



**We Serve**



**18-D**

**District Bulletin**



District Governor  
Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

Lion Chairman Ray Chastain made it to the point as he ably administered the election process of our new officers for the District. As you know Lion Bill Holley will be your new incoming District Governor for 2012-13 from the Athens Heritage Lions Club. Please give him your full support in doing what you have done for the District thus far. Also, congratulations to Lion John Rudert, PDG who was voted in as your new Lighthouse District Director for two years July 2012 thru June 2014. As your District Librarian Lion Samuel Catanzano.

As you also know, I will be your new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. I made the commitment to make a 3 year obligation to the District. This coming year I will work with Lion Grace Clower, PCC in Leadership and with Lion Alan Stalker in Membership/Retention. We will be looking for new Leaders in the future to guide the new District. We are looking for those who are ready to go the extra mile. If you are one of those who wish to climb the ladder – please do not hesitate in contacting Lion Grace or myself.

5 May is just around the corner and everyone is invited from Lion to non-Lion; from children to grandchildren; from neighbor to a known stranger; and from District 18-D and the other Districts throughout the state. This is your day to celebrate as a FAMILY, Friendship Day and Lions Day all rolled up in one with a Pot Luck of your choosing with drinks. Location Fort Yargo State Park in Winder. Check out page 2 – signs will be out. Come one – come ALL.

This of course is the month you have to submit your PU-101. This is the only way that LCI will know who to send any information including invoices. Please make sure that you have the correct address and telephone numbers. I believe that Lion Bill is still looking for volunteers to be District Chairs – if you are interested – please contact him.

This Lions Year has really gone by fast. I have visited each and every Club except for 2 – Towns County and Loganville Legacy. I will be there I hope in April. I have enjoyed meeting with each Lions Club and have seen and heard about the things you have been doing. I have also been passing on info on what you have been doing to other clubs for them to do also if they are interested. There have been some great ideas out there.

I will repeat what I said in the last Bulletin = “We do have a promising future and I am proud of the Clubs who have added to their membership rolls. I am proud of all the Clubs within the District. We are family.”

**Tanx for being who you are - LIONS**

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

Yours in Lionism,  
Ed Hasbarger

*Quote of the month:* “Leadership is the quality that transforms good intentions into positive actions, that turn a group of people into a team.” T. Boone Pickens

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

5 May 2012 CHANGE

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



We will not have the full agenda. Pledge and invocation and awards will be presented for cabinet members after the meal.

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## Planning Ahead

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

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

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

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APRIL – DUE BY 15 April = PU-101 forms PLEASE DO THIS EARLY.

## 2012 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



May 25-27, 2012 Savannah, Georgia

**Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):** We will have “Night Out with Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden” at The Historic Charles H. Morris Center, located across from the Marriott Hotel. The meal will be catered by Paula Deen’s The Lady and Sons Restaurant. The Deen’s will be on hand to welcome the Lions!

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

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

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

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

### HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:

Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2012

#### Hotel Info:

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





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



## **Where in the World**

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

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### *I Believe in You*



**Wing-Kun Tam,  
International  
President**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Download this booklet and see all the details:

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

### **WHO Director-General to Keynote Our 2012 Convention**

For more than 90 years, Lions have gathered to celebrate at our international convention. Plan to join us at this year's event in Busan, Korea to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Learn about other club and district projects. And make personal connections with our leaders and staff members. This event also gives you the chance to attend plenary sessions. Take part in the Parade of Nations. And enjoy highlights, including [keynote speaker Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#).

### **Get Our Latest News and Events Information Online**

To give you easy access to the biggest stories from international headquarters, we recently updated the News and Events section of our Web site. As part of the redesign, the section homepage includes a Latest News area with links to recent news releases, blog posts and LION Magazine online. There's also a Current Events section that brings you updates about the international convention, forums and more. In addition, you'll find links to new videos in the Recent Videos section. [Visit our News and Events section today.](#)

### **Use Google to Find What You Need on the Lions Clubs International Web Site**



If you wish there was an easier way to find information on the Lions Clubs International Web site, here's great news! Our Web site now uses the same technology as [Google](#) to help you find information fast. Rather than navigating through our site, simply type the topic you're looking for in our site's "Search" box to display a list of pages that include your topic. The "Search" box is located near the upper right corner of every page on our site, including our homepage. [Try it today.](#)



### **April is Leo Club Awareness Month**

Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to your Lions club and can increase its community exposure by attracting new audiences such as young professionals and parents. April is Leo Club Awareness Month, the perfect time to consider [sponsoring a Leo club](#) that will provide members with the camaraderie and growth that come from taking part in service projects, social functions and leadership development activities. Through Leo clubs, you'll have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults.



## Mobilize Your Community to Collect Eyeglasses

May is “Lions Recycle for Sight Month” – a chance for your club to mobilize your community to donate unused eyeglasses and sunglasses. Glasses you collect and send to a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center can help bring sight to children and adults throughout the world. To get started, contact local businesses, places of worship, schools, libraries and offices and invite them to host a collection box. You can also use our ["Recycle for Sight" resources](#) to enhance your collection efforts.

## Get Ready for the Camping Season

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

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



Camp Kudzu offers summer camp, family weekends, and teen retreats. The focus is on fun, but the lessons learned regarding diabetes self-management skills are critical to long-term health. Children who have access to quality diabetes management education at a young age can reduce their risk of diabetes-related complications. Camp provides vital education in a setting that gives each child the best chance of practicing lessons learned.

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

## “Protecting Our Environment” Global Service Action Campaign

The environment is a major concern for communities and people around the world:

- According to the United Nations Environment Programme, only about 20 percent of the world’s population has access to clean water.
- More people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war.
- During the last century alone, the world lost more than 80 percent of its original forests, which provide a source of livelihood, protection from natural disasters and absorb carbon dioxide emissions that lead to global warming.

Lions have an opportunity to bring attention to the environment and show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, “Protecting our Environment.”

### Take Action

During April, we invite your club to join Lions around the world to protect the environment. Help us raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment in connection with [Earth Day](#). Or, organize hands-on projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to improve your community’s environment.

### Campaign Resources

Use the following resources to plan and promote your “Protecting our Environment” Global Service Action Campaign project.

[Call to Action Flyer](#): Get an overview of the “Protecting our Environment” Global

Action Campaign project.

- [Call to Action Flyer](#): Get an overview of the “Protecting our Environment” Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.
- [Planning Guide](#): Use this step-by-step approach to organize your very own “Protecting our Environment” project.

- [Project Ideas](#): Review ideas you and your club can use to participate in the campaign. The opportunities are endless.
- [Press Release](#): Send a press release to local media to help publicize your “Protecting our Environment” project.

### For More Information

To learn how your club can participate in the “Protecting our Environment” Global Service Action Campaign, [contact us](#) today.



## LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions in Arizona help parents see so kids can read.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### [Lions Clubs App](#)

Download our Android App to stay in touch with us.

### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

## CONTESTS

### [International Contest](#)

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

### [Peace Poster Contest](#)

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

## EVENTS

### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Thanks to your generous support, 10 million more children now have the chance at a healthy life. Mothers and fathers in Nepal no longer have to fear that their child will suffer from measles. These children are among those in nearly 30 other countries who will receive measles vaccinations this year through Lions' efforts.



In Nepal, I met Punya Lahke, who shared with me the burden she faced when her 23-month-old son, Bipul, had measles. Red spots covered his tiny body and she did not know what was wrong. He was fortunate to receive timely medical care and treatment.

Yet, too many other children are not as fortunate as Bipul. In fact, 450 children die each day from this disease. Even one death is too many. Lions, we have the power to ensure no other families suffer this fate. That is why we have launched [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#).

By joining with other leading non-governmental organizational [partners](#), we are giving life to **157 million children this year**. The Gates Foundation has issued a challenge to us, Lions. I am confident we can meet and exceed this challenge. The Gates Foundation will match every US\$2 we raise with US\$1, to help us meet our goal of providing US\$15 million this year.

I invite you to [hear directly](#) from William H. Gates, Sr. on the importance of our partnership program. You will also see some the impact we are having on the babies and families we have already helped. I know after viewing this heartwarming video, it will inspire you to want to help even more children. It certainly had that effect on Judy and me.



To those of you who have already accepted this challenge and made a contribution, thank you. We have received several [generous donations](#) from individuals, clubs and districts, helping us to surpass **US\$1 million raised**.

Lions, [please give](#) what you can. Families around the world are counting on us. Every donation will have a great impact. Donating is easy and can be done directly on our Web site. Our funds will be combined with the funds raised by our partners, getting us closer to the goal of eliminating measles. For less than US\$1, we can vaccinate one child for a lifetime.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

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

### Testimonies

*"Lions' commitment in working with other dedicated and like-minded leaders from the society can achieve anything in serving the local communities."*  
- Lion Vakkalanka Nagendra Pratap

*"How wonderful is this... Come on Lions, let us eradicate this horrible disease and vaccinate all children for less than US\$1 a shot."*  
- PCC Lion Sylvia Fosberry

*"Lions are working to save lives. This is a critical campaign. We are proud to be your partner in this effort."*  
-Hanaa Singer, UNICEF Country Representative for Nepal

*"This is very necessary work. Health and social services are neglected areas in my country and we are happy to have your help."*  
- President Ram Baran Yadav, Nepal



**[Make a donation](#)**  
[http://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-measles-donation.php?utm\\_source=constant\\_contact&utm\\_medium=EN\\_email&utm\\_campaign=LCIF\\_chair\\_measles\\_blast\\_mar12](http://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-measles-donation.php?utm_source=constant_contact&utm_medium=EN_email&utm_campaign=LCIF_chair_measles_blast_mar12)

March 6, 2012

Dear Lions,

Like many Americans this past weekend, Judy and I were saddened to see the news stories unfolding within the central region of the United States. Having visited Joplin, Mississippi just a few short months ago, we understand the level of destruction associated with such a powerful storm system. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your neighbors during this difficult period.

As chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), I wish to ensure you of our support. In anticipation of potentially dangerous storms taking place over the weekend, LCIF staff provided emergency grant information to the council chairperson of each multiple-district within the affected states. I have already approved three emergency grants and several others will be authorized in the coming days.

Our foundation is here to support you during this time of need. Your fellow Lions' members, both near and far, stand firmly with you. The opening sentence of our foundation motto states, "To support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local community...." As Chairperson, I will ensure we live this motto. As the Lions of Joplin told Judy and me, there was no greater time than following a disaster.

LCIF staff members are here to guide you through the grant process if needed. You may contact KaSondra Byrd or Michelle Morales in the LCIF Humanitarian Programs Department at 630.468.3819. They have been providing me updates and information on a frequent basis and I have asked for this level of communication to continue in the coming days.

Judy and I wish you the best in the difficult weeks and months ahead.

Yours in service,

Sid L. Scruggs III

Chairperson, Lion Clubs International Foundation

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Dear LCIF Coordinators,

This week marks the **1 year anniversary** of the destructive **Japan earthquake and tsunami**. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2011, the most powerful known earthquake to ever hit Japan caused more than 15,000 deaths, 26,000 injuries and extensive structural damage in north-eastern Japan. Japan's Emperor Akihito said in a memorial ceremony at Tokyo's National Theatre, "We shall not let our memory of the disasters fade...I hope all the people will keep the victims in their hearts."

Thanks to your work and the generosity of thousands, more than **US\$21 million** was raised by Lions. Nearly half of the funds raised were used to support immediate needs such as food, clean drinking water, temporary shelter, and clothing. Currently, the Japanese Lions have transitioned into mid- and long-term rebuilding efforts. Recently, the Lions initiated a project to reduce radiation levels in buildings and homes through the use of 2,000 high pressure cleaners. This project will impact an estimated **20,000 people** and is just one of the many ways Lions are helping community members rebuild their lives.

This story dominated the headlines for months, while another quiet disaster was taking place every day –children dying from measles. Not only do **450 children die every day from measles**, but many more who contract measles have serious side effects, such as pneumonia, that cause lifelong adverse health conditions. The real tragedy is that this is so easy to prevent. It costs just **US\$1 to save a child** from measles.

LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs visited **Nepal** in February where he kicked off a vaccination campaign to vaccinate **9.9 million children** this year in Nepal against measles. To help vaccinate 157 million children worldwide, Lions have committed to raising more than US\$10 million as a match to the Gates Foundation's challenge grant of US\$5 million. More than **US\$1.2 million has been raised for measles** vaccinations to date.

Thank you again for your support of the people in Japan during a major disaster and thank you in advance for your support of the children of the world receiving life saving measles vaccinations.

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# Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

**Club Secretaries** ---- April, as you know, is Club Elections. (This means it is time for each Lions Club to elect its officers—President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Directors, and Membership Committee—for the 2012-2013 Lions year!).

It is **VERY** important that you submit your PU-101 Form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - the present Secretary should go online and complete the PU-101 Report of Officers for LCI. Please do it now. Make sure the original goes to Lions Clubs International by snail mail or you can go on-line. Make sure you make a copy and send to District Governor Elect Bill Holley. He has the important task of using these copies (PU-101) to make up a portion of the State and District Directory.

Oh, before entering the information on the PU-101, please make sure that the individual Lions information is correct. **DGE Bill needs CORRECT names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.**

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**As President elect** – you should be ready to appoint members to specific committees. You will find in your current State Directory in the back a copy of 2010-11 **Lighthouse / Camp / Learning Ally appointment form** (just change the year date) – or you can try to enlarge the one below ..... I will try and put a link on the web site. You should make a copy of and fill out and send to each address indicated with a courtesy copy to the new District Governor.

**These three things are very important** ..... Mail will be forwarded to those you select as Associate Directors. These members will be responsible in regards to informing your club members of any and all affairs going on with the Lighthouse / Camp / and RFB&D. As President elect, I would advise that you begin **NOW** to formulate any and all plans for your upcoming year. You should be prepared to assign all members to specific committees.

**Make note:** Try not to overload you Club Secretary.....Also – encourage the Secretary to go on-line to make out MMR reports, A-1 and PU-101 reports. Going on-line can save time and money. For ALL members check out [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

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## LEADERSHIP

This time of year, clubs are preparing their slate of officers for 2012-2013. Give each Lion in your club the job descriptions of the elected positions to include the responsibility of becoming a trained leader. All clubs should adopt a simple rule that if the Lion will not fulfill the responsibility of the position, than that Lion should not be elected an officer. The members of a club also have a responsibility, of insisting that their club be lead by trained Lion leaders.

Leadership is defined as guidance and management with the ability to influence others to see a vision of what should and could be accomplished. A leaders has a responsibility to those he or she leads—the responsibility to do the best he or she can for those people.

Each elected officer of a Lions Club is a leader. The problem is that many elected officers are not trained to be leaders and cannot communicate, cannot guide, and therefore, cannot influence others to see what should be accomplished. The training or education of leaders must start with the basics. Each and every officer of a Lions Club must know the basics of Lionism and of the position to which he or she was elected.

This training starts with the officer participating in the leadership training offered by the district. It does not matter if you are elected as the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, director, or membership committee member. There will be training for each and it is the responsibility of the Lion and the responsibility of the club to see that that Lion attends training as a prerequisite to being installed in that position.

The educational process does not stop there. Each officer has the responsibility to attend all cabinet meetings and all zone meetings. These should be the most important item on the calendar other than family. From the cabinet and zone meetings, the officers receive information on events in the district, the multiple district, and Lions Clubs International, including happenings within the state.

**Are you registered online yet?**

**New LCI payment options are available online! Now you can go green and opt out of receiving mailed statements.**



# My Club, My Family,



You know that keeping your Lions family strong depends a great deal on inviting new members to join. But it may be even more important for clubs to hold onto those members after they become Lions.

Retaining members, new and old, takes effort but it is not complicated or difficult. Mostly, it requires paying attention to three common-sense ideas:

- **Welcome**
- **Involve**
- **Nurture**

(It's no coincidence that, in English, these initials spell-out "WIN." They can make your club a winner!)

"Welcome" means making new members feel welcome and a part of the group. This begins with something as simple as saying "hello" and learning new members' names quickly. It also means listening respectfully to their ideas and needs. Ask yourself the questions and follow the tips in the [My Club, My Family Pocket Guide](#). "I Believe" these simple steps can endure long-term success.

"Involve" means giving new members meaningful responsibilities from the very beginning. People become Lions because they want to take action. Members who feel that they are making a significant contribution are likely to stay. I encourage you to ask all members what they want to be involved with. Find out how your club's projects can match their skills and meet their needs.

"Nurture" includes leading by example but also means giving new members an effective orientation and involving them in the Lions Clubs International Mentoring Program. Support and encouragement from the Lions family is key during the development of new Lions members. Long term care and support keeps members involved and service ongoing. View the [My Club, My Family brochure](#) for program ideas for your Lions family.

You can also make sure that your club is making its best effort by embracing the Family Club concept and using the [four workshop guides](#) provided by Lions Clubs International as part of the [President's Retention Campaign](#).

I believe that you can use your final three months of leadership to finish with strong membership results. To do so, it is vital that district governors continue their efforts to charter new clubs in underserved areas. For club officers, it is important to continue to reach out to the community and invite new members to join. But it is equally important to pay attention to the concepts of welcome, involve and nurture that will make your Lions family even stronger. I believe you can do it!

Thank you for all you do for your fellow Lions, your community and the world.

*Sincerely,*

Wing-Kun Tam  
International President

## Tree Planting Challenge

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

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

## Recruit Young Adults

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

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

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

Check next page below:  
Tools for Recruiting Young Adults -



One of the most stunning examples of Lions concern for the environment has been the outstanding success of the [Million Tree Planting Campaign](#). Lions and our partners have surpassed our goal by 600 percent and planted trees on every inhabited continent!

Trees are important for renewing the atmosphere, preventing soil erosion and keeping communities cool and livable in hot weather. The environment benefits greatly from every tree planted, but Lions clubs reap benefits as well. Trees are a highly visible expression of Lions commitment to community improvement and can be a lasting legacy of your leadership.

It is not too late for your club to take part in one of the most amazing achievements in Lions history. Visit the LCI Web site to [learn more about the benefits of trees](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/why-trees.php?utm_source=%23513+Tam+March+EN&utm_campaign=%23513TamMarch2012EN&utm_medium=email) [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/why-trees.php?utm\\_source=%23513+Tam+March+EN&utm\\_campaign=%23513TamMarch2012EN&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/why-trees.php?utm_source=%23513+Tam+March+EN&utm_campaign=%23513TamMarch2012EN&utm_medium=email) , [download a planning guide](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/why-trees.php?utm_source=%23513+Tam+March+EN&utm_campaign=%23513TamMarch2012EN&utm_medium=email) [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/why-trees.php?utm\\_source=%23513+Tam+March+EN&utm\\_campaign=%23513TamMarch2012EN&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/why-trees.php?utm_source=%23513+Tam+March+EN&utm_campaign=%23513TamMarch2012EN&utm_medium=email).

## Global Service Action Campaigns

[Protecting our Environment](#), the year's fourth Global Service Action Campaign scheduled in conjunction with Earth Day, April 22, is much more than an opportunity to help improve the environment.

Your club could:

- **Partner with local environmental authorities to save an endangered animal, forest or water source**
- **Conduct community-wide clean-up projects**
- **Recognize a local environmental leader**
- **Work with a local school to organize a contest that will challenge students to offer creative solutions to solving environmental issues**
- **Plant trees and flowers**
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Environmental action is an excellent way to involve Leos and other young people in Lions activities. It is also a prime opportunity to partner with other community groups and showcase the effectiveness of the Lions worldwide network of service.

Begin planning your club's participation now! Visit the Lions Clubs International Web site for more [project ideas](#) and a [step-by-step planning guide](#).

## Partnerships

Individual Lions are usually engaged in the world, have strong relationships with others and value working together toward a common goal. So too, does our international organization.

Ever since our founder, Melvin Jones, and two of our past international presidents helped write the United Nations charter for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) Lions Clubs International has sought out high quality partners to work toward common worldwide goals.

In October 2011, I took part in a special event in Nairobi, Kenya in which Lions and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) together [pledged to plant 1.5 million trees in Kenya](#). The ceremony launched a new global partnership between Lions Clubs International and the AKDN that will focus on disaster relief, health services and environmental sustainability.

The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) is a strong partner with Lions Clubs International Foundation in the effort to eradicate measles, which still takes the lives of 450 children each day worldwide. The Gates Foundation has challenged Lions to raise US\$10 million to support this effort and will provide US\$1 for every US\$2 mobilized. This US\$5 million challenge grant will be the largest gift ever received by LCIF.

In January 2012, LCI has signed a [new cooperative agreement](#) with the World Health Organization (WHO) to aid global efforts to fight unnecessary blindness and to tackle newly emerging threats to vision health from diabetes and other conditions. As part of the expanded collaboration, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will invest more than US\$3 million dollars to help WHO develop 26 Child Friendly Eye Care Centers in lesser developed countries as part of the "Lions-WHO Project for the Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness."



On March 16, I will be in New York to help commemorate our longstanding relationship with the United Nations at [Lions Day With the United Nations](#). This year we will focus on how we can work together toward the U.N. Millennium Development Goals, especially as they relate to childhood survival and environmental sustainability. I hope that as many Lions as possible will [join me](#) at this annual event.

These and other partnerships are crucial to maintaining Lions worldwide impact. Partnerships can also help your district or club magnify its service to the community and offer great opportunities to invite the family. I hope that you will take every opportunity to seek out quality organizations with which to partner and work toward common goals.

## Leo Lion Summit

I firmly believe that Leos are the future of our association and that today's Leos will be tomorrow's Lion leaders. Elevating the status of Leo clubs and strengthening ties between Leos and Lions has been a high priority of my presidency.

The culmination of that effort will be the first ever [Leo Lion Summit](#) at the 2012 International Convention in Busan, Korea. The summit, scheduled for June 22, will give Leos an unprecedented voice in our organization and help Lions better understand the needs and ideas of our youngest family members. The summit is open to any Leo or Lion attending the convention but registration is required. Lions should register for the Leo Lion Summit via [online convention registration](#). Leos should use one of [these two forms](#). I encourage you to financially support Leos to enable them to attend this event. The deadline to register is May 1, 2012!

## Set Your Sights High

### Worldwide Induction Day

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



### Volunteering as a Family

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

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

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

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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

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

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



Fellow Lions Leaders,

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

The first issue of the 2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Newsletter [Destination Tampa](https://usacanadalionsforum.org/PR/Destination%20Tampa.pdf) is now online and ready for you to send out to everyone in your district! If the link above does not work the web address is as follows:  
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/PR/Destination%20Tampa.pdf>

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### GLT UPDATE

It has been a busy year for training in our district. Thanks to all of you who have taken advantage of these opportunities. At our recent Club officer Training, we had 18 Lions attending, and they represented 14 of our 39 clubs in the district. I would encourage officers from the other 25 clubs in the district to attend the next training offered on July 14<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.

Thanks to Lions Pete Stamsen, Anne Mundy, Sonny Medlin, Allan Stalker and Chuck Lynch for leading this training. The object of this training is to benefit our clubs and make them stronger with more capable leaders. If you have any suggestions or comments about any of the training, please contact me. Lions Clubs International has also scheduled the following Club Officer Training webinars:

Club Secretary Training	April 24 <sup>th</sup> -11:00 a.m. April 27 <sup>th</sup> -8:00 p.m. May 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8:00 p.m.
Club Treasurer Training	May 9 <sup>th</sup> -8:00 p.m. May 15 <sup>th</sup> -11:00 a.m. May 18 <sup>th</sup> -8:00 p.m.
Club Officers Teamwork	June 6 <sup>th</sup> -8:00 p.m. June 12 <sup>th</sup> -11:00 a.m. June 15 <sup>th</sup> -8:00 p.m.

You may access these webinars by going to the LCI website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) and click on Member Center and Leadership Development.

We have been urging clubs to participate in the Club Excellence Process. PCC Kembra Smith, MD-18 GLT Coordinator is leading my club in this training. We will complete the process at our next 2 meetings. This will result in our club setting goals and preparing action plans. This will enable our club to move forward and recruit new members and become more involved in the community. If your club would like to participate in this process, please let me know.

Remember, we cannot have strong clubs without strong leaders! WE SERVE!!!

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



# Training Materials/Resources



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

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

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

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

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Dear Lion,

Thank you for attending "The Extension Workshop Experience" Webinar!

You are welcome to [view the recorded Webinar](#) at any time. You will need [Windows Media](#) the presentation.



\*\*Note: There was an error in one of the answers to a question regarding campus clubs. Please see information below.



A student does **not** need to be enrolled full-time in order to receive the student discount, nor being night students. The Student Member Certification Form ([STU-5](#)) states:

## 1. Student (Through Age 30)

Students are individuals enrolled in an educational institution and between the age of legal majority and through age 30 joining any type of Lions club. Students are eligible to receive a charter/entrance fee waiver and pay only half international dues (US\$19.50), through age 30, upon completion of the Student Member Certification Form.

Students of new Campus Lions clubs, or clubs with a majority of student members, are required to prepay one year of international dues (US\$19.50) and submit with the charter application.

## 2. Student Over Age 30 (Joining a Campus Club)

Students over age 30 and joining a Campus Lions club or campus club branch pay a reduced entrance/charter fee of US\$10. Regular international dues apply.

Please send your questions, comments and feedback to: [membershipdev@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipdev@lionsclubs.org).

*Carly Armstrong*

Coordinator  
Membership & New Club Development



# *Recipes for Success*

Let's get some ideas out there – seems we do the same old thing –  
now maybe we can do something different.

## **SERVICE PROJECTS (Don't forget your Lion vests)**

- 1. Meals on Wheels:** Club delivers meals to shut-ins. Schedules are prepared in advance and meals are delivered by teams of two. Not a difficult project but members need to be able to walk and climb stairs. Costs: None
- 2. Delta Ponds Restoration:** Club works four times per year helping to eliminate non-native plants, protect desirable plants from predation by nutria and beavers, plant native plants, pick up trash, and participate in habitat studies.
- 3. Pocket Park Maintenance:** Club helps maintain a small corner of a Park called the "Pocket Park", adjacent to a popular biking, running, walking trail. Jobs include weeding, mowing, planting, edging, periodic painting and in general keeping the park attractive and neat. Costs: None
- 4. Flags:** This is a joint project with the Boy Scouts. Businesses subscribe for flag service at \$50/year. Lions drill hole, purchase holders and flags and Boy Scouts install flags up on holidays and special occasions and Boy Scouts receive \$1 per flag per installation. Costs: Outlay for flags, poles drill and liners
- 5. Tag Sale (Garage Sale):** Conduct a garage sale of donated items. Manpower includes storing, pricing, manning sale, and cleanup. Costs: Site rental?, advertisement, pricing supplies
- 6. Wine Raffle:** Club obtains wine from local wine buyer at a discounted price and sells raffle tickets. Costs: Cost of wine and tickets.
- 7. Adopt-a-Christmas Family:** Club contacts School principal at a low income school in area to provide name of a deserving family. Club gets a reasonable wish list from the family and purchases items with budgeted funds and member donations. Costs: Budget \$300/family
- 8. Donate a meal for Homebound Seniors:** Lions volunteer to pass out cards at selected super markets that customers may take to the checkout register and donate one meal for a day, a week, or a month. The cost added to their grocery bill. Costs: None to Lions.
- 9. Stars and Stripes:** Club places in front of participating businesses on 10 patriotic holidays. The flags are 6 feet tall and are placed in hole drilled in the sidewalk. Charge business \$100 per year. Costs: \$20 per flag (flag, pole and hardware).
- 10. Adopt a School:** Each month club takes something to school such as school supplies, coats, socks, etc. Do flags for first graders. Sponsor a read-a-thon with prizes. Do a "Bunny Backpack Program". Costs: \$200-\$500/year.
- 11. State/County Highway Cleanup:** Club picks up trash along highway. Costs: None.
- 12. Christmas Dinner and Toy Drive:** Club sponsors dinner and collects toys for local children ages 0-18. Costs: Undetermined.
- 13. Senior Breakfast:** Club prepares and serves a free breakfast for area seniors on New Year's Day in cooperation with the Senior Center. Costs: Undetermined.

These are just a few Service Projects from LCI web site. Next month we will pass ideas for Fundraising Projects. **14**



# CLUB REPORTS



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



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

**Athens Campus Lions Club** - We have set this meeting up to elect committee heads. The following committees got their heads: finance, membership recruitment, social events, main event planning, sight conservation, photography, cultural and community, lions service for children, transportation, and environmental. We also discussed the upcoming tree planting event. This event will have to be postponed because UGA doesn't allow to dig holes on a weekend, so it will have to happen on 11, 12 and 15th of April. Members also paid for the t-shirts that will be coming soon, hopefully before the tree planting event. We are also planning to print out a flyer advertising the club, but also containing coupons from local businesses, and leaving this flyer at local bookstores. Seems like there will be two more general meeting left before the end of the semester, however the officers will meet more often to plan ahead for next semester. Some of the officers were missing today, so the reelection of the officers will have to wait until the next meeting.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = We continued our fund-raising efforts this month when we handled the parking at the Georgia Mountains Center for a two-day event. We spent money when we purchased eye exams and glasses for two individuals. We also planted two trees and continued our efforts on the trail at Anna Ruby Falls Park. Administratively, we had one member attend the District Convention and Cabinet Meeting. We also elected our officers for the coming year and coordinated our White Cane Project. Service Hours: 228

We serve!

## Gainesville Lions Club = Uninsured get Good News

Free help clinic expands scope after merger

BY AARON HALE  
ahale@gainesvilletimes.com

Patricia Promise has what doctors call a "complex medical history." The 41-year-old suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, high blood pressure and lupus, conditions that can carry a slew of other ailments, often reducing Promise's kidney function. Her condition requires frequent visits to doctors and a steady dose of expensive medication. On top of all that, Promise is one of about 25,000 to 30,000 uninsured Hall County residents. The unemployed Gainesville resident lost her medical insurance with her job several years ago. Yet despite the ailments, Promise exudes an optimistic determination. "I keep my spirits up," she said. "I don't give up because I still have a purpose." Some of that hope comes from the help received through Hall County-based Good News Clinics, Georgia's largest free clinic, and Health Access Initiative, a coalition of specialist



Good News Clinic staff member Jean Peoples helps Lions Club volunteers David Edge, front, and Cliff Rigby with a project to scan all the clinic's medical records. The clinic relies on volunteers for behind-the-scenes work at the facility.

"They (Good News Clinics) are not only a state model for how it's done, they are a national model."

**Donna Looper,**  
Executive director of the Georgia Charitable Care Network

**Jefferson Lions Club** = **Committee Reports:** Lion Bob Friedlander, co-chair of the Annual Pancake Supper, held March 10, thanked everyone for their work. The estimated earnings is \$1,800 and more money is coming in. Lion Bob recognized many people for their extra work. Lion Sandra Friedlander, co-chair, gave a Longhorn gift card to Lion Larry Briggs for selling the most tickets. She also announced all the businesses that helped with the pancake supper. Lion Jimmy Mock, co-chair, thanked all who worked a double shift and expressed appreciation for the lunchroom staff. He will give final figures at the next meeting. **Eyeglass Collection Committee** - Lion Jerry Legg reported collection of used eyeglasses: 68 eyeglasses, 20 sunglasses, 13 cell phone and 7 hearing aids. Lion Ken Brand reported 32 pairs of new eyeglasses have been donated this year and he has 3 applications on his desk. **Service Projects – Trees** - Lion Jimmy Mock said the Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club planted trees at their school on Friday, March 2. Trees were also planted at East Jackson and South Jackson High Schools. **White Cane** - Lion Bill Rosenberg spoke about the upcoming White Cane Day efforts of our club to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He also distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers. **Road Cleanup:** Lion Dwayne Ansley scheduled Adopt A Road clean up for Monday, March 19 at 6:00 **Sickness, Distress and Praise** - It was good to have Lion Ham Riddle present at the meeting, and to have Lion Alice Rosenberg at the pancake supper. Lion Alice returned to work today but had some swelling and went home early. **New Business:**

**MEETINGS:** **12Mar** - Lion Dot Hunt introduced Lion Grace Clower, Past Council Chairperson of Multiple District 18. Lion Grace has been a member of Snellville Lions Club for 26 years and is a Past District Governor. This year Lion Grace is serving as the District Leadership Chair. Two new clubs have been started in our District. The very enthusiastic Loganville Legacy Club has 99 members ages 19 to 99. The Athens Campus Club has 55 UGA students as members (and expects to add 30 more). Lion Grace is a Guiding Lion. Each new club must have two Guiding Lions who stay with and help a new club for two years. A suggestion for struggling clubs is the Club Excellence Process. The community completes a questionnaire, and the Lions complete a survey. The club then reviews the two documents and sets and determines how to achieve goals. Lion Grace suggested that much information about what Lions do may be obtained from visiting [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). LIC is offering webinars which Lions may take advantage of. **26Mar** - Lion Mack Cates introduced Lion Bill Holley, District Governor Elect for Lions District 18-D, and Bill's wife Gwen. Lion Bill spoke to the club about his journey from New York City, Washington DC, Atlanta and ultimately Athens. Having served as an advocate for disabled peoples, Lion Bill one day found himself with impaired vision and through this and other challenges he learned how to be more motivated in a way that impacts others and strengthens his resolve to be a better person and, now, a better Lion.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** - We did a vision screening on 27 students at Lawrenceville Elementary School with 20 of the students needing a further eye exam with their eye doctor. We had 4 members attend the 3rd Cabinet Meeting/District Convention/New Officer Training classes. We donated 31 used hearing aids, 31 pair of used eyeglasses to the Lighthouse. We donated \$50.00 to Elizabeth Isaacs for refurbishing and donating 15 White Canes to our club to donate to FATDA as they will take them to Liberia along with 200 used eyeglasses that the Lighthouse donated to us for that. We had 3 members attend the Vision Walk for Foundation Fighting Blindness along with \$527. We had 217 volunteer hours.

**Norcross Lions Club** = Three Norcross Lions Club members helped at the GA Lions Lighthouse Vision Clinic in Norcross checking in the clients, doing the initial eye screening, helping the clients choose glasses and fitting those glasses. They spent 12.25 hours in all. We honored two Norcross High School Students of the Month. The students and their parents enjoyed dinner at our club meeting. The students received a framable certificate and \$100. We continue to collect eyeglasses. We turned in 60 eyeglasses, 1 frame, 94 loose lenses, 2 cell phones and 12 sunglasses this month. PDG John Rudert spent 26.5 hours working in the GA Lions Lighthouse Optical Lab edge-grinding lenses this month. DG Ed Hashbarger, PDG John Rudert, and CST Trudy Rudert attended the District 18-F Convention and Rally. They also were present at the District 18-D Convention and Cabinet meeting.



**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = Look what LLLC has done since summer of 2011! 1.) MANY hours of paperwork to start the new club 2.) LLLC Charter Night, dinner 3.) Monthly meetings, board meetings, special event meetings 4.) Attended conference 5.) Family picnic/cookout 6.) Fundraising Golf tournament 7.) Met LCI president Tam & attended Charter dinner for new UGA club in Athens 8.) Attended zone meeting and Hall of Fame ceremony 9.) LLLC fundraiser & information table at Loganville Harvest Festival 10.) Attended district meetings 11.) LLLC table at Trick or Treat on main street in Loganville 12.) Delivered food to 5 families for Thanksgiving 13.) We're providing snacks /assistance for those in need at a local elementary school (ongoing) 14.) Bucket drive for Shop with Heroes at Christmas, donated \$750 15.) LLLC family Christmas luncheon/party 16.) Volunteers at Shepherd Staff ( whenever needed) 17.) Made vision referrals/appointments and glasses for 2 people 18.) Donated 600+ glasses to The Ga. Lighthouse 19.) Attended Ga. Lighthouse meeting/dinner 20.) Attended Snellville meeting/dinner 21.) Attended Snellville Pancake breakfast fundraiser 22.) Helped local families in need with electric bill, food, etc. 23.) Collected food for food drives and Shepherd Staff 24.) Helped stage the Loganville Christmas Parade 25.) Attended the Veterans Day ceremony at Loganville City Hall 26.) Made a monetary donation to The Ga. Lighthouse 27.) Made monetary donation to Walton Co. Special Olympics 28.) Attended Zone meetings 29.) Vision screening at New Song Church Health Fair 30.) Vision screening at Walton Regional 31.) Attended special Olympics fundraising dinner 32.) Attended special Olympics committee meeting 33.) Made 4 new vision referrals/appointments 34.) LLLC has committed to assist where needed at Walton County Special Olympics, including the parade. Just want to share a picture of two incredible young men, both autistic and both very talented. Mark Hollis, Beverly Hollis, and I went to see them on Saturday March 17th. Beverly and I were especially excited to see David Guzman and Ryan Hinkle, as they were in our class at WGES many years ago, even then showing incredible artistic talent. With March being "Exceptional Children's Month" they set up an art gallery at the Cotton Mill on Madison in Monroe. Leo was passed to Michael Colston for this month, congrats Michael!



**White County Lions Club** - Our meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month held at Ma Gooches . We will eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:00. The first Thursday of the month will be a business meeting open to all members. The third Thursday of the month will be our "regular" meeting and will feature a program or speaker. We are grateful for the help of our District Governor Ed Hashbarger, David Sargent of the Clermont/Hall County Lions and Bill Mundy of the Delonega Lions, These gentlemen have committed themselves to helping this club become a viable and important part of our community. Felicia will continue to collect glasses and David Sargent will order new boxes to be distributed. Dr. Calvin Dalton has agreed to be the Membership Charman The Camp Masters golf tournament will be held April 12<sup>th</sup>. We expect to be asked to help with this as one of our projects. John will collect more information on this. The tournament benefits the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. David Sargent is communicating with the Anna Ruby Falls trail project supervisors. Our club will be taking part in that project along with other clubs. Our March 15th meeting featured Gary Vaughters, Chairman, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Gary shared with us some history of the Lighthouse and some facts that impacted White County. Felicia Thomas, Secretary and eyeglass coordinator presented Gary about 400 pair of eyeglasses collected from around the county in donation boxes. Felicia is looking for clubs to share an order for brooms to be sold as a fund raiser.

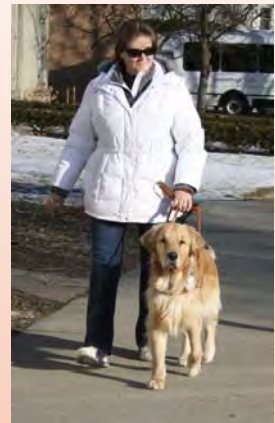


**Toccoa Lions Club = Programs:** 23Feb – Speaker Danny Yearwood talked about the campaign to fight drug abuse in Stephens County. 8Mar – Speaker Al Vulcano of the Toccoa Food Bank talked about the start of the Food Bank in 1992. 22Mar – Speaker Toni Childress of Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Stephens County, Inc. She talked about many programs which are carried on including Read at Home, Welcome Bags for Newborns and many other areas – good program. **Calendar:** White Cane will be held 27 and 28 April. A yard sale to take place at the Vanderhoef’s office to be held on 12 May. Chilly Open Golf Tournament to be held 18 May. **Sight Conservation:** No report. **Membership:** Two applications were presented and approved for two new members. **Pancake Breakfast:** Lion Russ Paxton reported on the Pancake Breakfast. He said that it went well although attendance was off. The JROTC was a great help both in ticket sales and at the breakfast. We should make the budgeted amount. **Zone Meeting:** Many Lions believe they attended the best Lions meeting ever on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lavonia Community Center. Farrell Matthews, demonstrated the used of adaptive devices for the blind. Toccoa Lion Sheila Rousey, demonstrated commands and talked about Leader Dog School for the Blind. This was the first Lions meeting that her Leader Dog Grandt has attended.



Lion Sheila Rousey

Farrell Matthews



## Lions & JROTC Cadets Raise Funds for The Open Arms Clinic

**Winder Noon Lions Club =** The club sponsored the Mobile Food Pantry, which provides food for families in need of assistance. \$800 was donated to support this activity which assisted 488 families. Many people from the community work on this effort. Ten club members worked a total of 25 hours to help with this activity. Lion Bob Norton has collected 177 pairs of eyeglasses. Junior of the Year Program – two juniors were presented certificates. Four club members assisted with the blood drive held by the Winder First United Methodist Church by working in the canteen area. \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities at the club.

**Future Programs/Events** –10 Apr – Winder Noon Lions Golf Tournament. 11 Apr – Tommy Jennings, President, Barrow County Chamber of Commerce. 25Apr – Dr. Al Darby & Glenn Wilson, principals, info, school functions & involvement. *Number of Lion Hours:* 41

**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Glasses Collected: Activities:**

**Programs: 8 March** - Lion Lisa Little introduced our speaker Janice Sedgwick with the Georgia Eye Bank. Janice has Training & Development Supervisory positions with Georgia Eye Bank and has been with the Eye Bank for 15 years. Janice shared that last year about 8,000 deceased donors made possible nearly 22,000 transplants. In addition, there were more than 6,000 transplants from living donors. Over 42,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants were performed in U.S. last year. Currently more than 100,000 men, women & children await lifesaving organ transplants. Unfortunately, the need for donors is much greater than number of people who actually donate. **White Cane:** Lion Jack Gross met with local Commissioner & signed Proclamation for White Cane Days for April 20th and 21st. Also passed out sign -up sheet for White Cane & called for volunteers to go by local businesses & ask permission to solicit for White Cane. First reading of proposed 2012-2013 club officers read by Lion Arthur Gurr. **17 March** - Officers Training/District Convention/Cabinet Meeting was attended by 4 members of the Union County Lions Club. **22 March** - Lion Mary Arnold introduced our speaker Denny Smith from Christian Love Ministries. Christian Love Ministries is a Drug and Alcohol Recovery Center that was started 25 years ago. They operate 2 Thrift Stores, one in Blairsville, one in Peachtree, NC that provides 75% of the revenue for the organization. They offer a 77 day residential program to assist with recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. They have a total of 50 beds including a men's residence (Father's House), and women's residence (Mary's House), a halfway house, and a duplex. Over the last 16 years over 1850 clients have been served. Nomination Committee Chair Lion Jim Wentworth made the second reading of the 2012-2013 officers. There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion to elect the slate of officers was approved.

WORKING LIONS - 151 hours

NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS – 52 hours

Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS* Articles: 4 submitted.



**Did you submit yours?**

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Go on-line = [www.edmclion.com/](http://www.edmclion.com/) or



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Georgia Lions  
**Lighthouse  
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**Service Numbers**

From July to December 2011

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

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

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

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

**Get involved!**

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

**Monday,  
 9 April  
 Athens**

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

**Help Us Use our Recycled  
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**18 D District Chair:**  
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274  
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## White Cane is in April; your packets are in the mail!

Your White Cane packet will include:

2012 to-do list

Lighthouse facts and figures

Wal-Mart locations and an update on the grant application process.

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

If each club can commit to raising funds for at least one sight-saving surgery at \$1,200 a piece, we'll reach our goal in no time!

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



## Night of Spectacles

Helping your community just got fashionable!

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

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

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

**Location:** [Buckhead Theatre](#). Atlanta

Now accepting [sponsorships](#) and [silent auction items](#).

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

Here are some ideas:

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



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Help bring hearing loss education to your community!

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

# Silent Auction Form

The Fifth Annual *Night of Spectacles* will be on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Buckhead Theatre. It will benefit the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to provide vision services to the working poor of Georgia. The proceeds will pay for eye exams, eyeglasses, and eye surgeries for those that are in risk of losing their sight.

This all-evening event will feature fashion, jewelry, and artwork made from recycled eyeglasses, the hottest eyewear of the season, beer, wine, food and fun. We need your tax deductible\* donations to help make the silent auction a success! Donating to the Silent Auction is a great way to give someone a fresh start by giving them the eye care they need to continue living independently. Items from individuals and businesses are both welcome. Donations may include products, services, experiences or gift certificates.

## Recognition

Your business will be promoted to *Night of Spectacles* attendees through:

- Acknowledgment on the auction bid sheets
- Listing of your donation and name on *Night of Spectacles* promotions
- Listing in the Silent Auction Brochure, distributed to attendees
- A colorful table display with your promotional material in the auction area.

## To Make a Donation

Please complete the Silent Auction Donation form by April 15, 2012 and return it to a member of the planning committee. Forms can also be mailed or faxed to Sarah Liz Buckley at the address; 5582 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341; Fax: 404-636-5549. All auction items must be received by a member of the planning committee by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

In addition to silent auction donations, you can also donate small promotional items to serve as party favors/giveaways. To donate, please indicate item and quantity.

## For More Information, Please Contact:

Sarah Liz Buckley, sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org

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### Items that were hot commodities at last year's event included:

Designer Eyewear  
Vacation Getaways  
Restaurant Gift Certificates  
Catering Packages  
Outdoor Adventures  
Sporting Event Tickets  
Health and Fitness Classes and Personal Training  
And more!



## The 5th annual

When: Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Where: Buckhead Theatre, Atlanta

The 2012 The one-of-a-kind eyewear fashion event supports vision services for the uninsured.

Buy your tickets online at [www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org) and support the Lighthouse's biggest fund-raiser of the year!

# Silent Auction Donation Form

USE ONE FORM FOR EACH SEPARATE ITEM DONATED

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

## DONATED ITEM

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Item Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost or Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Description of Item\*:

Exclusions or Black-out Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions of how to redeem: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Include any additional information or materials such as a photo, brochure or menu**

## DELIVERY OPTIONS

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**Please Check the Appropriate Delivery Option**

\_\_\_\_\_ via mail to arrive no later than April 15, 2012 to Sarah Buckley, 5582 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341

\_\_\_\_\_ via hand delivery to a planning committee member. (Delivered to: \_\_\_\_\_)





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



*" Its Spring Fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want-oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"*

*Mark Twain*

We have begun to hammer down specific plans for this summer and I am very excited about all that is in store for this summer. I find myself wanting. longing for something. Something greater. Something mind boggling. Something worthy of the phrase "Defying Gravity." Something steeped in Tradition, something refreshingly new. Something that will leave such an impact on the campers that every time they speak of camp they speak of this upcoming summer, because to not speak of it would be a shame.

My administrative team has been diligently working on coming up with just those things. These longings don't just stop when it comes to this summer.

\* I long to present the camp in new clubs. I believe this is a necessary step for our growth.

\* I long to see more clubs support the camp financially.

\* Lastly, I long to see this upcoming Work Weekend be full of workers. There is still a ton of work that needs to be done! Will you please join us for one of these great weekends, if not both? The reservation form is in this newsletter. Please let us know if you are planning on coming, so that we can ensure that we have enough food. I promise there will be enough work!

"Defying  
Kristen



*Dear Lions of Georgia,*

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

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

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

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

My Fellow Lions,

**I have been on the road!**

Since my last letter to you, I have been on the road every weekend attending one District Convention after the other. One more to go this coming weekend and the infamous Salmon Run will be over for the last time for me. It has been a blast visiting all my friends throughout the State and sharing what is going on at Our Camp.



Your Camp is doing well and we are getting primed for the upcoming Camping Season. Kristen has been working hard putting her Summer Staff together. I'll let her tell you much more about that.

Mike as well is preparing for the upcoming Camping Season. The big help that he will get from you and me at the upcoming Work Weekends will set the stage for how the Camp looks for the Season. We have lots of work to do and we have one more weekend set aside to get that work done. They are:

April 28-29, 2012

The big project we are undertaking this year is completing the transition of our Bunk House. The completed Bunkhouse will give us more capacity and versatility for taking care of those "We Serve". There are many more worthwhile projects to be done, and your skill can be used to make our Camp better. Please come join us for these weekends of hard work and good fellowship. I promise that you will leave tired but full of love for your Camp!

Lastly - Lion Doy and I have been working well together to transition my role to her on July 1st. We all know how time flies by and she and I have been working now since her election to make this the best transition ever. I will tell you that you did well, Lion Doy is going to be a outstanding President for Our Camp!

As always – Thank you for all you do for our Camp and those “We Serve”. After all "Camp is for the Camper"!

*April 27-29, 2012 - Work Weekend at the Camp.*

*May 25, 2012 - Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention in Savannah, GA.*

*June 3, 2012 - Summer Camping Season starts.*

*July 21, 2012 - Lions Day at Our Camp!*

Take Care and God Bless!

*Frank Spinney*

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

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Well spring time is here and it is time to start with some spring cleaning, landscape style. The grass hasn't really started to grow yet, but the weeds have. I have actually mowed around the office area and the pecan field twice. We have been blessed with some much needed rain and that has started things to grow. Here is an update on a couple of projects that are going on. The two oak trees behind the directors house have been cut down and removed. Some of the drywall in the bunk house has been hang, the rest will be done on Leo weekend by the Moultrie Leo's and anyone else who would like to help. We will need help in taping and mudding the joints

This will allow us to be ready to spray texture on the ceiling and walls. The tile in the bathrooms and showers is being installed and it will be about 85% complete by Leo weekend. The ceilings and the little bit of drywall exposed will need to be taped and mudded so we can have this area ready to spray also.

I am looking forward to Leo weekend and the two work weekends coming up. I believe that with the volunteers that show up to help we can have the Bunk House Dorm ready for summer camp. If you have not sent in your reservation form for the weekends you can come and help us work, please do so. This helps us organize the designated jobs that need to be done and lets us know how many hotdogs to boil. Just kidding, you know we will feed you something better than a hot dog! We had a very good turnout of people last year and we look to have even more this year. You know that help is very much appreciated.

Some of you have asked about the planting of some citrus and fruit trees around the camp. I have called in for some pricing from a local nursery but as my wife was at Lowes last week she said that they have a verity of these trees available that will grow in this area. I will check on the sizes and their cost and let you know. Maybe we can pick up a few and distribute them around the camp site.

Well it is time to start picking up the supplies we will need, so let me get back to work. See you soon.

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## **LIONS WORK WEEKENDS APRIL 27th-29th, 2012**

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

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

- \*21. Start clearing out an are 15' on each side of the walking trail (just the wild brush not he large trees, clean around the trees)
- \*22. Clear out around the Low Ropes Course 15 to 20 feet of its perimeter and inside its perimeter
- \*23. Clear out around the Adirondack Buildings 15 to 20 feet
- 24. Clear out over growth and pick up dead limbs along the eastside of the camp near low ropes course
- 25. Repair weathered wood at the stables (materials needed)
- 26. Rebuild and put cosmetic window back on the stable storage room
- 27. Paint stables Barn Red and trim in White (paint needed)
- 28. Rebuild Horse Shoe game form boards and replace sand



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

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## GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP

### *Weekend Reservation Form*

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

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

March 23-25 & April 27-29

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please indicate number of each participant for each item below:

Meals: Saturday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Dear Lions and Friends:

## **Cycling for Leader Dogs**

*A solo cross-country bicycle tour*



### **Welcome to Cycling for Leader Dogs.**

**Cycling for Leader Dogs is a 3,500 mile trans-America solo bicycle tour from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine. The goal of this effort is to increase awareness and raise money in support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.**

Most of us probably had a “back to school” assignment as children where we were asked to write about, “What I did over my summer vacation?” This fall, La Center, Washington school superintendent Mark Mansell will have plenty to talk about if he was asked to complete the same assignment.

He is planning on riding his bicycle from Portland, Oregon across the country all the way to Portland, Maine or approximately 3,500 miles. “I enjoy challenges and I love to learn”, Mansell said. “Given the chance to attempt something like this is a very special opportunity that is extremely exciting.”



Putting in the miles is just part of the challenge Mansell is putting before himself. He is also a member of the La Center Lions Club and has decided to raise money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. “Given the time commitments of my job, I have not really been able to participate in many Lion’s functions beyond our local community. When my school board gave me a two month sabbatical, I jumped at the idea of working to support Leader Dogs”, Mansell said.

The goal is to raise at least \$35,000 in order to help someone in need to receive a service dog. To achieve this goal, Mansell (with the support of his home club and interested clubs along the trip route) will work to secure nearly 1,000 sponsors as part of a “penny per mile” for Leader Dogs effort. All donations of \$35 or more will receive a *Cycling for Leader Dogs* vest pin commemorating this solo cross-country bicycle trip.

### **Planning, planning and more planning.**

With the trip less than four months away (departure date is June 16th), there is a lot of planning to get accomplished. Trip route planning, club contacts, written communications, fundraising strategies, equipment preparations and of course lots of training to get done.



Here is an update on some of the progress being made. One of the first tasks to work on was coming up with a trip logo and ordering sponsorship pins. My daughter Jessie (a designer by training) helped produce the sponsorship pin. With the help of [pinpros.com](http://pinpros.com), we were able to get the initial order of these pins underway. The pins should arrive in the next few weeks. With a 3,500 mile trip, anyone who provides a one cent per mile sponsorship (or at least \$35 donation) will receive a pin. To meet our goal, we will need to secure 1,086 individual "one penny per mile" sponsors to surpass our \$38,000 target.



The next task in the communications department was to design a card (baseball cards size) to hand out to people to explain the trip and what we are raising money for ([Leader Dogs for the Blind](http://LeaderDogsfortheBlind.org)). Additionally, these cards can be handed out along the journey to quickly communicate to people what we are working to accomplish.

We have also been working on getting this blog up and running so those interested will be able to follow our progress. The web address for this site was also secured ([www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org](http://www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org)) so people can easily find the site and join the cause. My wife Debbie will also be working on creating a Cycling for Leader Dogs Facebook page as well, so stay tuned for this addition. She will also be the keeper of the blogs once I am on the road as well as taking care of all the long distance trip logistics.

***A bit about Lion Mark***

Lion Mark is a proud member of the La Center Lions Club. Lions Clubs are service organizations with more than 1.3 million members worldwide. He makes his home in La Center, Washington with his wife Debbie (also a Lion).

He is an educator by training and an adventurer in spirit. His hobbies include learning, distance running, camping, metal working and of course bicycling.

Lion Mark's "day job" requires 60 or more hours a week, so that never left too much time for Lions activities beyond the local club level. When the chance to take two months off from work came about, the idea of bicycling across America quickly filled the vacant schedule.

Leader Dogs for the Blind began as a Lions Club endeavor and has served thousands of blind and vision impaired individuals over the past three-quarter century. The chance to seize the opportunity to help make a positive difference for this wonderful organization and fulfill a dream adventure created a perfect combination for Lion Mark.

**And as they say... "The rest is history."**

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**Lion Sheila Rousey at Leader Dog School**

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





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



**Thank You to the Lions Clubs of Georgia**

## "Covert Affairs" Star Steps Up for Learning Ally

When Chris arrived, our Los Angeles production staff (Sherry Weekes, Jesse Clemens and Bruce Feldman) gave him a choice between recording portions of two books: *Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation* by Barry A. J. Fisher, or the breezier *William Mulholland and the Rise of Los Angeles* by Catherine Mulholland. Chris said he was game to try a bit of both titles; his volunteer director Nicole Angileri remarked that he would indeed get a truer picture of the Learning Ally experience by reading books across the educational spectrum.



While I took him on a tour of the studio, Chris described an opportunity he's had to develop treasured friendships within Toronto's community

of blind individuals – an experience that has helped him develop his fictional character. He was quietly insightful and very interested in Learning Ally's mission and technology. Our staff and volunteers alike found him to be kind, humble, and off to a great start as a volunteer, should his schedule ever permit!

"I am very impressed by the great work Learning Ally is doing, and the options you are providing for people who are blind or who have other differences," said Chris. To encourage others to try their hand at volunteering, he added "You will be doing something incredibly valuable for your community. Learning Ally should be supported." We are grateful to be on his radar, and glad that he'd like to come back again. Many thanks to Chris and the USA Network for supporting *Different Ways to Read Across America*.



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

## Jeffrey Adams, Iraq War Veteran, and Service Dog Sharif

In November 2004, Jeffrey was on patrol in Baghdad when a roadside bomb was detonated just 10 feet from him. As a result, 97% of his left leg had to be amputated.

Since then Jeffrey has recovered from his injury and walks with a prosthetic titanium leg. "I didn't think I needed an assistance dog," said Jeffrey. "Then I saw them in action, helping other people with disabilities. I thought it was pretty amazing. I still didn't think I needed one though. But my wife says I'm stubborn and told me to follow up. So, I asked around and applied to Canine Companions for Independence."

"Having a CCI assistance dog has really changed my life," shared First Lieutenant Jeffrey Adams as he graduated from CCI Team Training with his new service dog Sharif.



photo by Michael Livera

## Jeffrey Adams and CCI Service Dog Sharif

"When I first heard about CCI, I thought I don't need a canine companion. Now I know how wonderful it will be and there are new possibilities for me that I didn't expect," shares Jeffrey.



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

**Register.**

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

**Join the Atlanta Tour de Cure!**



Date: May 20, 2012  
 Start Location: Boundary Waters Park  
 Event Manager: Aimee Yrlas Simpson  
 Email: [asimpson@diabetes.org](mailto:asimpson@diabetes.org)  
 For more information,  
 call 1-888-DIABETES x3034 or  
 404-320-7100 x3034 or [Contact Us](#).

GOAL: \$775,000.00  
 ACHIEVED: \$240,987.29

**Are You A Red Rider?**



A Red Rider lives with diabetes every day, type 1 or type 2. A Red Rider lives with diabetes every day, type 1 or type 2.

You are why we ride and we want to celebrate you at the Tour de Cure.

With hundreds of riders who may share a similar story, and hundreds more to support you, being a Red Rider can help with your first step or your millionth—in your fight to live a healthier life!

Register and learn more about the Red Rider program on the Red Rider page on this site and from your local coordinator at 1-888-DIABETES.



**Diabetes in the News**



We are the authoritative source of information about diabetes in the United States.

Below are links to current news stories. The information contained in the articles below does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the American Diabetes Association.

For more information on recent research, our [Access: Diabetes Research](#) provides summaries of articles published in respected medical journals on diabetes and related conditions. The summaries contain links to the original research paper and to other resources. View our most recent [press releases](#).

**Recent News**

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Go to this web site and check out the stories above:

<http://www.diabetes.org/news-research/news/diabetes-in-the-news/?loc=DropDownNR-diabetesnews>



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

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

**"Imagine Peace"**

**Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

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



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY  
CONTEST RULES**

Dear Lions,

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

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United Nations International Year of Youth  
Non-Profit Organization



Lions Quest  
Non-Profit Organization

Some tell stories of what they do – have you posted your information?

Public service focus of teens in new Amherst Leo Club

Reading books and playing games with children at Shriners Hospital, raising money for the town's homeless shelter and collecting dog toys for service animals are among good deeds performed by a new Leo club formed at the Amherst Regional Middle School.



Children's Services—District Chair Mark Bradley: LCI's Services to Children program falls under the Youth Opportunities area. A few years after the Youth Committees were set by LCI, the Board deemed it appropriate not to forget the youngest of our citizens—the children. The major initiative of the Children's Services program centers on health and education, which opens a wide range of projects and activities your club in 18-D can be involved in. Thus, any project which benefits children or targets that age group is a Children's Services project.



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

The National and Community Service Act of 1990 defines service-learning as: "a method under which students or participants learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that is conducted in and meets the needs of the community; is coordinated with an elementary school, secondary school, institute of higher education, or community service program, and with the community; and helps foster civic responsibility; and that is integrated into and enhances the academic curriculum of the students..."

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## **Lions Quest Correlation with Rachel's Challenge**

Rachel's Challenge was founded to honor the memory and spirit of Rachel Scott, the first student killed in the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School. Rachel's Challenge seeks to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change in their school, business and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. These admirable goals are shared by Lions Quest. In order to highlight how these programs can work together, we have added a Lions Quest [Correlation with Rachel's Challenge](#) to our Web site. [Learn more about Rachel and Rachel's Challenge.](#)



## **Lions Quest on the Web**



Social and emotional learning just got more "social." Now you can follow [Lions Quest on G+](#), Google's social networking site.

And check out our new [Timeline Facebook Fan Page](#).

## **Community Partnership Grants**

[Community Partnership Grants](#) can be used to bring Lions Quest to a new community, or to reactivate dormant programs. Grants are non-matching, up to \$10,000 and awarded on a rolling basis.

## **Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School Time Curriculum**



Are your local schools or youth centers looking for a quality SEL summer program? If so, tell them about Lions Quest's [SFA for OST](#). Our out-of-school-time program combines SEL skill building and service-learning to create a meaningful middle school program that enriches students and summer. [Click here to place an order.](#)

Celebrate [Global Youth Service Day](#) on April 20-22.

Join the [Million T-Shirt March Against Bullying](#) on May 17, 2012.

Celebrate people in action with [National Volunteer Week](#), April 15 - 21, 2012.

## **Special Olympics Project Unify Grants**

Projects must demonstrate the core essence of service-learning. Budgets for projects can range from \$100 to \$5,000.

Deadline: Rolling through May 31.

## **State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants**

Currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that are designed to create sustainable change in local communities across the United States.

Deadline is May 4.

## **Our Workshops in Their Words**

*"The presenter was very informative, interactive, and engaging. Enjoyed it very much."*

- Detroit, MI

*"This was an excellent, inspiring workshop."*

- Laramie, WY

*"I am very grateful for all the learning that was imparted to me."*

- Goodyear, AZ

**LIONS OF GEORGIA**

2012 MD 18 CONVENTION

SAVANNAH, GA

MAY 25-26-27, 2012

**HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION**

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

<b>Club:</b>		<b>District:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>			

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

**Cost of Hospitality Book is:**

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

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	#	@	\$35.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention			<b>Total Amount Due:</b>	\$	
<b>Check #/Cash:</b>		<b>Date Paid:</b>		<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:**

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912-526-8808 – Home  
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**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Savannah Marriott Riverfront  
100 General McIntosh Boulevard  
Savannah, GA 31401  
912-233-7722 or 1-800-285-0398  
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel  
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

During this year's state convention, we are again offering a number of training sessions. As of now, it looks like the line-up will be as follows:

\*zone chairs  
\*CEP facilitators

\*club presidents and vice-presidents  
\*membership orientation

\*club secretaries  
\*club extension

Fellow Lions:

The State Convention is just around the corner! We would like your help in order to make it a complete success. This year's featured highlights are -

- \*A professional photographer on Saturday- free online photos
- \*Dynamic hands on training sessions
- \*A special dinner catered by Paula Deen & Sons
- \*Beautiful Savannah location
- \*Friday night well known Entertainment

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**Marriott Riverfront Hotel**  
**Savannah, Georgia**

The price of the raffle ticket is \$1.00. Winning ticket to be pulled at Convention.  
Winner need not be present to win.

To receive Raffle Tickets, contact: Lion Chip Nedza via email at [chip993@msn.com](mailto:chip993@msn.com)



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