "Imagine Peace"](#) by Maura Loberg, age 11
- [2011-2012 "Children Know Peace"](#) by Mikaela Smith, age 12
- [2010-2011 "Power of Peace"](#) by Amy Bosko, age 12

For More Information

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



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At Special Olympics Georgia, we are constantly looking for new ways to connect our donors with the needs of our 25,000 athletes. As one of the nation's largest Special Olympic organizations, we are growing rapidly and attempting

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You can donate as little as \$10 to any specific item, and when the total amount is reached, that item will be shipped directly to us via Amazon. You will get an email confirmation and "thank you" for your donation, and you will know EXACTLY where your money went! We want you to be able to direct your funds where you want them to be used. A true choice.

Thanks so much for taking a look at these important items. We hope you will make a donation and then share this list of items with your social network. You will find both things very easy - and even FUN to do!

We welcome your feedback. Please know how much we value you. With your help, the great work of Special Olympics Georgia will continue and we will reach more athletes. We are passionate about doing that everyday!

Please visit [Gift Give](#) to shop for SOGA's needs and decide which needs your money goes to fulfill. <http://www.gift-give.com/specialolympicsga>

Georgia Milton-Sheats
CEO
Special Olympics Georgia

Please make sure to visit all the souvenir locations at our upcoming Special Olympics Georgia State Events and purchase the fabulous Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Georgia merchandise. All proceeds from the souvenir sales benefits the more than 25,878 athletes of Special Olympics Georgia! There are shirts, camouflage hats, tan visors and lanyards being sold, so come and check them out and sport this catchy gear!



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<https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx> and in the

Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code 57973) as the organization you wish to support.

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Color Me Rad 5K, March 22, Conyers



Color Me Rad, benefiting Special Olympics Georgia, will take place March 22nd at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. Color Me Rad is a 5K that fires off in a blaze of color bombs, color cannons, color mortars, and multi-toned courses and guarantees a tsunami of color that'll make colored tears of joy run down your cheeks and will renew your will to live.

You'll start off with a shirt as pure and white as your granddaddy's dentures, and throughout the run, your body will be coated with color bombs of blue, green, pink, purple, and yellow until your face, shirt, and body come out silkscreened like a tie-dyed hippy on the other side. Each section of the run adds a new explosion of color to your clean, painter's palate until you cross the finish line into a final blitzkrieg of color.

[Register using Special Olympics Georgia's promo code](#) SOGA and save 10% off your registration and have 15% of your registration go to Special Olympics Georgia.

[Click here to register for the race or for more race details.](http://www.colormerad.com/race.i?raceid=266&t=Atlanta)
<http://www.colormerad.com/race.i?raceid=266&t=Atlanta>

If you are interested in volunteering for the race or have other questions, please contact **Susan Skolnick** or 770-414-9390 x111.

Volunteer March 20th or March 21st to help with registration and March 22nd race day to help with course set-up, race registration, packet pick-up, color bombing, and course management. Volunteers must be 16 and be able to lift 20 pounds. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt.

**Over The Edge =
April 26, 2014, Atlanta**



**Go Over The Edge for Special Olympics Georgia,
Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Buckhead Tower in
Atlanta!!**

This April take your support for Special Olympics Georgia to new heights! Do you think you can be as brave as our Special Olympics athletes by getting out of your comfort zone? Well, here's your chance! **On April 26, 2014 join "edgers" who are willing to face the challenge of raising \$1,000 to rappel off Buckhead Tower (a 20 story building) for the 25,878 athletes of Special Olympics Georgia.**

Special Olympics Georgia is looking for a few good men and women to make their mark in history while supporting the most credible charity in America. This is your opportunity to experience first-hand what it means to face a challenge that initially seems quite daunting but at the same time celebrates the challenges and similarities we all share in life. It is your chance to show our athletes your courage and your support of what they experience daily. No prior experience is needed! Everyone is welcome!

[Register today](#) and pay your \$25 registration fee to start fundraising!!

Don't want to go Over the Edge? *Gather your co-workers and raise \$1,500 to send your Boss Over the Edge!* Choose Toss your Boss when you register, make a \$10 donation and form your team! Once your team reaches the goal you will be contacted to set up a time slot to Toss Your Boss!

****PLEASE NOTE-** Contribution is contingent on the event occurring, money will be returned if the event does not occur. Money will be counted as a contribution in the year of the event. (2014)

Contact Autumn Unrein for questions

Email: **Autumn.Unrein@SpecialOlympicsGA.org**, Phone: 770-414-9390 x118

**State Summer Games
May 30th-June 1st Atlanta**

We need Fans in the Stands volunteers and others to help run events for Summer Games. Come cheer them on!

[Click here to apply to volunteer.](https://us-mg205.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.partner=sbc&rand=8c9dj67f2fckv) **<https://us-mg205.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.partner=sbc&rand=8c9dj67f2fckv>**

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2014 MD 18 CONVENTION

Macon, GA

May 30 – June 1, 2014

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2013	\$105.00	Oct. 1, 2013- Dec. 31, 2013	\$125.00
Jan 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014	\$145.00	After April 30, 2014	\$160.00

Hospitality Books	#	⊗	each	Total Amt.:	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	⊗	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash:		Date Paid:		Amount Paid:	\$

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Marriott Macon City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, Georgia 31217
478-621-5300 or 1-800-866-5354
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
Room rate is \$119 night plus 14% tax
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Lion David McDonald
1624 Hannahs Mill Road
Thomaston, Georgia 30288
H: 706-648-3950
Email:
dmcDonald@charter.net

Lions; The telephone number for the Marriott Macon City Center , which was listed on the 2014 State Lions Convention Form, is INCORRECT. Please use the following toll free number: **(478) 621-5300**

Below you will find the reservation links your guests can use to make online hotel reservations.

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%20of%20Georgia-Multiple%20District%2018^mcnfs%60logloga%60119.00%60USD%60false%605/28/14%606/1/14%604/28/14&app=resvlink&st op_mobi=yes

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