



<u>District Governor</u> Bill Holley

Is it Time for a Change or are These Changing Times?

Hello fellow Lion members in District 18D! I pray this message finds you and your family members in the best of health and spirit. This message is written in reflection of the many changes occurring in district 18D. As of July 2013 District 18D will become a part of Lion history. The new District I will replace District 18D. The only notable difference is that we will grow from 38 clubs to 56 clubs; however, there will be an increase in the number of lions who will not be familiar with each other. This will create opportunities for our growth and development in communities unfamiliar to lions in Districts D and F.

Change, for many people, is uncomfortable because of our reluctance to familiarize ourselves with new ideas and practices. As lions, we have a responsibility to accept the challenge of communicating with a broader population. Change is, more often than not, an exciting journey into our future. We should expect growth, challenge, and development of our lions clubs throughout District I. Again, we are presented with the opportunity to grow and complete our mission of serving those less fortunate than ourselves.



Our first opportunity to take advantage of this new era is the last Cabinet Meeting for 18D, to be held on May 4, 2013 at the Comer Fairgrounds which is located on Georgia Highway 22, in Comer, Georgia. This event will allow us to come together as District D for the last time, but invest in the growth of District I by attending, participating in this event. As such, we have invited District F to celebrate with us. We encourage you to come and bring your family and potential lions to celebrate this occasion. Meat is being provided and members should bring a side dish, paper products and soft drinks. While this event might seem new, it is within the tradition of Lionism to come together to share food and good times. We are excited about the event and the opportunity to serve.

Leading by example: Together we serve

District Governor Bill Holley



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

2013 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention









BOB CORLEW INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

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

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

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

Saturday: 6 District Breakfasts; General Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District

Governor's Banquet

Sunday: 4 District Breakfast; Necrology Service;

Final Convention Business Session.

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:

Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2013

Hotel Info:

Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center
Two Tenth Street · Augusta, Georgia 30901 USA

Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

District 18-I presentations to:

1st Vice District Governor Vicki Hubbard
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Angela Helwig 18-D
Bonnie Linscott Golden Chain Chair 18-D
Frank Jensen Nomination Chair 18-F



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



CHANGE

Saturday 4 May 2013 ---- 2pm

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

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



POT LUCK Bring your favorite so everyone can enjoy

2013 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention







Fellow Lions,

The 92nd MD-18 Georgia Lions State Convention is fast approaching and will be here sooner than you think! It's only 9 weeks away – May 31 through June 2, 2013. The convention this year is being held at the Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites, downtown on the riverfront. All meetings, meals and rooms will be in one convenient location at this large convention hotel.

The Committee has been working diligently to plan the BEST convention ever. I know that every convention committee says this, but we really are going to give you the best convention you've ever attended. For those who play golf, welcome to the golf capital of the world! There will be a golf outing on Friday morning at one of the most beautiful, luxurious courses in the area. Please contact Lion Frank Spinney right now (LionSpinney@aol.com) for info & to sign up! There will be exceptional entertainment on Friday evening following the opening ceremonies. On Saturday you will have ample opportunities to go sight-seeing and experience all of the special treats that Augusta has to offer. There truly is something for everyone: the history buff, the antique collector, the connoisseur of fine foods, the discerning shopper, etc.

There will be a couple of things done differently this year. On Saturday morning we will have our traditional six district breakfasts. However, on Sunday morning – in recognition of MD-18 being redrawn from six to four districts – there will be FOUR district breakfasts. This will give everyone a final opportunity to come together as one before the new Lions year begins. Also, there will only be ONE hospitality room. However, it will be big enough to accommodate about 100 people at a time. Again, this will give everyone the chance to mix & mingle and get to know one another better.

Hospitality books are still available. The current price is \$125.00 per person, and that rate will be good through April 30, 2013. On May 1st the price goes to \$140.00 per person. So, <u>please</u>, get your reservations in now! The Melvin Jones Luncheon is still only \$30.00 per person; this will be a plated meal that we guarantee you will enjoy. If you have already signed up for the convention but didn't sign up for the luncheon just send in another registration form for the MJF Luncheon only along with payment. **You <u>DO</u> NOT have to be a MJF to attend this luncheon!**

You must contact the hotel to make your reservations. The price is \$110.00 per night (plus tax) and will be good through May 3, 2013. After that, the block on the rooms will be removed and the price will go up to whatever the hotel is charging at that time. If you want to come in early, this rate is effective from Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1. Call the hotel at (706) 722-8900 (local number) and tell them you're with the Lions Convention to get this special rate. Rooms are going quickly so don't wait, call today to make your reservation!

The convention registration form has been published in your district newsletters and is available on the state website. One is also being attached with this email. If you have any questions about the Convention please contact Lion Jon Winters at (706) 833-0458 or wint4778@bellsouth.net. We look forward to seeing you in Augusta!

Yours in Service,

Jon Winters

Home/Fax: (706) 592-9622 Cell: (706) 833-0458

NOTE: at the present time there are only 39 Lions signed up for the State Convention.

Hospitality Books are \$125.00 It goes up on 1 May Don't procrastinate – get you info in and get your books and register.



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out =

Lions News Network

• LQ-Lions Quarterly

International President Wayne A. Madden





Women & Family Development Netcast



International Directors Carolyn Messier, Judy Hankom, Joe Al Picone and Sangeeta Jatia on Tuesday, April 30 from 7-8:00 CDT as they discuss how Lions can attract women and family members. As members of International President Madden's 2012-13 Women's & Family Membership Development Task Force, these directors have been gaining new understanding of the opportunities and challenges with women and family membership in order to find ways to engage these key groups. Find out what they have been learning and be prepared to share your ideas. Register today for the April Membership Netcast.

May is Lions Recycle for **Sight Month**



Celebrate

Recycle for Sight Month by organizing an eyeglass collection in your neighborhood, workplace or local business. LCI offers colorful promotional resources your club can personalize and distribute to support your efforts. Get involved with community schools by offering to give a brief presentation about eyeglass recycling, start a collection campaign or sponsor a school contest to encourage eyeglass collection. If your club is new to eyeglass recycling, it's easy to get started with the Club Guide for Collecting Used Eyeglasses. Learn how your club can contribute used eyeglasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses, to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center for optical missions to developing countries.

"Protecting Our **Environment" Global Service Action Campaign**



connection with Earth Day on April 22, this month's "Protecting Our Environment" Global Service

Action campaign encourages Lions to plan environmental service projects that help raise awareness and protect our earth. Activities include planting trees, organizing a beach clean-up, sponsoring a nature camp for youth and establishing a school-wide recycling program. Environmental projects are a great way to engage the entire community in hands-on volunteer work that makes a big impact. Get more project ideas and resources, and take action!



LIONS QUARTERLY





Watch **LO** to learn about a Lions Farm-to-School Garden. Watch

CONTESTS

2013-14 Peace Poster Contest

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Lions Clubs Blog

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

Digital Lion Magazine

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

Lions Club iPhone App

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

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE















Dear Lion,

When I have the opportunity to visit projects that are completed with the help of Lions Clubs International Foundation, I am always impressed with the <u>range of humanitarian needs</u> that are met. Lions believe in helping



their communities and the world in so many different ways.

I was able to visit several projects in India this month, including the Lions Calcutta Greater Vidya Mandir School. The school provides an education to children who may not have such opportunities otherwise. Last year, LCIF awarded Lions a grant to help expand this school, allowing it to raise the enrollment capacity from 980 students to 1,400.



Through this project, Lions are not only serving and supporting the young people in their communities, they are also meeting a humanitarian need by providing educational opportunities. I know how important these opportunities

can be for a child's development. As my father told me when I was young, you cannot keep your wealth and health forever, but only knowledge for the rest of your life.

Lions in India not only showed me this school, but also brought me to the B. B. D. Bagh blood bank at the Marwari Relief Society hospital in Kolkata. There, Lions ensure that blood donations are properly managed. Also, the capacity of the blood bank was increased through new equipment from an LCIF grant.

This notable and needed project caused me to reflect on the greater accomplishments of LCIF: Lions come together to accomplish something great and make a difference for many people worldwide. As the needs for humanitarian service evolve with time, so too must Lions

and LCIF. And, I believe that we are. Thank you for your support and efforts to help people in need!

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Bringing Hope Two Years Later in New Zealand and Japan

When large tragedies suddenly struck New Zealand in February 2011 and Japan in March 2011, Lions and LCIF immediately sprang into action, helping in any way possible. Among the first to offer help by providing food, water and shelter, Lions are also known for their commitment to long-term relief.



Now, two years later, club members remain committed to strengthening

communities and lives by focusing efforts on addressing unmet needs and rebuilding vital infrastructure. Lions in New Zealand have built a transitional community facility at St. Albans in the city of Christchurch to support ongoing community needs. And among other projects, Lions in Japan provided major medical equipment for hospitals, including a full-body radiation detection unit, ophthalmology equipment and an x-ray machine. These continuing efforts are made possible through LCIF thanks to the incredible generosity from Lions and friends worldwide.

A Year in Review

Last year, LCIF and Lions brought hope to millions of people worldwide, thanks to your generosity. Because of you, Rangita was able to see her father for the first time after <u>cataract</u> <u>surgery</u>; Sanjay in Nepal was able to help provide <u>measles</u> <u>vaccinations</u> to children in need; Sunidhi in India was able to better understand adolescence through



<u>Lions Quest</u>; and Indji in Haiti was able to attend a nursing school, which was <u>rebuilt following the earthquake</u> in 2010. Read through LCIF's <u>Annual Report</u> story in LION magazine to learn how your <u>donations</u> to the Foundation changed lives and gave hope to millions of people around the world. Thank you for your support!







PU 101's

As you all know – LCI requires PU 101's to be submitted preferably by internet MyLCI Website or by snail mail. There is a time they are due. It is very important that each and every club submit this form (now 2 pages) whether or not the club officers remain the same. It is also important that they arrive early at least by the 15th of April. This is because we need the information within the District in order to make the State Directories on a timely manner. Your cooperation is badly needed in this regard.

Mailing instructions:

a. Send one copy to International Headquarters using the enclosed envelope or using the following address:

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 300 WEST 22ND STREET OAK BROOK, IL 60523-8842 USA

E-mail: stats@lionsclubs.org
Fax: 630-706-9295

b. Send one copy to your District Governor.

c. Alternatively, next year officers can be submitted via the MyLCI Web site.

http://mylci.lionsclubs.org

Brand is the "name, term, design, symbol, or any other feature that identifies one seller's good or service as distinct from those of other sellers. Initially, *Branding* was adopted to differentiate one person's cattle from another's by means of a distinctive symbol burned into the animal's skin with a <u>hot iron stamp</u>, and was subsequently used in <u>business</u>, <u>marketing</u> and <u>advertising</u>. A modern example of a brand is *Lions Clubs International*. A brand is the most valuable fixed asset of a Corporation or Service Organization.

Check out page 26 – we need as many Lions to participate in the upcoming 15 June Braves game. We need to show ourselves – come and enjoy.

Follow Your Dream: During 2013-14, Lions are challenged to follow their dream to reach new heights. As we strive to achieve our dreams, we need responsible leaders who provide timely feedback, share accountability and work in teams. Our overall dream as an organization is to serve those in need in every community in the world. To achieve this dream, we must expand our reach by strengthening existing clubs, adding new clubs and recruiting new members.



MEMBERSHIP



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

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

We cannot continue in the wrong direction.

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

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



Dear Lion,



In the northern hemisphere, the month of March is a transitional period. The snow has stopped falling, the temperatures are warming, and plants and trees are once again beginning to blossom. It is spring. A time many people refer to as rejuvenation. The same can be said for Lions Clubs International. March is the perfect time for clubs to invite new members, and for districts to

charter new clubs to close out the year with a strong finish.

This month, <u>clubs</u> and <u>districts</u> will be holding the third of four pit stops. This is the time for clubs to review their accomplishments so far this year, and plan your calendar for the remaining four months – to include activities in support of the fourth Global Service Action Campaign <u>Protecting our Environment</u>. There is also time to participate in the <u>Reading Action Program</u> (RAP), or do your second or even third RAP project. And clubs can still qualify for the <u>Club Excellence Award</u>.

Last month, district governors received an email explaining how to qualify for the Winners Circle Award, which will be based on the end of March membership and club numbers. The award criteria were specifically designed so all district governors still have an opportunity to receive an award. Even districts that are currently showing negative growth can qualify for an award with just a little more acceleration.

This is indeed a very busy time of the year. Club presidents and district governors have four months left in their respective terms. Keeping your engine running at high speed will ensure your year ends on a high note.

Finally, I want to urge you all to <u>register for the 2013 International Convention</u> in Hamburg, Germany. This year's convention is going to be one to remember. Highlights include our international parade, keynote address by former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush, and presentation of the Humanitarian Award to opera singer Andrea Bocelli. As part of his acceptance speech, Mr. Bocelli will perform live.

Reading Action Program

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

American
Foundation for the Blind

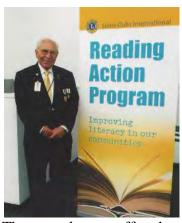
Perkins School for the Blind

The Hadley
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Blind

National
Federation of
the Blind

I look forward to seeing many of you in Hamburg. In the meantime, there is much to be accomplished. So make sure your engines are tuned up as we sprint toward the finish line!!

Sincerely,



Lions Clubs at United Nations

Lion Joe and Marilynn Hirsch showcases the Reading Action Program at the United Nations. An historic 68 year partnership between Lions Club International and the United Nations was held on 1 Feb at the United Nations world headquarters in New York.



The annual event offered an opportunity to reflect on the common goals of the two organizations, the many accomplishments of working together and a shared commitment to meeting the humanitarian needs of the global community. The meeting included a message from Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and a luncheon with U.N. Ambassadors and delegates. More than 300 Lions from far reaches of the world were in attendance. Lion President Wayne Madden spoke of a new focus on how people can work together to improve literacy and access to education and strengthening commitment to serve people with vision loss.

Pit Stop Four (April – June)

Service

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

Membership and Public Relations

- Continue to mentor new members and reach out to inactive members.
- Participate in Lions Worldwide Induction Day in April.
- Publicize your club's service to local media outlets using LCI's <u>sample news release</u> and your club's social media.

Operations

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

Finish Line! Apply for the Club Excellence Award

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The focus of our Global Leadership Team in the days ahead will be Club Officer Training. I hope each club is working on their slate of officers for Lions year 2013-2014. We will be holding our first joint District D & F Club Officer Training on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the Comer Lions Club Building in Comer, GA. This training will precede our final District D Cabinet Meeting and picnic. Everyone is invited.

Our joint District D & F Member Orientation Training, held at the District Convention, was a great success. Thanks to PDG Richard Henderson and 2^{nd} VDG Pete Stamsen for leading this training. We continue to encourage all clubs to hold their own Member Orientation sessions periodically throughout the year. This is a great way for your new members to learn about Lions.

There continues to be webinars offered by LCI on many different subjects. You can also go to the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org and our training website, www.lionsclubs.org and our training website, www.lionstraining.us for more information on all aspects of Lions.

Planning is underway for Zone Chair Training and Certified Guiding Lion Training. PCC Kembra Smith, District F GLT Coordinator, and I will be working together to plan these sessions. Please contact me at graceclower@comcast.net for any questions or any needs you might have in the way of training and/or leadership issues. Thanks for all you do!

PCC Grace Clower 18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Training Materials/Resources

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



New Lions Learning Center Login

Want to see how to access and utilize the new Lions Learning Center login? View a <u>short video</u> on how to log in, create an account, take a course and use other account features.

Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

We invite you to <u>experience an interactive tutorial on being a webinar participant</u>. Upon finishing this tutorial you will be able to register, log in and actively participate in a webinar.

How to Use a Microsoft Office PowerPoint Presentation

Would you like to deliver effective and visually interesting presentations and training? If so, the online tutorial, <u>How to use a Microsoft Office PowerPoint Presentation</u> can help! This interactive tutorial demonstrates how to open and save a PowerPoint presentation from the Leadership Resource Center, and how to copy and insert new slides into a presentation to adapt it for your audience. You will also learn how to view a presentation as a slide show, and how to print speaking notes for your presentation. Click here for the <u>tutorial reference guide</u>.

<u>Club Officers Orientation</u> - <u>http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php</u>
<u>Officers.php</u>
This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses.

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

Club President
Club Secretary
Club Treasurer



Global Membership Team

The GMT is certainly taking the right road to successful membership development goals, but how smooth is the course?

Districts can navigate the hills and valleys along the way and avoid unnecessary detours by staying in close communication with New Club Growth Team Specialists and Club Success Team Specialists. Utilizing the energy and strength of the entire team will improve and smooth the path to achieving and even exceeding membership goals.

Has your district scheduled their next "pit stop?" The President's Pit Stop checklist will further enhance the impact of club membership development efforts. The Pit Stop checklist emphasizes key components to healthy, influential and organized clubs.

GMT District Coordinator Checklist

- Promote President's Pit Stop program
- Review and update communications schedule
- Share contact information
- Utilize opportunities to speak at zone meetings
- Promote e-Clubhouse
- Review Specialist guides

Quarterly Membership Goal

Reach out to members who have not been active the last few months. Find out why they have not been as involved and encourage their participation in an upcoming service project or event. You may find out something new about that member that can be beneficial to the club.

Certified Guiding Lions for Club Rebuilding

A new module has been developed to apply the Certified Guiding Lion strategy to assist failing or cancelled clubs. The module includes:

- Rebuilding Guiding Lion Assignment Form
- Certified Guiding Lion Rebuilding Assessment
- PowerPoint

For more information on the new module, please visit the LCI Web page. For questions regarding the Certified Guiding Lion Program, please contact the District and Club Administration Division.

Requesting the Club Excellence Process is Now Easier!

Lions Clubs International is excited to announce an easier process to request the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Clubs, districts, and zones can now directly request CEP using one of the two new simplified request forms found on the LCI Web site.



Lions from all over the United States and Canada will converge on this corporate headquarters city that is a south suburb of Kansas City, Kansas for 3 days of leadership, motivation, and inspiration. The planning committee is diligently working to make this a grand event and we always try to top the previous forums.

You might be wondering, "Why should I go to Overland Park?" I will admit that there are no mountains, oceans, or sand beaches. With that in mind, the planning committee and the Overland Park host committee are even more committed to providing a memorable experience for you. Also, we have been challenged to refresh and "change-up" the Forum. While some aspects are previously contracted, we are seriously incorporating suggestions made in evaluations, taking advantage of new technology in presentations, shorter seminars and keynotes, and a new look with the new Forum logo. An explanation of the new logo design will appear in the next newsletter.

Another reason that Overland Park is so attractive as a Forum host city is how easy it is to get there. Since Overland Park is in the center of the United States, many attendees will simply drive there. It is only an 8-hour drive from Indianapolis or a 3-hour drive from Des Moines. Plus, FREE parking at all hotels and at the Convention Center. FREE in-room internet access at all Forum hotels. If you fly, you will want to fly into Kansas City International Airport. Southwest Airlines has direct flights from many cities around the country. The Forum official travel agency, Suzi Davis Travel, will be pleased to make those arrangements for you. Information on the airport shuttle arrangements will be coming in a future newsletter.

As an attendee of 26 previous Forums since 1986, I attend to "recharge my batteries". I always leave the Forum refreshed and with leadership ideas that I can use in my professional work, with my co-workers, with my fellow Lions, and with my family. I leave motivated to accomplish more. And I become inspired to be a better person and a better Lion.

Over sixty seminars will be presented including the usual club officer seminars and the "President meeting the Club Presidents" session with 2013-2014 President Barry Palmer. Keynote speaker Ed Hearn will conduct a seminar on Friday morning about Conquering Life's Curves. Friday lunch keynote Speaker Dayna Steele will interview some Lion "Rock Stars" in a Friday afternoon session. A featured seminar on Saturday morning will be the Doctor Love's Traveling Sponsorship Show hosted by PID Doc Myers of Alaska.

Mark the dates of September 19-21, 2013 and register now to take advantage of the discounted early bird registration fee. You may want to come a day of two early or stay later and take advantage of the many sights and museums of the Overland Park-Kansas City area. No trip to Overland Park or Kansas City is complete without taking advantage of some of the many barbecue restaurants (and they do have barbecue chicken, turkey, and other items than just BBQ beef and pork).

The Host Committee under the leadership of Past District Governor Neal Nichols is excited about showcasing the best that Overland Park and Multiple District 17 have to offer Forum attendees. Come and enjoy their hospitality. They have laid out the yellow brick road for you to follow to the Emerald City. We will see you in Overland Park in September.

Doug Lozier, Past International Director General Chairperson 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



An Invitation to the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Overland Park, Kansas



Dear Lion Leader,

As General Chairperson of the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, I want to personally invite you to this great learning event. Overland Park, Kansas will be the site for this fall's top North American Lions educational experience. September 19-21, Lions from all across the United States and Canada will converge on the "Land of Oz" to sharpen their leadership skills, renew old friendships and make new friends. As a leader in your area, this would be a great opportunity to learn more from accomplished presenters and visit with our International leaders.

Our 2013 Forum Theme "Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams" will be the backdrop for 63 seminars and workshops held over the three day event. In addition, four featured main speakers will grab your attention with their dynamic and motivational topics during each of the four meals. I promise you will not only learn something new, but you will also be moved, entertained, motivated, and will experience a renewed sense of pride in being a Lion!

You are encouraged to visit our website at www.usacanadalionsforum.org and check out the January Newsletter which is loaded with information on the speakers, seminars and hotels, along with articles on the Kansas area. Also on the home page is a printable registration form and you can also register online with the online registration form. More newsletters will be forthcoming so keep checking back.

Please accept my invitation to join me in Overland Park, September 19-21 this year for the most memorable Forum ever, our 37th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

Doug Lozier

PID Doug Lozier, General Chairperson

2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

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	6107L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Janitor Broom	12	\$99.00	\$
	1007L	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom	12	\$87.00	\$
	1007-LB	Lions Clubs Warehouse Com Broom w/Band	12	\$88.20	\$
	6400L	Lions Clubs Large Angle Broom, Flagged Bristles	12	\$68.40	\$
	2104-6	Kleenette 100% Corn Kitchen Broom	- 6	\$41.10	\$
	6402	MaxiSoft™ Plastic Broom (Assorted Bristle Colors)	12	\$66.00	\$
	6202-6	100% Com Toy Broom	6	\$14.70	\$
	96208L	Lions Clubs Lobby Dust Pan (Use w/#6208L or #6202-6)	6	\$44.40	S
	3007	100% Com Whisk Broom	12	\$30.00	\$
	6506L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Industrial Deck Mop	6	\$33.00	\$
	6502L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Household Deck Map	6	\$17.10	5
	6507	Tov Deck Moo w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
	96470	MaxiPlus® Microfiber Duster w/Extension Handle	12	\$63.00	\$
	94217-6	MaxiTwist® Microfiber Self-Wringing Mop	6	\$44,10	\$
	96318	18" Heavy Duty Sweep, Unflagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96324	24" Heavy Duty Sweep, Unflagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$_
	96418	18" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96424	24" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$
	97060	60" BarnWood™ Handle w/Metal Threaded Tip (Use w/Sweeps)	12	\$36.00	\$
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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.



Rumble in the Jungle 5K registration

REGISTER for the 1st annual Athens Lions Club Rumble in the Jungle 5k!!! Registration is \$20 and the first 30 participants to sign up receive a FREE T-SHIRT. Regular t-shirt price is \$15. All Proceeds go to American Cancer Society Race registration begins at 9:00AM on April 28th! See you then!





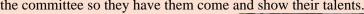


Purchase a T-Shirt Please purchase a T-Shirt online and help support the club

We raised over \$1500 for VisionWalk AC Lions Club

Buford Lions Club = District Convention / Officer Training Earl Benson and Sue Benson attended the District Convention in Athens, Ga. Sue Benson brought everyone up to speed on the goings on at the District Convention in Athens, Ga. on March 2nd. We discussed the up-coming White Cane Days Activities and the two Buford High School Scholarships that will be awarded later in the spring. Everyone was urged to turn in their Volunteer Hours on a regular basis. We discussed new officers for 2013/2014. We discussed the G-Braves fundraiser coming up in May. Also discussed our ongoing Honey Baked Ham Sales Promotion along with our May 2nd meeting will be held at the Ivy Spring Manor in Buford, Ga. Scholarship forms received from President to Vice President for her to take to Buford high school to start the process of applicants for two scholarships given by the Buford lions club. \$300 worth of Honey Baked ham certificates available to club to sell. With Easter upon us it is a good time to sell them. Member Tom is going to check on securing a spot for us to hold White Cane Day. Reminder that it is time to select new officers for next year. Need volunteers. Members: Jackie & Tom will work on getting speakers for our meetings together. Gwinnett Braves-Lions night 5/18/13. Ticket sales due back in by 4/19/13. 7th Annual Vision Walk @ Piedmont Park on 3/24/13. 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm Lion Sue Benson read the minutes from the last meeting, Bob Riordan gave the treasurer report. Sue Benson met with Sarah and Courtney at Ivy Spring Manor invite members to Abundant Life Fellowship Meeting We had members that raised \$50.00 aid to disadvantaged children - furniture aid to disadvantaged families - aid to military families - aid to homeless - delivered 18 meals - aid to the elderly / disabled - education / language / literacy, food bank / food distribution groceries - other assistance to individuals other disaster preparedness & relief, recycling 352 glasses and 1 cell phone

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = The North Hall Lions will be holding its annual White Cane Day March 30th. We have decided to staff three site's this year, two 4 way stops and J&J Grocery Store on Limestone Pkwy. We have all the signs and pamphlets and the world famous paper canes. We will be having our 2nd pancake breakfast at our club house on April 13th from 7-11 am. The membership has been busy selling advance tickets and putting up fliers. We had it posted the local newspaper and Town of Clermont quarterly newsletter. The local Home Depot donated a Maytag Refrigerator to replaced our 18 year unit that had failed. We approved 4 applications for sight services. The committee for collecting used glasses have checked and collected the donated eyeglasses and cell phones in our drop box sites around the area that we provide for recycle eye glasses. Clermont Days Centennial 2013 will be September 20 & 21 and we are planning to be a big part on that event. clermontdays.net check it out. They are looking for exhibitors that work in handcrafts the old time way to get in touch with the committee so they have them come and show their talents.

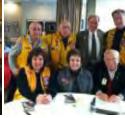




Dacula Lions Club - Dacula Lions clean 1 mile of Fence Road on a quarterly basis. The Lions Club cleaned the road on March 16, 2013.

Dawsonville Lions Club = The Dawsonville Lions hosted a Zone meeting at Ryan's restaurant. Lion Anne Mundy presided. Star Student & Star Teacher Awards: Michael Williams spoke of his admiration for his STAR Student Spencer Roper. Spencer Roper spoke on why he selected Michael Williams as his STAR Teacher. Lion Marty presented certificates. Speaker – Judith Kerr, Lighthouse Coordinator for Eye Glasses Program Judith reviewed the procedure for vision services from the light house using a power point presentation.





Jefferson Lions Club = *Eyeglass Collection Committee*: Jerry Legg reported that We collected 268 pair of used eye-glasses and 28 lenses. had been collected. *Sickness, Distress and Praise*: Lion Larry Briggs is continuing his rehab at The Oaks at Limestone in Gainesville, Ga. Lion Ham Riddle is now recuperating at home. *Committee Reports:* — We collected 138 used eye-glasses. Pancake Supper: The Jefferson Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 16. 2013, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Jefferson High School Cafeteria, Jefferson, GA. Adult Tickets will be \$6.00, Children Tickets for age 2-12 will be \$3.00, and Children under the age of 2 will Eat Free.

Old Business:

Attended the District 18D District Convention at the Foundry Inn in Athens, GA on March 1-2, 2013: Lion Mark Bradley, Zone III Chairman, Lion Gay Bradley, 2nd Vice-President and Lion Jerry Legg, 1st Vice-President The *Programs*:

11 March, Lion Jim Hix introduced the Program speakers, Mr. Stan McClain, President of the Jackson County Airport and Mr. Tom Strong, Manager of the Jackson County Airport. They presented a film on Georgia Airports. The film showed how airports create economic impact and provide qualitative benefits.

25 March, Lion Dot Hunt introduced Lion Teddie Lohmeier, our guest speaker. Lion Teddie gave a very interesting program on the Jackson County Arts Council.

We had 2 members attend Snellville Lions Club with one member speaking on his attendance as a youth at our Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind. We worked as a team at our meeting to fold, stuff, seal and stamp letters to be sent to businesses in our community for White Cane Day solicitation. We donated \$100.00 to Foundation Fighting Blindness for their Vision Walk. We donated \$100.00 to a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels for Senior Citizens.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

Lawrenceville Lions Club =			

Loganville Lions Club = SPECIAL SPEAKERS - KAITLYN BOYD AND MEGAN SOTTOW FROM WALTON COUNTY CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER. THEY WORK WITH STUDENTS FROM VARIOS SCHOOLD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PREPARING THEM ACADEMICALLY, SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. THEY HAVE LOCATIONS ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS BUT NOT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. COMMITTEE REPORTS - ALL GOLF MONEY IN AND MOST ALL COMMUNITY CALENDAR MONEY IN. PREPARATIONS NOW BEING MADE FOR WHITE CANE MONTH IN APRIL - A LIST OF MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING TO COLLECT MONEY AS WELL AS LOCATION IN CITY THEY WILL BE WORKING WAS ESTABLISHED. CLUB VOTED TO PURCHASE BANANAS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS. LION JERRY GOWER GAVE REPORT ON DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN ATHENS ON MARCH 2ND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8;20PM.

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

\$10 All You Can Eat (Unlimited soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

\$7 for 2 Bowls (2 Bowls of soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

\$5 for 1 Bowl (1 Bowl of soup, crackers, bread, dessert and drink)

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3/2:9 legacy lions attended district convention in Athens for the purpose of electing officers for 2013-2014 for the newly formed 18I In March, 7 Lions had 146 Hours for community causes including assistance at local food and clothing banks, Friends of the Library, and the Georgia Mountain Health program, work with Special needs individuals and the quilting for Veterans program.

Norcross Lions Club = VDG Ed Hashbarger, PDG John Rudert, and Lions Trudy Rudert and Yoriko Hashbarger attended an evening reception for the visiting ID and his wife. VDG Ed Hashbarger and Lions Trudy Rudert and Yoriko Harshbarger attended this meeting. Elected at the convention, Lion Ed is now the DG-Elect for the new District 18-I. Speaker for the luncheon was ID Joe Al Picone. The Norcross Lions Club continues to collect used eyeglasses. This month we turned in 39 eyeglasses, 6 loose lenses, 11 cases and 3 sunglasses to the GA Lions Lighthouse. We discussed a visit from a former member and the possibility of having a Leader Dog display at the event he was attending here. We agreed to make a donation of \$100 to the GA SPCA. Plan to meet in April at the GA Lions Lighthouse for a tour of the facilities. Discussed a change in officers with Minalko Webster becoming the club treasurer. A visitor to our club purchased tickets when she heard about the activities of Canine Companions for Independence. PDG John Rudert worked 69 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Wes Luster worked 9 hours this month in the Optics Lab. The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month Quincee Donnell with a framable certificate and \$100. She, her parents, and her brother enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.



Snellville Lions Club = Lion Brian and PDG Steve Hart presenting him with a certificate for speaking on Camp for the Blind.

Toccoa Lions Club = Several announcements were made including vision screening at the Senior Center on Saturday, Pancake Breakfast sign ups, White Cane, and the Chili Open. Bryan Gordon announced a past president's meeting next Thursday at noon. Lion Ray encouraged everyone to be willing to serve if asked to take an office. Drew Taylor announced that the club had garnered just short of \$2,000 in calendar sales. Members with outstanding calendar balances will be billed in April. The speaker for the day was Lion Sheila Rousey, chairman of the Sight Conservation Committee. Sheila said that we could use help from everyone on the committee. Lion Bill Graham talked about the partnership among the Toccoa Lions Club, the Georgia Lighthouse, and the local optometrists. Lion Sheila discussed what the committee has done so far in setting up procedures for handling eyeglass requests. A Fast Facts sheet was handed out. Lion Sheila stressed to members that only the official Sight Conservation phone number should be given out, never the personal number of any committee member. Copies of the TLC Application and business cards were passed out. Starting today, March 14th, Sight Conservation intake will be done at the Open Arms Clinic on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00. Consumers must have a prescription in hand as well as other required documentation in order to get a voucher for Lions Club glasses. Applications will be available at optometrists' offices, the health department, and Open Arms Clinic. "The Toccoa Lions Club participated in the annual WNEG Home and Health Fair on March 16th, 2013. The Fair was held at the Senior Center facility in Toccoa, Georgia. The Lions performed Vision Screening, passed out information on Eye Health & Leader Dog and sold mops, brooms, whistles and walking sticks. Everyone had a great time.



The Toccoa Lions Club has sponsored a Little League Team in Toccoa/Stephens County since 1965. This year's Coach, Tim, writes: "I would like to introduce myself as the manager for the Junior League team the Lions Club is sponsoring this year. Thank you for all the work the Lions Club does for the people in Toccoa and Stephens County that are dealing with sight, hearing, and diabetic issues. This Saturday, March 23rd is the opening weekend for our league. We are having the parade through town on Saturday morning as is the usual custom. Coach Tim" Let's all get out and support our Lions Little League Team!

Toccoa Branch Lions Club = Lion Sheila made a presentation on the club's Sight Conservation program. Lion



Sheila recently became the Chair of this committee. Lion Sheila detailed all of the work that has gone into getting this committee in shape after the untimely death of Lion Nick, the former chair. Lion Sheila asked Lion Bill to give a brief review of how the GA lighthouse Foundation helps the club's Sight Conservation program.

Lion Bill began by reminding the Lions that our Sight Conservation program provides eye glasses to those people in need of eye glasses but cannot afford them. The Sight Conservation Program is a partnership between the Toccoa Lions Club, our local Optometrists, the Open Arms Clinic and the GA Lighthouse Foundation. The GA Lighthouse Foundation has four programs that help our program. The programs are: 1) the lions Club eye glasses purchase program that allows Lions Clubs to purchase eye glasses at a greatly reduced price, 2) The Lighthouse eye exam/eye glasses program, 3) the Lighthouse eye surgery program, & 4) the Lighthouse hearing aid program. Lion Bill briefly reviewed these programs. Lion Ray described the Toccoa Lions Club used eye glasses collection program and how it helps fund the great work that the GA Lighthouse foundation does. Lion Sheila then continued to give a high level review of our Sight Conservation Committee and program. Lion Sheila passed out a "Fast Facts" sheet and covered some of the procedures she and her committee have implemented to strengthen our program. Lion Sheila emphasized that this is not a one person program but that she has an excellent committee helping. Lion Sheila indicated that some of the changes that have been made include: consumer makes appointment for eye exam, an application form has been implemented, and proof of ID, residency and income is required. The next item discussed was the Pancake Breakfast. Lion Steve has asked for all members to consider working on Saturday if at all possible. He also needs help in setting up on Friday night. We all need to focus on selling tickets. Several members indicated that they had sold their tickets. Great job Branch Club! The Relay for Life service project was discussed. A show of hands was called to see how many people definitely planned on participating in this project. Lion Kembra volunteered to get participants information on the fund raising procedures. Bryan the Lion told the group about the Atlanta Braves/Leader Dog project. Bryan the Lion indicated that we may send our Little League team to the event as an end of season event. A TLC Calendar of Events was passed out indicating upcoming events.

Towns County Lions Club = GREAT News! The Towns County LEO Club now has its own web site! It is just up and running today so there is not much on it yet. However, if you want to keep up with our LEOs go to:

http://e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/townscounty/index.php



On March 1st and 3rd, 2013, the Towns County LEO Club attended the LEO Convention and Work Camp in Waycross, Georgia at the Camp for the Blind. In attendance from Towns County were club members Kayla Taylor and Courtney Marshall. Club sponsor Deborah Saylor accompanied these club members. Other clubs represented were from Pickens County, Seminole County and Colquitt County. Club members conducted LEO business for Multiple District 18 (MD18), got to know members from other clubs and assisted in getting the camp ready for this summer's campers.

Taylor and Marshall did raking, grounds clean up and painting. The Towns County LEO Club teamed up with two members of the Seminole County LEOs to clean up the area of the grounds adjacent to the climbing wall. This area was covered in pine straw and limbs and was quite a task to complete in the time set aside for the work portion of the weekend. Once the work was complete on Saturday, they attended meetings, played "beep kick ball", and attended a talent show during the "LEOscars", which was followed by social time at a bonfire, with music and dancing. On Sunday, each LEO and adult present voted to select favorites from the "LEOscars" such as best costume, best LEO male, female, best supporting LEO male, female, etc. The adults present voted on "best of" in many categories. Our very own Kayla Taylor won an award for "Team Player". Also on Sunday the LEO clubs in attendance voted for MD18 LEO officers for the 2013-2014 year. As the 2nd Vice President of the Towns County LEO Club, Courtney Marshall served on the election committee. In addition, she served as one of the judges for the talent show and Kayla Taylor was the MC for the awards ceremony. Sponsor Deborah Saylor said, "I feel that we all came away from this gathering better for having been there; perhaps a little tired and certainly with some sore muscles but more importantly with good memories and many new friends. We look forward to our weekend at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind next year."



Chris Young & Eric Paslay April 12th, 2013 7:00 PM

Tickets - On Sale March 8th **Level 1: \$35.00 + Handling Level 2: \$25.00 + Handling**



Rodney Atkins May 17th, 2013 7:00 PM

Tickets - On Sale April 5th **Level 1: \$37.00 + Handling** Level 2: \$27.00 +



Rhododendron Festival Friday, April 19th - Sunday, May 12th (Each Weekend)



The Bankers Hour April 27th, 2013 (On S



Georgia Mountain **EggFest** May 17 & 18, 2013

Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 2 applications for exams and glasses, *Membership:* No report. Glasses Collected: Eye Glasses-532 pairs, Lens- 152, shades – 83 pair, frames 3 pairs, lens shades- 81 pairs, Cell phones -34. Activities/Community Service Activities - Lion Mildred Thompson agreed to head up Scholarship Committee. Lion Joan Shaw discussed White Cane. It will be held April 19-20. Letter to businesses are ready and will be passed out at last meeting in February. Board discussed the upcoming Trash and Treasures fund raiser to be held Feb 9. Lion Lisa read a thank-you NE Georgia Boy Scouts for \$50 donation in 2012. Board approved a \$50 donation for 2013. Lion Lisa read a thank-you the Wilderness Scouts for our recent donation. She also read a letter from a senior at Woody Gap school for our support of their scholarship fund. *Programs:* March 7 Ray Trimble speaks to Union County Lions about Recycle for Union County. The March Board of Directors meeting was held at Cadence Bank meeting room with President Lisa Little presiding. Lion Lisa recognized Lions Arthur and Betty Gurr on their 65th Wedding Anniversary •Nomination Committee reported that all but 3 offices have been filled. • Lion Louise Little gave report from District Convention • Board approved a \$50 donation for 2013 Relay for Life Daffodil. March 14 •President Lisa Little introduced Myers Banister, PID, PDG and current President of the Georgia Mountain Fair. He gave an update of plans for the Fair which includes going back to "old ways" such as including the price of the music shows with admission fee and free parking. The "Racing Pigs" will be back after a 2 year absence. They are expecting an increase in attendance this year. Following the presentation Lion Myers answered many questions from the club membership. •Lion Joan Shaw reported that all the local business have been contacted for White Cane donations. She also passed put the sign-out sheet for the April 19-20 White Cane Days. Lion Gray Williams reported that he will have handouts to be given out during White Cane to promote new memberships. •Lion Roy McKee made the first reading of the 2013-2014 Lions Officers. March 28 •First Vice President Mary Arnold presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Suzy Jenkins of Cadence Bank for allowing us to hold Board of Director meetings in their Community Room. •Lion Joan Shaw discussed plans for White Cane. To be held on April 19 and 20. •Lion Mildred discussed the Farmers Market. First day is Saturday June 8. We will be serving sausage biscuits, fried pies, hot dogs and hamburgers. •Lion Roy McKee made the final reading of Club officers for 2013-14





WORKING LIONS - 170 hours NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS -FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 166 hours Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS Articles*: 2 submitted.

White County Lions Club — The meeting on March 4th was very interesting and informative. Our guest speaker was Anna Nix, President of White County Family Promise. Those in attendance were Tommy & Charlotte Miller, Chuck Goetz, President Howard Miller, and guest Lion Bill Mundy from Dahlonega. President Howard Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge to Allegiance followed by a prayer. The only business pending is the purchase of brooms for the coming festivals. We are trying to partner with the Clermont Club to meet the minimum order required for free freight. We will order as soon as we hear from that club. There being no other business pending, Howard introduced our speaker. Ms. Nix explained what Family Promise is all about and the progress they have made in White County. Family Promise is an organization formed to help families in transition. These are families who have lost their home through circumstances beyond their control. Family Promise is able to do this in several ways. They work with a network of local churches that are willing to house a family or families (up to 14 people) at night for one week a quarter. During the day they are transported to a day center where they are given help in finding work and/or housing. I was surprised and saddened to find out that there is an estimated 250 children in White County that are homeless. Ms. Nix explained how these families are helped once they are accepted into the program and the resources they currently have available. They are funded mostly by donations and grants. After the program, there being no other business to come before the club the meeting was adjourned. Until the next time, "Happy Trails"

Winder Noon Lions Club = Three club members assisted with the blood drive held by the Winder First United Methodist Church by working in the canteen area. 72 pairs of glasses were collected for the month of March 2013 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 395 families. Many people from the community work on this effort. Ten club members worked a total of 20 hours to help with this activity. \$100 was donated to the Come Alive Ministry. This organization endeavors to equip women facing an unplanned pregnancy to make healthy life choices. \$70 was donated to the Lighthouse for the Blind in memory of a deceased member and in honor of a member recovering from surgery. \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities in the club. \$100 was donated to the North East Georgia Boy Scouts of America. \$100 was donated to the Tree House, a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the impact and occurrence of child abuse through counseling, educating, support, and nurturing children and families in Barrow, Banks, and Jackson Counties. Vision screening for 13 individuals at the Barrow County Senior Center was conducted during the month of March.



Toccoa Lions Club

April 2013 (White Cane Month)

Zone Meeting – 7:00 pm – Ty Cobb Medical Center Cafeteria 12th & 13th – White Cane Days – Public Solicitations – Wal-Mart 13th – Nick Thomas Memorial Service – 2:00 pm – First Methodist Church Vision & Hearing Screening – Healthy Kids Day – YMCA – Date TBA JR ROTC Cadet Awards Banquet – TBA

May 2013 (Recycle for Sight Month)

9th – 80th Anniversary Banquet – 6:30 pm – Gate Cottage – Speaker PCC Kembra Smith 10th – Chilly Open Golf Outing – 9:00 am – Highland Walk –Victoria Bryant SP 17th – Relay For Life – Lions Team – 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm – downtown Toccoa 23rd - Club Little League Picnic – Site TBA – 6:00 pm

Jefferson Lions

Saturday, April 20, 2013 White Cane

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

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

Monday, June 24, 2013 Officer Installation





We're Waiting = have you ASKed?

Did you submit yours?

E-mail =edmclionh@bellsouth.net or Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or

Winder Noon Lions Support These and Many Other Service Projects

Leader Dogs for the Blind Lions Camp for the Blind Georgia Lions Lighthouse Eye Exams & Glasses for Needy Lions Club International **Local Community Projects**



Lions Objectives

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles, of good government and good citizenship.

TO UNITE the club s in bond of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service minded people serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

To Our Players

The Winder Noon Lions Club cordially invites you to participate in its Annual Golf Tournament. We are proud of our tournament, its workers. sponsors and players.



To Our Sponsors

Your support for our Annual Golf Tournament is greatly appreciated. All proceeds are donated to the charities supported by the Winder Noon Lions Club.

We greatly appreciate your sponsorship support!

For more details about sponsorships, contact:

Nelson McGinnis 706-367-6143

Tournament Committee

Nelson McGinnis 706-367-6143 **Bob Norton** 682-478-9182 Lloyd McHargue 770-339-6693 770-867-3212 Matt Whiting

Additional Information -Dress Code Enforced--

4 Player Scramble

Prizes Awarded

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Teams

Longest Drive

Closest to Hole

Automobile for Hole-In-One

Sponsored by

Mulligan's

Three Mulligan Package \$20

*Limit one package per golfer.

Putting Contest

\$10 Entry Fee Half/Half Pot to Winner

Schedule

9:00 AM Sign In / Practice Bucket of range balls provided

Instructions 10:15 AM 10:30 AM Shotgun Start Lunch Provided by —





The Georgia Club

Just off Hwy 316 @ 1050 Chancellors Dr. Statham, GA

Thursday April 11, 2013

Entry Deadline April 5, 2012

Sponsor Information

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City, State, Zip

Contact Person

Phone

Make Checks payable to Winder Noon Lions Club

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c/o Bob Norton 571 Hickeria Wav Winder, GA 30680

Individual Player

4 Players \$360 Hole Sponsor & Sign \$125 ___

Hole Sponsor, Sign \$475 & 4 Players

"All In" - 4 players/Sign/ \$540 4 Mulligan Packages

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Lions Roar....

Covington Lions Club 41st Annual Chicken BBO



Wednesday, April 10, 11 AM to 7 PM

The Covington Lions Club invites you to their 41st Annual Chicken BBQ on Wednesday, April 10, 11 AM to 7 PM, at their Academy Springs Park Clubhouse on Conyers Street. They hope to see you, your family and friends for lunch or dinner.

Lions are now selling the \$8 per plate tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at Ace Hardware at the Kroger Shopping Center. Come enjoy a half Chicken slow-roasted over an open pit, Cole Slaw, Bread, Chips and Iced Tea. Desserts will be available for a donation. A drive-through station will also be available at the Legion Hall parking lot across the street.

Lions welcome businesses to place multiple orders for their employees—an "Appreciation Lunch or Dinner" would certainly put smiles on their faces! Orders over 25 can be delivered. Call 770-860-1414 to place your company order. Visit their website for more information www.covingtongalion.org.

Lions will be collecting used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. Please give them to any Lion. Glasses and hearing aids are refurbished and given to the needy around the world. Cell phones are reconstructed for 911 calls only and used by the elderly living alone. They also collect non-perishable food at every meeting for the Homeless Shelter.

Lions look forward to seeing everyone again and welcome new faces to join this exciting event. Not only is the food scrumptious, but also fellowship is enjoyed by all. THANK YOU!



Clermont-North Hall Lions Pancake Breakfast



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Who: Clermont-North Hall Lions Club

What: Pancake Breakfast Fund Raising Project

When: Saturday, April 13, 2013 7 -10 AM

Where: Lions Club House, Spring Street, Clermont, Georgia

Details Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee

Adult - \$5 Children 12 and under - \$4

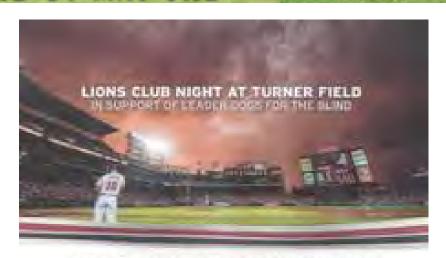
The Lions Club provides sight conservation services through exams, glasses, and surgery to needy citizens.

Contact For Tickets/Directions – John Brady, Secretary, 678-616-4778 Contact For Information – David Sargent, President, 770-536-5509



TEAM FEES MUST BE PREPAID BY MAY 3RD





ATLANTA BRAVES VS SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS SATURDAY JUNE 15" I 4:00 p.m.





GA. Lions Lighthouse VP Lion John Rudert, PDG JRudert@comcast.net Check out the new Lighthouse Vide Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

Lighthouse Welcomes New Executive Director



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is excited to announce that Jim Adams, formerly the Lighthouse funding manager, will be assuming the role of executive director of the Foundation.

Jim Adams is a retired banker from SunTrust, where he served for 35 years. In his last 20 years with SunTrust, he founded and managed a non-profit banking department that consulted with 501c3 organizations. After retirement in 2000, Jim worked with the Arthritis Foundation as a fundraiser and Interim President. In the fall of 2005, Jim joined the Lighthouse to help develop a foundational giving program.

His efforts have significantly contributed to the three-fold growth of the Lighthouse's programs and funding. Jim holds a Masters in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Finance, from Emory University. He earned a BBA\Finance at Georgia State University, where he played scholarship basketball.

The Lighthouse staff is so happy to have Jim as executive director, and looks forward to working together to create a better, brighter Georgia.



Service Numbers From July to December 2012

People having eye exams 123 were from 18-D

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

Eye surgeries were performed. 30 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation *72 were from 18-D*

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

8 April Athens

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:

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





Georgia Non-Profit, Local Doctors Provide Low-Cost Eyecare to Low-Income Individuals

WARNER ROBINS, Georgia (41NBC/WMGT) - JC Coffield of Warner Robins can only see the minimum during the day, and at night, he says he's up the creek. "I see nothing at night," he says.

He and his brother were diagnosed as children with retinuitus pigmentosa, or RP, a rare genetic defect that leads to different levels of blindness. It usually only occurs in boys. But JC has a mission and a different kind of vision in life. "We have vision in that we see how to come up with ways to better serve."

He helps low-income Georgians get quality eye-care through the Lions Lighthouse Foundation-a non-profit group that helps thousands each year pay for glasses, eye surgeries and hearing aids.

"If the patient meets a certain criteria, we screen them, and if it's deemed that they just do not have the income in which to pay for those services, then we bring in Georgia Lions, and we will do the surgeries and accept what Georgia Lions pays for that," says Judy Bell, administrator at Retina Associates in Macon. There, Drs. Norman Nelson, Stephen Allee, and Arpan Bachhawatt are huge supporters of the program, offering eye surgery at a lower cost courtesy of Lions Lighthouse; but with President Obama's new healthcare mandate, many are questioning the need for these types of organizations.

Bell says even government-run healthcare might not cover all the bases. "I would think that the foundation would always be necessary because there will still be people that can't meet the criteria for healthcare coverage, whether they'll have to pay a smaller or weaker premium--you have inmates and homeless people that just don't have resources to pay no matter what," she says.

Coefield believes it's his calling in life to raise money for the organization and teach people to not take their vision for granted. "80% of all vision problems are correctable or preventable. If caught early, they can be taken care of," he told 41NBC.

He's had to sacrifice a lot, including having children of his own so he wouldn't pass on his disease--but his wife and three stepsons have supported him through it all. His sight could get worse, but there's a chance it will get better. It's that little ray of hope that drives him to help others.

"You need to take your vision seriously," he declares. Medical providers are jumping at the chance to give the gift of sight. "It's my pleasure to receive their hugs. When they first come in they can't see anything, and then they're given that gift of sight--they may go to surgery and get that eye repaired, and they are thrilled to death," Bell says. It's their vision, that might one day help yours.

In Bibb County alone this year, Lions Lighthouse spent just \$33,247 to help 209 people pay for surgeries--Surgeries valued almost \$161,000; but they still need your help.

Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events



Night of Spectacles - April 27, 2013

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



6th Annual

night of spectacles

April 27, 2013
The Buckhead Theatre



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind Ken Fuller

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Hello Lions,

WOW! We have had some strange weather. Kind of don't know how to dress for the day. Pretty cool in the mornings, but about 10:00 A.M. it is time to get rid of the jacket. As I am writing this letter it has already rained this morning and now the sun is shining bright.

Now to give you an update on what has been going on since I saw a lot of you at the winter meeting. For those of you that were not able to attend the Building and Grounds meeting there was a lot of information shared about all the past, present, and future projects concerning the camp. One item of interest was our upcoming work weekend projects. There are always plenty of things to do around the camp, never a dull moment.

Our first weekend to do a few of the items on the list was done during the Leo gathering. I am not sure of the exact count of participants, but I believe there were about 40 to 50 students on site. They were from all over the state. We had to use the Bunk House Dorm and the Main Dormitory to accommodate the sleeping arrangements.

As always it was a very successful day. Signup sheets were made and most all of the tasks that were presented before them were accomplished. A few of the things done were the following: The steps at the tree house were repaired, a coat of primer paint was put on the ramp at the horse arena (and some was put on the participants by there on choosing-wasn't on the to do list:), swing frames were cleaned and painted, walking trail cleaned up, inside and outside the fence at the pond was cleaned up, a lot of raking around the climbing wall area was done, moved a set of bleachers to the horse arena, cleaned up near the pool, bar b q area and kitchen, and a start on painting the guide rope post was also accomplished. Had a couple of trees cut down,(not by the youth, they just had to clean up the fallen debris). All of these young folks worked really hard and quite a few of the adult leaders also pitched in to help. I do not want to forget and tell you that it was very windy and cold that morning also!! My hat is off to all of these young folks.

One little funny story I would like to tell you is about two young ladies that signed up to paint the pump house, at the pond. When they came to me to get their paint and brushes they asked where the pump house was and what exactly were they to do. I explained, and pointed, to the pond. I told them that the back of the building has never been painted and this was what needed to be done. While they were doing this to go ahead and paint the rest of the building. Well, during my going around and checking on how things were going I noticed that there wasn't anyone at the pond painting the pump house. I asked the group that was cleaning up out there if they had seen these two girls. They hadn't seen them. So, I kind of wondered what happened. As I am continuing to check on how everyone else is doing, I ride by the area where our main water well is and guess who I found. Yep, the two young ladies! They were painting the pump house at the well. Not where I pointed, but almost complete! They were really proud that they were almost done, until I told them that they were painting the wrong building. I (pointed) again to the pond and showed them where they were supposed to be. They just laughed about what they had done and begged me not to tell anyone what happened,(especially one of the young ladies boyfriend that was there). Needless to say, I got two pump houses painted for the price of one:)

A lot was done this day and no one complained about their task, maybe the cold but not the work. A special thanks to those that worked in the kitchen to provide everyone with a meal. Mrs. Georgia, Mrs. Dena, Mrs. Norma, Mrs. Gail, and a little lady that came with Mrs. Georgia. I apologize that I don't know her name but she kept them all in line! Also special thanks to the bus driver that drove the bus for the Leo's form Moultrie. He pulled around the trailer so all the straw and limbs could be taken to the burn pile. Thank all of you that participated! This past weekend was the first of our two work weekends. Let me tell you that at first I was worried that not very many people were going to show up. We only had about 15 definite workers by the middle of last week. Thankfully by Friday and lot more people called and said they would be here on Saturday. We had 43 workers on Saturday. A great turn out. If you were not able to make it this past weekend I look forward to seeing you on April 5-7. Get your reservations in soon! It really helps us when we are preparing the meals that will be provided.

A lot was accomplished over this past work weekend. Mr. Frank brought his super duper paint sprayer and repainted the horse

arena. Some of the Leos came back and cleaned up around the Adirondack buildings. The Jekyll Island club completed forming one of the concrete walk ways. They also had a couple of members come and help paint the swings. South Cobb county Pressure washed most of the buildings. Let me tell you up front, they had an extension to their pressure washer wand that I can see now, is a must have for the building and grounds department! Douglas Lions came and helped with the pressure washing, painting of the swings and they also weeded out the herb garden and prepped it for some new herbs to be planted. A couple of the Leos helped them put the concrete cap on the blocks. Mrs. Cathy Threat of the Douglas Lions club also brought her grandson and he was a big help in painting and weed pulling. The bad wall in the activity building was done by the Moultrie Lions and Leo's. This same group did some patch work in the kitchen serving area. Mr. Harold from Commerce and Mr. Ron of the Moultrie Lions completed the cabinet repairs and the installation of the power outlets in the bunkhouse. Mrs. Jeannette from Calvary Lions stained and varnished some of the cabinet drawers. Mr. Ron Horn's son, Bryan came and painted the wall in the kitchen. Mrs. Helen from the LaVista Lions painted all the trim that was on the list. Patrick and his wife Janet from McDonough also did some painting. Mrs. Peggy Chapman and Mr. Charles drove all the way down from Jasper to bring the monument for the memorial garden and after lunch had to drive all the way back. Let me tell you that is a lot of driving for one day!

A special thanks to Johnny Barrentine from Camilla, He had the task of cutting the bricks for Mr. Carey and Mr. Dave and a new lion from the Calvary club, Geoffrey. Mr. Dave's son Carl was the brick carrier! The Memorial Garden is starting to look really good. We missed Paul not being here but I understand he was sick. See you on the next trip. Thanks to Mrs. Gail(my wife), Kristen, and Mrs. Norma for preparing all our meals. They were all delicious!!

Oh yeah, on Sunday we were able to complete the other walkway with the help of Mr. Charles from Moultrie, Mr. Harold from Commerce and the Leo's from Moultrie. This was done while Mr. Carey and his crew worked on the Memorial garden. Thanks to all of you that came, if I left out your name or club name I apologize. A lot was accomplished and there is a lot still to be done. So, if you did not make it for this work weekend come on April 5-7. Remember to get your reservations in early.

Upcoming Events

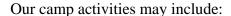
Spring Work Weekend! –April 6 & 7, 2013 Work Weekend Registration
Board of Directors Meeting! –State Convention Augusta GA May 31-June 2, 2013
Summer Camp!

Session1June10-14 Family Camp4-9 years oldSession2June17-21 Pre-Teen10-13 years oldSession3June23-30 Older Adult32 and upSession4July5-12 Young Adults18-31 years old

Session 5July 15-24 Teenagers 14-17 years old

Lions Day July 20th, 2013

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







- Swimming
- Adaptive sports
- Horseback riding
- Arts and crafts
- <u>Dances and talent</u> shows
- Karaoke
- Scavenger hunts
- Fishing
- Archery
- Spirit competitions
- Campfires
- Carnival



Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind

Silent Auction

2013 State Convention

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

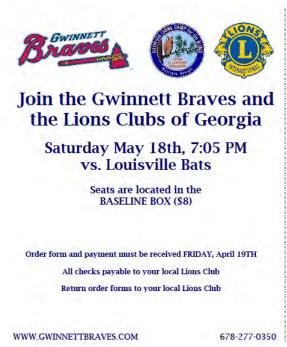
Theme baskets are only limited to the creativity of the club members. If your club selects to do a beach basket then members could bring items that remind them of their beach experiences. How about a chocolate basket for that chocolate lover? College football teams are always popular! Please remember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

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

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

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

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



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Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey

Things I learned after guide dog school By Sheila Rousey

I am pleased to say that Grandt and I have survived our first year together as a guide dog team. I use the word "survived" because there is lots of work involved in becoming a good team and it typically takes at least a year to learn how to read each other's movements. I attended classes to learn how to work with a guide dog last February at the Leader Dog facility in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Now Grandt is my very first guide dog. So I had lots and lots to learn. First of all, I learned that he was a real sportsman and loved to take me skiing behind him when we went for walks. "Whoa" is not one of the commands that they teach guide dogs. So as I am moving along the sidewalk at the speed of light, Grandt was as happy as he could be doing his guide dog job. At the end of the first week of training, I was sure my left arm was at least three inches longer than my right arm. Of course, that came in handy since the harness and leash are always held in the left hand. The right hand is used to give directions and occasional corrections.

I soon realized that even guide dogs are "dogs first" and love doing dog things. But when the harness and leash are put onto the dog, he takes his job seriously. That means that when I call his name and give a directional command, he is to go to work. And work it is. Grandt and I must practice obedience training every day as well as go out and work (walk) in the community to keep his skills sharp.

For those who can use their eyesight to navigate around obstacles, there is no thought to walking up or down steps or walking around a decorative retaining wall. They simply see the obstacle and adjust their direction. Grandt has been trained to let me know when we are approaching an obstacle. He lets me know when steps or a change in elevation is present by stopping at the edge of the change. This gives me time to investigate my surroundings by carefully moving my foot forward to see what is there. Occasionally, he will miss obstacles that are at my shoulder height because he is working and looking around at the height of my knees. That means that we have to practice and learn together where the obstacles are. It takes a tremendous amount of trust from me to let him show me where those obstacles are located. But every time he leads me around a storm drain or stops at the edge of a curb, I trust him more and more.

There is much to understand about being blind and working with a guide dog. Grandt does not know how to take me to a nearby restaurant. He simply takes commands from me to help me safely get there. It is my responsibility to plan out the trip and to know the turns and streets. I must use my skills in judging when it is safe to cross a busy intersection. For the casual observer, it may look as though Grandt is telling me when it is safe to cross. He actually waits for me to make the call. Now, if I misjudge the situation and an automobile is moving to the intersection quickly, Grandt has learned "intelligent disobedience." This means that he will step in front of me and move me back to the curb or edge of the road. This is the only time he is to make the decision for me to keep me safe.

When visiting a store to shop, I call ahead of my visit and ask for a shopper helper to assist me with my selections. This means that I have to create a shopping list in Braille and take along a backpack for gathering my purchases.

If Grandt and I take the same routes for trips to specific places, he can learn to "Pattern." This is the ability to go to specific items or locations with just the command: "Grandt, find the (fill in the blank). So if I say Grandt, find the door outside." You can bet that if I am in the back of Wal-Mart at the lay away area and I tell him to find the door outside, we are moving along very quickly to the nearest exit. Now you would think that having a skill like that would be great. Well, it has a few draw backs too. For example, if I walk into a store and ask for him to find the counter, Grandt goes directly to the first counter, which is usually a checkout counter. Now it doesn't matter to Grandt if there is a customer there or not. After all, he does take me to the counter and that was what I commanded him to do.

He goes with me everywhere. Yes, that's right everywhere. He can fold himself into a very small position and get under airline seats as well as in the back floor area of an automobile. He attends church with me and "sleeps" through the entire service. He does occasionally snore a little. But everyone knows it is Grandt and not me.

Grandt is so very loyal and is right by my side all of the time. Even as I am preparing this short article, he sleeps on his mat near my desk. I cannot begin to describe how very wonderful it is when he just walks over to me and puts his head in my lap. Since he is a golden retriever, he is always bringing me things he gathers. He has this little soulful sound he makes when he holds his head back to get me to scratch his back. I was told by my instructor at the school that they did that soulful sound when they totally adore their partners. I'm so glad he decided to be my partner!

Thank you Leader Dogs for the Blind for giving me and Grandt the opportunity to become a guide dog team. And a very special "thank you" to Debbie Komondy, our instructor, for those hours and hours of encouragement, instruction, and patience. You were right. All of that hard work is worth it.



GEORGIA LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donations from ticket sales will help benefit someone to get a Leader Dog.

Visit www.atlantalions.org for more information.



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



Dyslexic Child Embraces Words and Books

Nine-year old Leslie, who is dyslexic, discovered the joy of reading with Learning Ally's help – much to the delight of her mother.

"What happened was starting in Kindergarten they started telling me she was behind in reading. You know they would say that she should be at 15 letters and she's only at 5 letters. And this progressed throughout the whole school year. And then we started first grade and at that first parent meeting, that same thing, they told us she was behind and she's in second grade now. The school tested her around October and she was reading at a mid-Kindergarten level. And then in March, I just happened to be talking to a woman in passing at the last second I happened to mention that my daughter was dyslexic. And she said,: 'Oh, oh, oh!...you have to go to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic's website [note: now Learning Ally] –they have this machine.' And you know I went to the website that night and I started getting information and we got the machine and it came in March 10th and by March 11th Leslie had gone through three books. As soon as the machine came in, she took her book and she took the disk. And she started listening and following along with her finger like it was the whole process that she wanted to sit down and do and never once did she say, 'I'm just going to listen to this and not follow along with my finger.' So the very next day she met with her speech and language pathologist who immediately, 24 hours later, saw a complete difference in Leslie's ability – her fluency. She didn't know how to read a book before! She only knew how to read a word at a time. You know, like pointing her finger it was like word, word, word. It wasn't going across the page. She plays the machine, she's comfortable with it now, and she gets so excited she takes it in the car, takes it to my bedroom, takes it to her bedroom, and sits on the floor here. My speech pathologist noticed immediately her vocabulary had grown as soon as she started reading more books. I mean now she has access to a much bigger vocabulary. I noticed it...I mean we went to a restaurant and right away she looked up and said, 'Restrooms are for customers only.' And her speech and language pathologist said, 'Customers? That's a big word. I haven't taught her that word yet. I haven't taught her how to sound it out and the rules that go with it.' She said, 'That's amazing.' You know, and so Leslie was just really excited when we drive down the road, she's looking at road signs now, and she's embraced words and books. And she never would have had the confidence to pick up a book. And that's been real exciting."



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Will Work for Belly Rubs

"It was love at first sight. She had the sexiest titanium legs I had ever seen," says Jay about his wife Katy.

Jay saw those sexy titanium legs at a rehabilitation center after a rock climbing accident left him without the use of his legs.

In 2009 Jay and Katy were married and in 2012 Jay graduated with Canine Companions Service Dog Goliath. "Goliath instantly became a third member of our family," share Jay and Katy.

"Before he's our family pet, he's my employee," Jay continues. "He helps me tremendously by picking up dropped items and opening doors for me."
"One time I dropped 14 dollar bills on the floor, and Goliath picked them all up for me," Jay explains. Goliath's best benefit of working for Jay, is cuddle time with Katy.

"Every morning Goliath lays on his back with his feet in the air while I pet him," Katy says. "It's the greatest."

Into Independence

AJ Brockman is an accomplished artist and he creates his art with a computer mouse and one finger on his left hand. All the time with his Canine Companions Service Dog Dre by his side. AJ created and donated an original piece of art called "Into Independence for the Tales & Tails Gala and he created an additional 100 limited edition prints.



They are available for purchase for \$75 and all proceeds will be donated to Canine Companions

Please visit his Web site for more information.

http://store.singlehandedstudio.com/ product/into-independence-landscapes



Lion Diabetes Awareness Chair

<u>Diabetes Is No Joke—Except When It's Funny</u> By Anne-Marie Mills

I once had a doctor tell me, "Anne-Marie, having diabetes is not something to laugh at. This is serious!" Hmmm. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness and kidney failure, the seventh leading cause of death, and affects 25.8 million people in the United States. Nope, won't get far on the comedy circuit with that material. However, I have found that, like dealing with the bogeyman under the bed, laughing at diabetes is better than hiding under the covers. Like it or not, some diabetic situations are just hilarious.

Like many PWDs (people with diabetes), I get irritable and cranky when my blood sugar is out of whack, whether high or low. One piece of advice I was given was to make sure my colleagues knew I had diabetes and what to do in case of emergency. Some days at work, I have friends asking, "Do you need juice?" "Maybe you should check your sugar?" "Should I call 911?" Now, if I can just figure out how they can tell when it is a diabetic emergency or just a bad-temper day. I often have to just fess up: "My blood sugar is fine! I am just highly ticked off right now!"

I have answered my insulin pump rather than my cell phone when the phone rang and vice versa. While the call may be long distance, the tubing on my pump is not. By the time I get the pump up to my ear and realize it is not a cell phone, I look as if I am doing the Macarena, trying to keep from yanking out my infusion set as well as answering the still ringing cell phone in my other pocket.

One well-meaning friend sent me an insulin pump bra pocket. For the guys out there, the pocket fits between the cups of a gal's bra in the front and the pump should "nestle" in the cleavage. Sigh. Sure. One thing they overlooked: I am not well-endowed enough, and the pump has no place to "nestle." Another clever idea: the "thigh thing" that I can use to strap the pump to my thigh. Between its sliding down to my ankle or getting turned in an awkward and painful direction, I just gave up and wear my pump clipped to a pocket (which leads to the confusion with the cell phone, above).

I have used my "blood sugar check alarm" to escape long meetings. "Sorry! I have to go!" When the meeting reaches the "Charlie Brown's teacher stage" where everything starts to sound like "wah wah wah," I will set my insulin pump alarm to go off and make a dash for the door. Yeah, yeah, yeah—I realize this is unfair to the folks stuck in the meeting, but I look at it as one of the very few advantages of having diabetes.

I am also trying to come up with a creative use for test strips. After decades of testing, I could have built a mansion with all of mine. I do know that I could not be a criminal because I seem to leave strips everywhere I go—home, work, car, and friends' places. I would not present much of a challenge to crime scene investigators. All the CSI would have to do is follow the trail of strips right to me.

I have caught my insulin pump infusion cord on doorknobs. Have you seen those shows where the expert tries to teach a dog to walk on a leash? I know how the dog feels. I don't "heel" well either.

Before my insulin pump, syringes were a fact of life. I really did not think how they looked to others. Once, at an alcohol checkpoint, the officer looking in my window thought he had hit the jackpot with all the syringes littering my ashtray. (For the kids out there: Back in the dark ages, cars used to have ashtrays for folks who smoked, and syringes were the only way to deliver insulin. I used my ashtray for old syringes, gum, and test strips.) Apparently, "I am a diabetic" is code that, loosely translated, means "Yes, officer, I do have dope in my car." It doesn't help that neuropathy has caused me balance problems. When the officer asked me to walk a straight line, I laughed. Yeah, right. In my dreams, buddy. If you can help me do that, my neurologist would love to talk to you. A friend bought me a T-shirt that says "I'm not drunk, I'm a diabetic!" My mother countered with a shirt printed upside down: "I'm a diabetic. If you can read this, please pick me up and feed me chocolate."



Anne-Marie Mills's T-shirt raises the humor level, but don't try this to raise a low blood sugar—the fat in chocolate slows the absorption of the carbohydrate.

Hitting a blood vessel with an infusion set can make it look like you enjoy dismembering bodies in your spare time. Remember the CSI team following my test-strip trail? Once they saw the wall near where I do my insertions, I'd be in prison for sure. I tried to paint over the blood spray one time. Sigh. It looked like Charles Manson had a redesign show on HGTV.

I once asked to have my apartment sprayed with bug killer to dispatch the pests crawling up the wall. Turns out, I did not need pest control to get rid of the dark spots on the wall. I needed an eye doctor who could treat retinopathy. Who knew?

I have grown accustomed to looking like a Sherpa climbing Mount Everest every time I leave the house. Meter, test strips, lancets, glucose tablets, ID bracelet, insurance card, extra insulin pump supplies, syringes, insulin, alcohol pads, money for snacks and water, enough meds to start my own pharmacy, in case of emergency (ICE) card, cell phone with 911 and my ICE contact automatically programmed in, my current list of medications with another list of medications I am allergic to, and a list of doctors that resembles a "who's who" of the medical community. Nope, having diabetes is not for the weak—because you have to carry all that stuff.

And diabetes is not for people who can't see the humor in difficult situations. I may have diabetes, but it doesn't have me.





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

Atlanta, GA

May 19, 2013











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

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

Our World, Our Future

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

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

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

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

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES Our World, Our Future

"NEW" The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in Peace Poster kit and on the LCI website.

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on 15 November 2013. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

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

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

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

Kits are available 15 January – 1 October 2013: Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

April is Leo Club Awareness Month

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

Leo Club Program

This April, Lions have an opportunity to call attention to the natural world during the service campaign,

"Protecting our Environment." Consider establishing a school-wide recycling program or partnering with your local authorities to save an endangered animal or water source. Together, we can help save the planet...one bottle at a time.

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The Langley LEO Club initiated Project Post-It at R.E. Mountain Secondary school. We wrote over 1,200 post-it notes with inspirational/happy quotes for students, teachers, and staff. Sometimes, everybody just needs that one boost of happiness! The Langley LEO Club is a non-profit, youth-driven volunteer organization that strives to help the local community and school.

Preparing Children for School

As teachers at Middletown Elementary School in Virginia, Pam Coffman and Heather Smelser noticed a gap in learning between children who had attended preschool and those who hadn't. Whether it was academically, socially or emotionally, there were many students who simply weren't ready for school when they started kindergarten. Parents who couldn't afford a traditional preschool had few options that prepared their children for the first day.



The Lions Step In

Pam and Heather teamed up with the Lions club through Wayne Davis, former Middletown Elementary principal, who was a very active Lions club member. Together, they formed the Children First Lions Club, a specialty club that focused on the educational needs of children during the years before kindergarten. The Lions provided the volunteer and community resources needed to get the Little Lions program started and keep it successful.

The program is free to the community and requires parents to get involved with their children's early education. Meeting twice a month at the elementary school, Little Lions teaches basic skills such as using scissors, holding pencils, taking turns and rhyming words. By holding the program at the school, children get used to the building, the teachers and the classroom setting, so they are not as overwhelmed on their first day of kindergarten.

Ready to Learn

The Little Lions program started off with just a couple of children and their parents attending. Now, at least 10 children show up per session. When the first day of school comes around, they are confident in the classroom after being familiarized with the people and the environment. "Now, children sit and listen to a whole story," said Marjorie Davis, Children First Lions Club

member. "Parents see a world of difference as far as following directions and listening. And when the children go to school, they are more successful."

Fast Facts

For many children, the peak time to learn is from ages 3 to 5. Without a good foundation or an enjoyment of learning at these ages, they can get lost along the way and become turned off by education. Introducing them to learning before they start school can help them succeed in the classroom for years to come.

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

Facilitate play; don't dictate it: Kids get a big boost from parents who get down on the floor and really play with them. During play follow your child's lead and let them decide what to do.

Play games that could have different answers: Include "What if" prompts in play. Provide questions that children can use their imagination and come up with different ideas and thoughts through brain storming, and accept those ideas.

The Leo Zone



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