



18-I

April 2014

We Serve

District Bulletin



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

26 April is just around the corner and everyone is invited from Lion to non-Lion, from children to grandchildren; from neighbor to a known stranger; and from District 18-I and the other Districts throughout the state. This is our day to celebrate Friendship Day and Family and Friends Month with a Pot Luck of you're choosing with drinks. Location - Comer Fairgrounds. There is plenty of parking and you can see more on next page.

Now on more of a serious note - our Membership loss is extremely bad. Lions are dropping like flies. Many are said to be bored because there is no action going on within the Club. They joined to SERVE and the Club is not providing their needs. What a shame! I hope that you looked at the first page of last month's Bulletin.

A Lion's Goal.... Are you an active member, The kind that would be missed Are you just contented, That your name is on the list. Do you attend the meeting, And mingle with the flock. Or do you stay at home And criticize and knock.

Do you ever work on committees To see that there are no tricks, Or leave the work to just a few, And talk about the click. So come to the meeting often And help with hand and heart, Don't just be a member, Take an active part.

Face in the Mirror - "My wife and I attended an "investiture and Rededication" event for Brownie Girl Scout Troop #48 in Warner Robins, GA. Our daughter is the Troop leader. Her two daughters are Girl Scouts of early ages: one a "Daisy" the other a fledgling "Brownie." The Investiture" moved "Daisy" Scouts to the Brownie level while the other "Brownies" were "rededicated."

For elevating a Daisy to a Brownie there is a procedure. The Scout Leader turns the "Daisy" around several times and the girls say "Turn, turn, twist me and turn me and show me the Elf. Then I looked in the water (a mirror surrounded by autumn leaves) and I saw myself!" Following this the leader would ask them to Make the Girl Scout Promise: "On my honor I will try; To serve God and my country. To help other people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." These Girl Scouts wanted to join in "helping" others. Adult leaders and assistants pledged to guide them on step by step.

I recommend that each of us see our own image in a mirror and then consider a Biblical passage: "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if there are any bearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like." (James 1:22-24)

Looking into a MIRROR, do we Lions discover there one pledged to invite new people to become Lions and offer to guide them in their progression?

THE LION magazine (October 2000, page 4) includes a picture of a young man's reflection. Following are the words ; "Look - Would you like to see someone who makes a difference in the lives of people in their community and around the world? Look in the mirror and you see a person that person, a Lions Club member. As a Lion, you touch the lives of countless people.....no matter which club you belong to." Following this is the Lions Logo and the words "We Serve."

We are invited to be involved in "Year around Membership Enlistment." We are to sponsor the one(s) we have invited and serve as "Mentor" to the LION(s) that we bring into the Club It takes commitment and rededication for each of us.

Lion Del Von Almen, 2000-2001 District Chaplain

Communication is the KEY! Make sure you pass the WORD.

Yours in Lionism, Ed



Saturday 26 April 2014 ----- 12 Noon

**4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic/Outing
Highway 22, Fairgrounds, Comer, GA.**



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

New Officer Training begins at 9:00 am

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

POT LUCK - Bring your favorite so everyone can enjoy –

**Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be grilled with buns and all condiments
along with paper products.**

Member requirements –

**should bring your favorite side dish so others will enjoy and maybe get the recipe
bring your favorite soft drink**

Picnic begins at 12 Noon



***Come one – Come ALL – bring the whole family – kids, grandkids,
new members, prospective members, etc.....***

You've done your job now let's chow down.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 April = 4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic.
(Training sessions to start at 9am) start 12 Noon

30 April = Club Excellence Award competition ends
PU-101 (newly elected club officers) requested early
– send copy to DG Elect.

15 May = Deadline for submission of PU-101 –
Report to LCI.

29 May = Council of Governors Meeting – Macon,
GA.

30 May- 1 June = MD-18 State Convention, Macon,
GA.

4-8 July = International Lions Convention, Toronto,
Canada.

Planning Ahead

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

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

April – Leo Awareness Month

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

(This helps the incoming DG to prepare for State Directories)

2014 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



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

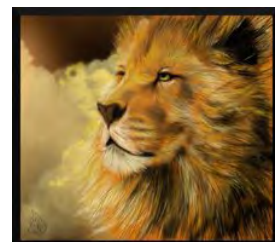
Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational
Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings;
Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance
(TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!

Saturday: 4 District Breakfasts; General
Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones
Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District
Governor’s Banquet

Sunday: 4 District Breakfast; Necrology Service;
Final Convention Business Session.



HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:
Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2014
Hotel Info:

Macon Marriott City Center
240 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217
(478) 621-5300





Where in the World

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

International President

Barry J. Palmer

First Vice President



Get Rewarded for Growing Your Club!



The new Together We Can Grow Contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win US\$250 in LCI club supplies or a US\$250 donation toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellowship. Winning clubs will also receive a banner patch and special recognition from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston.

Remember, [Family and Friends Month in April](#) is a great opportunity to recruit new members and grow your club. If you haven't planned your club event, do so today!

The Together We Can Grow Contest is underway, so [visit the contest page](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/together-we-can-grow.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/together-we-can-grow.php>

today for complete details and your chance to earn additional rewards for innovative recruiting!

Protecting Our Environment with Family and Friends



This April, join Lions around the world and protect the environment.

Planning an environmental project is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to engage in hands-on service. Organize a community clean-up, plant a tree, or plan a recycling project to collect old eyeglasses, batteries or small electronics -- you decide based on the needs in your community.

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

- The [Call to Action Flyer](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad460.pdf> and [Planning Guide](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad463.pdf> are great resources that will provide you with ideas to jumpstart your project.
- Visit the [Family and Friends webpage](#) for more information on this initiative.
- And remember to share your projects using [MyLCI](#)!

LCIF's Million Dollar Measles Challenge

World Immunization Week is April 24–30. In celebration, [LCIF has launched a 30-day challenge](#) = http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian-efforts/measles/measles_challenge.php to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. Donations made for measles during the month of April 2014 will be matched 100% by the family of Abhey and Aruna Oswal, for a total of up to US\$500,000.



Visit www.lcif.org to learn how to make your contribution today! Donations to the Lions Measles Initiative are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible (excluding funds provided by the match).



LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about the LCIF and Bausch + Lomb Pediatric Cataract Initiative.

CONTESTS

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Digital LION Magazine

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

President's Service Blog

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

International Convention – Toronto 2014

Last chance to register in advance. Avoid long lines and register by May 1st!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

I have an exciting announcement to share with you: in celebration of this year's [World Immunization Week](#) from April 24-30, LCIF has [launched a 30 day challenge](#) to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative!



Did you know that each year, more than one million children will not make it to their 5th birthday due to a vaccine-preventable disease? This includes measles and rubella, which can cause illness, disability, blindness and death. That is why we must act now – we can help these children through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative and through events like World Immunization Week.

By accepting this challenge, you are helping us provide vaccinations to children in need and also helping to raise the awareness of just how important routine vaccinations are for global health. Together, I know we can meet this challenge.

And, not only are we issuing this challenge, but we are also receiving a generous matching contribution from the family of Abhey and Past District Governor Aruna Oswal to help us reach US\$1 million for measles. When you [make a donation for measles](#) during the month of April 2014, it will be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Oswal family, for a total of up to US\$500,000! Every dollar that you donate is doubled until we meet our goal.

You can learn more about [the Million Dollar Measles Challenge online](#), as well as Lions' and LCIF's [efforts to end measles](#), our [partnership initiatives](#) for measles and how to [make a contribution](#).

As a Lion, you can help save lives, spread knowledge and make the world a healthier place for children. You can make a difference.

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

New LCIF Video Available

[LCIF is Your Foundation](#), the newest video from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), is now available in

all 11 official LCI languages! Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has been supporting Lions in their efforts to make a difference around the world. In this new video, you can learn about the accomplishments of Lions and LCIF.

The videos are available to [view](#) on the LCI Lions News Network, or you can watch them on YouTube: [Measles News Updates](#)



http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php?id=gBiHgF&utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20arch%202014%20-%20EN

A Year in Review for LCIF

When you make a donation to [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#), you can be sure that your contribution is making a difference.



When Ervin had to drop out of school in the Philippines due to a blinding eye disease, your support led to a [SightFirst](#) grant that adapted and equipped the school's classrooms to support children with visual impairments.

Your support also helped Lions increase the effectiveness of [measles](#) vaccination campaigns in countries like Uganda, Zambia and

Kenya where the disease is a deadly threat.

When Superstorm Sandy ravaged the eastern United States, Caribbean and Canada, you provided immediate support for [disaster relief efforts](#). You helped Lions provide displaced families with food, water, medicine and clothing.

District 132 in Macedonia (FYROM) was able to host [Lions Quest](#) trainings with your support of LCIF. Now, 250 students can build positive life skills during the pilot year.

Learn about these achievements and more in the [Lions Clubs International Foundation Annual Report for fiscal year 2012-2013](#). Thank you for your support!

Fellow Lions,

Saving lives – especially the lives of children – will be a key Lions' message for World Immunization Week, April 24-30, 2014. Simple immunizations have been recognized as one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions ever introduced. Through One Shot, One Life, Lions have been saving children's lives one dollar, one shot, at a time.



LCIF will mark this year's World Immunization Week with a special Million Dollar Challenge. The family of Abhey and Aruna Oswal will match every Lions' donation to One Shot, One Life received by LCIF during the month

of April up to a cumulative total of US\$500,000 for a grand total of US\$1 million dollars.

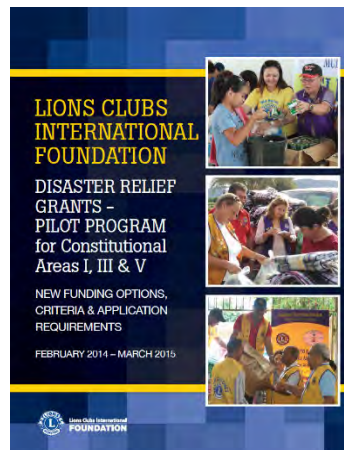
This means that any One Shot, One Life donation by a club or Lion will be quadrupled during the month of April only: gifts will be matched by the Oswal family and those doubled gifts will be matched in full by the Gates Foundation and the UK's Department for International Development through the GAVI matching fund. This is a unique opportunity that clubs and Lions in your district can use to expand the impact of their donations. Donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit, however credits are not given for the additional funds matched by the Oswal family and the GAVI Alliance matching fund partners.

The LCIF communications team has a full schedule of messages to spread the word about LCIF's Million Dollar Challenge leading up to- and during the month of April including: articles and ads in The Lion magazine, the Chairperson's email message, LCIF Blog articles, and special large gift recognition on the web site. LCIF development staff will be writing to you shortly with additional information and resources that you can use in your local promotion. Please feel free to copy and paste or re-post these sources of information for Lions in your area.

As LCIF coordinators, you are our voice and our presence in your district. If you have any questions about the LCIF Million Dollar Challenge, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your leadership on behalf of LCIF.

Dear Lions leader,

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is excited to share with you a new Disaster Relief Grant pilot program that is now available in Constitutional Areas I, III and V through March 2015.



Because Lions worldwide continue to prioritize disaster relief as one of their most important local service activities, LCIF is now piloting a wider variety of funding options to help enhance and expand these efforts. The LCIF Disaster Relief Grant program can support Lions' participation in different phases of emergency management based on the needs of their community and the skills, interests, and availability of their local membership.

This pilot project will determine the effectiveness of new grants that are designed to:

- Strengthen local disaster relief project coordination
- Encourage and support advance planning for disasters
- Leverage Lions' strengths in the community

The new Disaster Relief Grant options include:



The new LCIF Disaster Relief Grant program is being piloted in the United States, Latin America and Asia through March 2015. "Traditional" [emergency grants](#) remain available for all other regions.

Please [contact the LCIF Humanitarian Programs department](#) to learn more about the program and how to submit a proposal:

Telephone: (630) 203-3819

Email: lcif@lionsclubs.org

Or, you can find the brochure and criteria online.

Applications are available in [English](#) = http://lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif146.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Disaster%20Pilot%20Promo%20-%20EN



Editor's Note



SOMEONE

When was the last time you checked your Club Facebook page?

When was the last time you looked at your E-Club web site?

Come on – check it out – you will be surprised to see how out of date it might be. What do you think when someone goes on and finds that the last entry might be October 2011.

By some chance – is this what we might call embarrassing?

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>

MEMBERSHIP



Attention clubs. Now is the time to enter next year's club officers if you haven't already done so. Log on to **MyLCI to enter your club officers for next year.**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Dear Lion,

One of the main goals of club leaders is to leave their club stronger at the end of their term. As club president, you have a responsibility and an opportunity to strengthen your club and position it for success. One of the most important steps you can take right now is adding new members to your club.

Family and Friends Month in April is the perfect opportunity to invite new members. When family and friends see the difference you're making in your community, they'll see just how important your club is. And when they do, I hope you'll ask them to join you.

A great way to celebrate Family and Friends Month—and get new members—is by participating in the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th. The Lunch Relay connects Lions around the world on a special day of family, food, and fun. It's just around the corner, so register your club today!

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

Dues Discount for Family Members

Family and Friends Month is a special time to learn, serve and celebrate with your family, but it doesn't have to end in April. Invite your family members to join your club so they can serve with you. When family members join the same club, they can receive a special discount on membership dues through LCI's [Family Membership Program](#) = **Check out page**

Serve with Family and Friends

The only thing more effective than telling your family and friends about your service activities is involving them in a project. Consider inviting them to join you in a special Family and Friends service project to support the [Protecting Our Environment](#) campaign in April. [Learn about ways to protect the environment](#) and make a real impact in your community.

Inactive Members? No problem!

Every club has members that are not as active as we would like them to be. Consider reaching out to those members to see how they are doing and let them know your club misses them! If you have a service project or event that is coming up, personally ask those Lions to participate. Take a look at the [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#), it can help!



Make April Your Best Membership Month!

There's no better opportunity than Family and Friends Month in April to grow your district membership. Make sure your clubs are planning special events in April to showcase their clubs to family and friends.

Make inviting women a priority. Recruiting new women members is a priority. Inviting men *and* women can help ensure the long-term health of your clubs and district. Hosting a [Lions Family and Women Symposium](#) is a great way for Lions to showcase their clubs to new women members. Remember, April is Family and Friends Month, so there's no better time than now to focus on recruiting!

GLT UPDATE

It is that time of year again; time to elect new Lions Club officers. Whether you are a newly-elected officer or a returning officer, you will certainly benefit from our Club Officer Training. The training will be held before the 4th Cabinet Meeting at Comer Fairgrounds on April 26th at 9:00 a.m. We encourage all club officers to attend. I know you may be thinking that I have done that before, and there is nothing else I can learn. I have found that we can always learn something new.

A couple of clubs in the district have requested the Club Excellence Process. If you feel that your club is struggling and/or is in a rut, give me a call; and we can register you. I think you will find that this process gives your club the opportunity to focus on what you are doing; what you think you should be doing; and how to get there. It is a great tool to strengthen your club.

As I have mentioned before, there are always online courses and webinars available through LCI that will help you become a more knowledgeable Lion. If I can help in any way, please let me know.

PCC Grace Clower

18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Lions Learning Center

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

LOOK AT YOUR CLUB: Taking the time to examine your club and honestly assessing its current status is the key to successfully making changes. Without pinpointing the areas that need attention, you might be fixing a problem that doesn't exist and ignoring a potential trouble spot. It is helpful to write down your observations as you undertake this process. // Begin by observing members during meetings and service activities: What is the general atmosphere of your club? Friendly? Welcoming? Fun? Boring? Tense? Dedicated? Productive?; Are there well-defined, established 'groups' within your club?; Are new members warmly welcomed into your club?; Are new members made to feel a part of the club?; Is your club focused on service goals?

FIX IT FAST // FOCUS ON MEETINGS:

Think Positively—When considering any changes to your club, keep a positive attitude. Your club might be steeped in tradition and used to doing things a certain way, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try something new. Today's experiment could be tomorrow's new tradition. Try Trimming Time—Do you feel that your agenda is as lean as it can be, but your meetings still running long? Examine the content of your agenda items and try trimming just a little time from a few items. Those small time adjustments will add up. Communicate your shortening of agenda items to all affected, so they can plan.

Training Materials/Resources

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

Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

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



Upcoming Webinars

Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?

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

Intended Audience:

Lions who are interested in the path to district governorship

[Friday, April 4](#)

[8:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, April 9](#)

[1:00pm](#)

Conflict Resolution

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

Intended Audience:

All Lions

[Friday, May 9](#)

[8:00pm](#)

[Wednesday, May 14](#)

[1:00pm](#)



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

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

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

Register for this netcast

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

Topic

Conducting Informational Meetings for New and Existing Clubs

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

Membership Planning for Next Fiscal Year

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

Date

April 29, 2013

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

May 22, 2014

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

Family Membership

Invite your family to participate in your club's next community event, because as a family unit, you can receive a dues discount when volunteering together.

As a Lions family unit you can:

- Increase quality family time
- Be a role model
- Help your community



The Family Membership Program applies to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents.

To be part of the Family Membership Program, your club secretary must complete the [Family Unit Certification Form](#) or [file online](#).

Resources: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/family-membership/index.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20March%202014%20EN

LCI awards clubs adding 10 or more new family members at the time of charter with the Family Membership Banner Patch.

Bring the Kids

The new [Cub Program](#) helps support family-friendly clubs. Formulated special to encourage families to volunteer together, children under age 12 have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping others. Cubs are divided into the following age groups:

- Level I: Age 3 and under
- Level II: Age 4-7
- Level III: age 8-12

The [Lions Family Cub Program Activity Guide](#) and [Family Cub Program Activities](#) are filled with age-appropriate activities. Clubs may also wish to [order](#) distinguishing Cub patches by age level to help Cubs feel like part of the club and get them excited to participate.

Together We Can Grow Contest

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

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

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

Together We Can Grow winners will also receive:

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

Together We Can Grow Contest Rules

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

Enter our Innovative Member Recruiting Contest!

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

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

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

Innovative Member Recruiting Contest Rules

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



Together We Can Grow CONTEST



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

Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!

Win your choice of...

**\$250 MJF
Donation**



OR



\$250 in Club Supplies

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
300 W 22ND ST | OAK BROOK IL 60523-8842 | PHONE 630-571-5466 | FAX 630-571-1691
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CLUB REPORTS



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

Atlanta Chinese American Lions Club = Lion Eric Lu in a training status -



Buford Lions Club = 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm Discussed fund raising activities

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Clermont North Hall Lions Club is make a lot of plans for a busy spring and summer. We have schedule a fund raiser March 29, it is our four biannual Pancake Breakfast. We have set up a committee to start planning out 5K run in Sept. @ Clermont Days Festival. We will be working for White Cane April 19. We are having AARP Safe Driving School April 8th, it is an 8 hour course. By taken this course it will reduce your auto insurance by 3% for 3 years. It also helps to keep you up to date on driving and laws. We studying the possibility have Bingo at our club house in the future. We have voted to have the White County Lions Club organize under our charter as a branch club. We will like to welcome those members to our club.

Conyers Lions Club = Met twice in March, on the 3rd and 17th, both Mondays. At the first meeting the slate of officers for next year was approved with one change. Lion June Cronan will replace Lion Rob Kelley as treasurer and assume the office now. Three club members worked with 123 children at the Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. Lion Tom Linek gave a report on the Pancake Breakfast, a success as usual!

The tail twister fined the secretary for wearing his hat indoors (to cover his bald head), and then fined everyone else for good measure. The subject of the member bio for the first meeting was Lion Tom Linek. It revealed an odyssey that ended with joining the Conyers Lions Club. At the second meeting several members turned in used glasses totaling 135 pairs. This meeting featured the bio of Lion Mary Michael who was born in San Francisco and took her nursing training at Walter Reed. Her journey also took her to the Conyers Lions Club. Lion John Martin won the 'pot' in the drawing. (The member 'bio'(3-5 minutes) is really working quite well for us, and I recommend it to everyone.)

Covington Lions Club =



March was a quite month—moods were questionable with the anticipation of Spring, Nomination Committee had their meeting, focus on membership, and plans for our 42nd Annual Chicken BBQ on April 9 were underway, and reminders of District upcoming events (April 26 – 4th Cabinet Meeting / Family Picnic in Comer and May 30 – June 1 State Lions Convention in Macon) went out.



Committee had their meeting, focus on membership, plans for our 42nd Annual Chicken BBQ on April 9 were underway, and reminders of District upcoming events (April 26 – 4th Cabinet Meeting / Family Picnic in Comer and May 30 – June 1 State Lions Convention in Macon) went out.

President Richard Brown called the Board Meeting to order at 7 PM on Monday, March 10th. Twelve members attended. Treasurer, Jimmy Williams, reported that we had a net profit of \$2,150.35 from our February 27 Chili Supper. “Just Ask” pins, purchased from the Loganville Legacy Club, will be distributed at our March 13 Membership Meeting. It was decided to postpone the formal New Membership Induction Ceremony to our June New Officers Banquet. Charlotte Lunsford picked up several bags of eyeglasses. Richard told of a Kiosk that the Brunswick Lions Club built and placed in the mall that was full of eyeglasses. Ronnie Umphrey volunteered to build one for us. Charles Berry will determine its location. Anne Wheeler said she has 3 eye exam applications. Missy gave an overview of her Lighthouse / Camp for the Blind meeting in Macon and talked about the Lighthouse Night of Spectacle event on May 10th. Earl Stallworth mentioned that the Lions fee has been reduced from \$150 to \$75 and encouraged Lions to attend. There are 4 Lions from our club registered. Richard talked about the 2020 International Convention in Atlanta. Voting will be held at our State Convention; and after June 1, the committee will approach the International Board. The last Georgia International Convention was in 1982. Richard said the 2019 Convention was awarded to Milan, Italy. Anne reported 22 scholarship applications thus far. This will be narrowed down to 6 scholarships by our club to be awarded at each high school in May. Earl mentioned that he will have a Zone 8 meeting at Richard’s place of business on Tuesday, March 11, 9 – 11 AM and welcomes anyone to attend. Jimmy still has a few Camp for the Blind raffle tickets. Anne will do a club calling post member alert that tickets will be available at our March 13 Membership Meeting.

President Richard called the Thursday, March 13, Membership Meeting to order at 7 PM. There were 33 members present and 2 guests. PDG Debbie Cope was guest speaker and talked to us about Membership. She gave a brief Lions history, said we should consider our club first, our local communities and then the world, keep in mind we not only do sight and hearing initiatives, but volunteer work within our community, offer scholarships and seek grant awards. Said we need people with a “good heart” as Lions. Encouraged members to continue to tell our story and ask people to visit our club to see what we are all about. She talked about Helen Keller who challenged Lions to become “Knights of the Blind” and Ann Sullivan who helped her. Debbie made one last announcement: “*Ronnie asked me to marry him*”. Of course, there was loud applause, but various *tidbits of advice!* Richard distributed “Just Ask...why it is great to be a Lion” pin to all members and asked them to wear it as you go about your day. Lee Mayfield said all plans are in good order for our Wednesday, April 9, 11 AM – 8 PM - **42nd Annual Chicken BBQ**. He said we will need all Lions Monday to do sauce, Tuesday to do cole slaw and all day Wednesday for the BBQ. Richard made several club and District announcements.

A Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, at 7 PM. Special guest speakers will be: Dr. Samantha Fuhrey, Newton County School Superintendent, Sherri Davis-Viniard and Dr. Lockhart. Focus will be “The State of Newton County Schools – 2014”. We will finalize plans for the Chicken BBQ. And, plans for a **White Cane Day** sometime in **April** will be discussed.

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS = Eyeglasses pick-up (159) – 2 hours, Eyeglass Applications (3) – 2 hours, Lions 2020 International Convention – 8 hours, Covington 1st United Methodist Church – 44 hours, Communion for shut-ins – 2 hours, Homeless Shelter – Club Food Delivery – 2 hours, FFA Wildlife – 3 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Distribution – 3 hours, Homeless Shelter – Cooking – 4 hours, Newton Medical Center – 190 hours, Conyers Presbyterian Church – 64 hours, Meals on Wheels – 12 hours, Book Buddies – 14 hours, Covington 1st UMC – Food Pantry – 2 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop – 65 hours, School – 2nd Grade Reading Program – 4 hours, Gideons – 7 hours, Porterdale Baptist Church – 2 hours, CV Club Website – Maintenance – 3 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, Zone Mtg. participation) – 12 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, telephone calls, Zone participation) – 4 hours

TOTAL HOURS - 449 hours



**The Elberton Lions Club
Proudly presents
The 12th Annual Lions Club 5K
Saturday, April 26, 2014
9:00AM
Elberton, GA**



The Elberton Lions Club invites all runners/walkers to join them at the Elbert County Comprehensive High School for the 12th Annual Elberton Lions 5K. The 5K will begin at 9:00AM. The start/finish will be at the Elbert County Comprehensive High School, which is located 600 Abernathy Circle just off Jones Street.

Colorful t-shirts will be guaranteed to all pre-registered participants and as supply lasts to race day registration. **Pre-registration is \$15.00 postmarked by April 17, 2014** and \$20.00 afterwards to race day. Packet pickup will begin at 7:30AM on race day.

Online registration available at [active.com](http://www.active.com)

Awards will be presented to Overall Male/Female, Masters Male/Female, and the top three male/females in age groups beginning with 10 and under up to 75 and over. Finish line managed by **Classic Race Services** and results will be posted on line within 24 hours at www.classicraceservices.com, www.active.com, www.runningintheusa.com and www.coolrunning.com.

The 5K course will start and finish at the Elbert County Comprehensive High School. The course will wind through adjacent neighborhoods before returning to the High School.

Mail completed entry to: Elberton Lions 5K, C/o Alvin Brady, 1744 Hartwell Hwy, Elberton, GA 30635.

For additional information, please contact Alvin Brady at (706) 201-6355, or Carole Black at classicraceservices@gmail.com

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Signature (if under 18, parent/guardian)

Date



Dahlonega Lions Club = Lion Bill Mundy attended 181's Cabinet/Convention. Assisted in food distribution to Lumpkin County citizens. Cooked Blueberry Pancakes for seniors at the Senior Center of Lumpkin County. Collection for Waypoint Outreach program. Assisted with fund raising for Lumpkin County Teacher Scholarship fund. Lion Bill Lundberg hand carved a large American Eagle for Boy Scouts Troop.

Dawsonville Lions Club = Don Cargill, vice president, with Kimberly Boim, Editor, Dawson News and Ad The vote for Lion of the Year was taken. Regular meeting and election of next year's officers. Recognition of this year's STAR student, Cole Simmons, and Star teacher, Ryan Coker.



Decatur Lions Club = The club enjoyed their annual Valentine social. Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 122 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 827 pair. Two (2) members worked a total of 36 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 447 man hours. A \$100.00 donation was sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation for the Measles Campaign. Chaplain Larry Connelly presented an interesting program on his calling to be a chaplain and several of his cases.

Forsyth County Lions Club = Forsyth County Lions Club doing eye screening at the 2013 Senior Expo in Cumming, GA. Photo from the Forsyth County News. This Saturday (3/22) from 11 AM - 3 PM at North Lanier Baptist Church in Cumming, GA, the Forsyth Lions Club is doing eye screenings as part of the church's "3 Days of Hope" service event.



Jefferson Lions Club = Lions Jerry Legg, Dot Hunt, Buddy Hunt and Rita Gunter attended the Zone Four Meeting hosted by the Winder Lions Club at the Golden Corral in Winder, Georgia. We enjoyed fellowship with fellow Lions and reports from Lions District Officers Grace Clower and Vicki Hubbard. The Jefferson Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser was held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Jefferson High School Cafeteria from 5:00-7:30PM. It was a success with 24 Lions participating and 2 former Lions and one youth also helping. Everyone enjoyed good food, good music and good fellowship.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order by Lion President Jerry Legg on March 24, 2014 with 19 members and 2 guests present. Lion Greg Broussard introduced our guest speakers Jim Sweat and Darrell Chassion from Jackson Electric Membership Corporation. Jim Sweat, JEMC Job Training and Safety Director gave a presentation on JEMC's storm restorations efforts in South Georgia during the recent winter storms. Darrell Chassion, JEMC Systems Control Supervisor, talked with the Club about JEMC's state of art SCADA Outage Management System. JEMC is a huge supporter of the Jefferson Lions Club and its activities. Many of its employees are Lions Club Members. Lion Gay Bradley passed out sign up sheets for White Cane Day to be held on May 5, 2014. Lion Ken Brand gave a tentative report on the Lions Club Pancake Supper Fundraiser that was held on March 22, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order by Lion President Jerry Legg on March 10, 2014 with 20 members and 3 guests present. District 4 Zone Chairperson, Robert Norton, presented Jefferson Lion Don Lord with the beautiful Melvin Jones Award plaque and Don's wife Maxine pinned the Melvin Jones Award pin on his vest. Congratulations to Lion Don who has been an active and productive member of the Jefferson Lions Club for 35 years. Lion Gay Bradley presented our program as the 2013-14 LCIF District Coordinator. Lion Gay presented a film on the activities of the Lions Club International Foundation in the USA and around the globe. Lion Ken Brand passed out sign up sheets and donation sheets for the Jefferson Lions Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser to be held on March 22, 2014 at the Jefferson High School Cafeteria. Lion Gay Bradley reminded everyone of White Cane collection day set for May 5, 2014. Lion President, Jerry Legg called the Board of Directors Meeting to order on Monday, March 10 at 7:45 PM with 11 members present. After a motion and a second the Board approved a \$100 donation to the Lions Club Canine Companions.

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16th Annual Golf Classic
Applewood Golf Course
Saturday – May 17, 2014**

Benefits the following Community Projects:

***Leader Dogs for the Blind; The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation;
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**2 Man Scramble
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**Putting Contest
Bucket of Balls
Tee Gifts**



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**Prizes: 1st 2nd 3rd Place Teams
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Fun for All!

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Registration Information

Registration Time 7:30 am

Shotgun Start 9:00 am

Join us for a fun day of charity golf! We sincerely thank you for your support.

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Hephzibah Lions Club 16 th Annual Golf Classic		Saturday – May 17, 2014	
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LaVista Lions Club = March 11: . Our meeting was held at Sagamore Hills Elementary School, our Partner in Education. We were hosted to a dinner served by their Safety Patrol and their principal, Julie Matlin. This is an annual event, nine club members attended. As reported several times earlier Lion Bob Deryck is very active tutoring second graders at the school in reading and math. Two members of the safety patrol, all fifth graders, recalled reading with Lion Bob three years earlier. We present an award to a Sagamore Hills student of the year and Teacher of the Year. These recipient of these awards will not be named until May.

March 25 = We held our annual awards banquet to honor DeKalb County's Fireman of the Year. This year the honor went to Fireman Patrick Miller of Station Number 6. We honored Fireman Miller with a plaque and a monetary award. In addition, we added his name to a plaque that permanently hangs in the Public Safety Headquarters. LaVista Lions have honored DeKalb's Fireman of the Year since 1984. Twenty-seven LaVista Lions, their spouses and guests joined 13 firemen from Station 6 and 9 for a delightful evening.

La Vista Lions Shrimp Shuck April 8 = This is the club's annual shrimp feast held at the Clairmont Hills Baptist Church hall beginning at 6:30pm with dinner at 7:00pm. Club members and wives will eat at no cost. ALL guests will be charged \$10.00 each

Club Excellence Process April 22 = PDG Grace Clower has accepted three meetings, this and the two in May, to map out what we want our club to be in the future. Copies of the Assessment and Rating forms will be available at the Shrimp Shuck. Please complete the forms and bring them to this meeting.

Atlanta VisionWalk April 27 = The 2014 Atlanta VisionWalk sponsored by the Foundation Fighting Blindness will begin at 12 Noon at Piedmont Park. All members are invited to support this event both physically and financially. Make checks payable to FFB and bring them to this meeting.

Lions at Work The first Broom and Mop Sale for 2014 netted \$469.00 sold by a crew of 9 members and Harrison Anderson at the Kroger store on La Vista Road on March 15.

Lavonia Lions Club - Toccoa Lions Club members, (left to right) Lion Bill, 18I Zone 1 Chair, Lion Dale, Lion Flo & Lion Bryan "Bryan the Lion", Toccoa Lions Club President, helped the Lavonia Lions Club Celebrate their 80 Year Anniversary. PID Eugene Spiess, from South Carolina, was the Key Note Speaker and gave a very motivating speech. The food was great and many Lions from Lavonia and the district help Lavonia Lions celebrate. Everyone had a great time.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Our club donated a \$50.00 basket of goodies to the Special Needs School White Elephant event. We collected 319 used eyeglasses and 38 lenses. We had 2 members perform 35 vision screenings at Jenkins Elementary School. PCC Grace Clower visited our club and inducted our newest member, Aryn Jariwalla.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = 3/11: BOARD MEETING - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR "FINE TUNING" CLUB PROCEDURES IN THE FUTURE WERE CONSIDERED -

1. COMBINING BOARD MEETING WITH TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING WITH PROPOSED AGENDA CIRCULATED A WEEK IN ADVANCE ,AND MEETING WOULD PRECEED THE FRIDAY MEETING, THUS ELIMINATING A THIRD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BOARD MEMBERS
2. COMBINING POSITIONS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER
3. BETSY GREVENIVICH WILL BECOME THE OFFICIAL CALLER TO MEMBERS REMINDING THEM OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND POLLING FOR RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY ISSUES WHEN NECESSARY.

4. CHUCK BAGLEY IS FINALIZING BALLOT FOR LY 2014-15

5. APPROVED DONATION OF \$ 500.00 TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR THEIR MARCH EVENT.....

3/14 REGUAR LUNCH MEETING

1. AFTER A MONTH OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SPENT WITH DR. HENRY "LEO" WILL SPEND THE NEXT MONTH WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS DERRELL AND JACKIE RISSER.

2. MEMBERSHIP FOR TONY BRODHEAD UNDER THE MILITARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM WAS APPROVED
3. REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT IN MONROE 3/29 WAS MADE - TO DATE 10 MEMBERS HAVE COMMITED (LAST YEAR WE HAD 23 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE)

4. PLANNING FOR APRIL WHITE CANE EVENT IS UNDERWAY = GOAL IS \$ 1500.00.TO ACHIEVE THIS 55 VOLUNTEER HOURS OVER 4 WEEKENDS (FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY MORNING) SHOULD ENABLE US TO REACH IT !..

5. ATTENDANCE AT THIS YEARS STATE CONVENTION IN MACON WAS ENCOURAGED - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

3/22: 1 legacy lion spent 4 hours selling lions club brooms at community yard sale

Loganville Lions Club = Nazary 12 hours Byrd Sec. 4 hours. Morris Trea. 5 hours Knight Pres. 4 hours. Pres. Knight called meeting to order at 7 pm. Members Present 15, visitors Jim Goldsby and Terry Brewer. Opening prayer Lion Stearman. Pledge of allegiance Lion Gower. Dinner Tail twister Junior Hall acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries. Lion Neal Byrd reported on recent District Meeting. Treasurer report and minutes were approved. Adjourned at 8:00 pm. Pres. Knight called a Board Meeting for the purpose of confirming and accepting an application on Terry Brewer. He was unanimously approved.

Monroe Lions Club = Monroe Lions showed their support of local youth by presenting charitable donations to Communities in School and the Walton County Boys and Girls Club. We presented checks to Angela Yarman of Communities in Schools and Stephanie Thompkins and Katie Downey of the Walton County Boys and Girls Club.



Norcross Lions Club = This month's speakers were Stacie Stamper, Donations Coordinator, and Ally Fuller, Volunteer Coordinator, Gwinnett ReStore, part of Habitat for Humanity International. The Norcross Lions Club donated \$500 to the GA Lions Lighthouse White Cane collection. PDG John Rudert worked 50 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other tasks in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse.

Oconee Lions Club = Delivered = 1200 pairs of glasses, 352 pairs of lens only, 12 new contact lens, 14 Cell phones, 2 Hearing aids (a pair), 136 hard eyeglass cases to LIGHTHOUSE

Oxford Lions Club = Oxford Lions President PDG Richard Henderson is shown after installing 6 of 7 new members into their club. Shown left to right are Membership Chairman Lion John Burson, Lions Mike Dial, Walt Eller, Richard Henderson, John McCarthy, Anne Cranford, Mary Flemister, and William Flemister. They had all just finished working on the club's pancake supper fundraiser. Not shown is Lion Ty Forbes. Volunteers work with students learning to read, others learning English as a second language, and others working toward a GED. Shelve books and other items at the local library



Royston Franklin Springs Lions Club =



Social Circle Lions Club = On March 3 during the club's regular Monday evening meeting, the Social Circle Lions presented their 2014 STAR Student and Teacher from the Social Circle High School. Lion Steve Trantham is the STAR Program chairman and once again led the efforts to ensure this program was a success. A wonderful full course meal was provided by Lions Judi (Howard) Barton. Also, on program this night was PDG/PCC Grace Clower who reported survey findings/goals to the club members to advance the Club Excellence initiative. Lions service hours this month included AARP Tax Preparation (Lion Paul), food distribution (Lion Larry), and assistance to the elderly (Lion Dede).



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Friday, May 2, 2014

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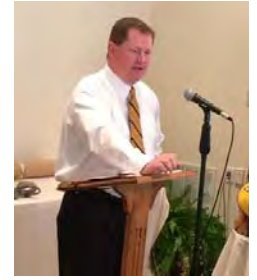
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Snellville Lions Club = Lions International sponsors the Peace Poster contest every year, encouraging young people to create a drawing/painting based on the theme that year. This year's theme is "Our World, Our Future" and our Club had several entries. First Place in District 18-I is Lauren Perry. She and her family attended our meeting to tell us the process for creating her winning entry, along with the number of months to complete it!. She brought a small version of her Peace Poster to share with the Club. Another of our winners was Robert Lewis, but he was not able to attend the meeting. Barbara Larson, 4H leader in Gwinnett County explained the process of working with students on the project. We were pleased to have each of them in attendance at our last meeting!



Toccoa Lions Club = The Toccoa Lions Club held its Monthly Board of Directors meeting on March 11, 2014 at Dr. Kay Royal's office. The change to Day Light Saving Time may still have some lingering effects on the Toccoa Lions. We were missing several board members and one of the board was a sleepy-head. Yes, Dr. Kay, I am talking about you. Club President, Bryan the Lion, opened the meeting at precisely at 7am and we actually conducted all of our business in one hour. Way to go board. The Secretary & Treasurer reports were given and upcoming events such as the Membership Meeting, Chilly Open, White Cane and Pancake Breakfast were discussed. Lion Bryan indicated that the club had received letters from the Boys & Girls Club & the Toccoa record that need attention.

The Toccoa Lions gathered at the Gate Cottage for their February 27th 2014 meeting. Club President, Bryan the Lion, opened the meeting on time but made a serious blunder in the order of the meeting and in the words to the Patriotic Song. Lion Bill urged Tail Twister, Rev. Dr. Henry to levy a heavy fine on Bryan the Lion. Upon taking the podium Rev. Dr. Henry did his normal outstanding job in enlightening the Lions and then turned to business. He levied several fines including a good fine on Bryan the Lion. He also levied a fine on Lion Bill on some trumped up incident. Our speaker for the meeting was Denny Folsom. Denny is the Stephens County Emergency Management Director. He has quite a background in law enforcement and emergency management. Denny gave the Lions an overview of emergency management and some of the opportunities the county is facing.



The Open Membership Meeting is this Thursday at 6:30 P.M. in the Mitchell-Allen Room. 74 persons have been invited. Plans are underway for the upcoming Chilly Open. The committee has been meeting on a regular basis. The Pancake Breakfast will be April 26th at Applebee's. Volunteers will be needed for cashier, wait staff, etc. Lion Bill is still working on the Lion's Day Proclamation. A request for sponsorship was received from the Boys and Girls Club. It was tabled. The Toccoa Record will have a special section featuring volunteer organizations. We could pay to place an advertisement in this special edition. A vote will be taken on this at a later date. The Home Health and Garden Show will

be March 29th. We usually do vision screenings and sell mops and brooms. We usually make back the cost of a booth. Lions Bryan Gordon and Bill Graham attended the Boy Scout Fundraiser Kickoff. Nominations will soon have to be made for officers for next year. The election is in April. Nominations are needed for vice presidents and a secretary. White Cane will be April 11th and 12th. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next regular meeting.

The Toccoa Lions have added a new mascot. Pictured below is Seemore the Lion with Smucky, our new Mascot. The Toccoa Lions also have a costumed mascot named Roary. Seemore the Lion got his name because Lions help people see more. Roary got his name because Lions Roar, Roar, Roar. Smucky came to us from the gift shop at Leader Dog School for the Blind while Lion Bill was in training. Also pictured is Smucky visiting with next door neighbor Rusty the six week old Boxer.



The Toccoa Lions Club Sight Conservation Eye Glasses Intake Session - March 13th, 2014



The Toccoa Lions had a record number of people at their March Eye Glasses Intake Session. It seems like every time we have a large number of consumers, the crew is shorthanded. This month was no exception. The Toccoa Lions interviewed 17 people this month. Ten consumers were issued a voucher for eye glasses. Seven people did not have sufficient information to process their application or were referred to other organizations for help. Pictured below are Lion Margo who worked the inside and Lion Drew who worked the outside. Normally, the



five people working a session. The pictures were taken at the beginning of the session. We do not have photographic evidence to determine how Lions Margo or Drew looked at the end of the session.

Toccoa Lions Club Toccoa Lions Club Membership Meeting Challenges & Opportunities

The Toccoa Lions held its annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 13th, 2014 at the Mitchell Allen Room in the Historic Depot in Toccoa GA. This meeting was part of the club's Membership Committee Plan. Club President Bryan the Lion remarked, "We had a great turn-out from the community and our club members really got involved to help make this a success". Club members invited over eighty people to attend the Open House/Membership Meeting. Fifty one people attended the TLC Membership meeting including twenty nine guests and twenty two Lions. Lion Dale coordinated the refreshments. Lions provided the food and it was great. A large number of Lions remained for clean-up and had a lot of FUN & Fellowship during this time.

Toccoa Lions Club Membership Chair, Lion Bill Graham told the Lions and guests the Lions MOTTO is “WE SERVE”. He told the group that the Toccoa Lions have four guiding principles in living out this MOTTO. First, we want to help people in our community get the help they need. Second, we want to do this in a manner that shows we are good stewards of the money we raise from the public. Third, we want to be good role models for the public and our consumers. And finally, we want to give the consumer some personal responsibility in getting the help they need. Examples of this last principle includes the consumer making their own eye exam appointment, by signing a “Code of Conduct” for the Doctor visit and by making a co-payment on replacement of broken eye glasses. Lion Bill also told the guests that the Lions are not asking them to do extra work, the Lions want to help you do the community service you want to do.

In addressing the Lions, Lion Bill noted “it is great that we had 29 guests at our membership meeting but the work has just begun. Now that we have told our guests about our great Lions organization, we need to continue to follow-up with them to make sure they submit their application forms. And once they are members, we need to make sure they are involved and stay active.”



Towns County Lions Club = Lions helped box and distribute meals to approximately 500 people. They also participated in the Back Pack program helping to pack back packs to be distributed to children so they would have food to eat on the weekend. Donated 41 pair of glasses, 13 glass cases, 3 phones, and 2 hearing aids. Last night at our Lions club meeting, we inducted new member Gene Clopton. Welcome Gene, we look forward to working with you. I forgot my camera so we'll have to get a picture of him at our next meeting!

Tuesday, February 25, 2014, was a night of celebration for our Towns County Honor students at the Towns County Lions Club meeting. The Lions Club recognized 25 TCHS Honor students with certificates of accomplishment rounds of applause. Special recognition was given to the TCHS Star Student Faithe Robinson. In turn, she recognized her selection of Star Teacher in Ms. Lynn Swanson. Robinson said that it was easy to pick Ms. Swanson because of her passion and dedication to her job. As Robinson's Spanish teacher, she said that Swanson taught her so much in just one year.

Twenty of the twenty-five students honored were present to receive their certificates from Lion President Julie Payne and to be congratulated by Principal Jonathan Gibson, Assistant Principal Erica Chastain and teacher Melissa Bridges. Bridges provided the club members and visiting parents with details on future plans after graduation. Also present was school superintendent Melissa Williams and Board Member Donna Hedden.



Union County Lions Club =

Board Meeting: March 6, 2014.

- Eye Glass Co-Chair Lion Michael Thompson presented 2 applications for eye exams and glasses. Both applications were approved by the Board.
- Lion Gene Little discussed plans for White Cane Days which will be held on April 18 & 19. Lion Gene reported that we have received \$315 in donations to date. He has prepared proclamation for County Commissioner, article for newspaper and information for the local radio station.
- The Board approved a motion to send \$100 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for white cane in memory of deceased Lion Jimmie Schumacher.
- The Board discussed the idea of putting an insert in the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC bill requesting donations. Lion Bob Wood will research further prior to the next Board meeting.
- The Board approved a motion to participate in the Union County Farmers Market again this year.

March 13, 2014 Regular Meeting –

- Our guest speaker tonight was Lion Anne Mundy, daughter of long time Lion Bill Mundy. Their home club is Dahlonega Lions Club. Lion Anne has impressive back ground in Lionism and is currently 2nd Vice Governor of District I. Lion Anne shared her personal story of why she became a Lion. She then gave an update on current activities in the District. Lions Lighthouse new executive director is Roberta Green. Lighthouse New Light of Spectacles is May 10th. Third floor of Lighthouse will be used to display some of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's [he is also a Lion & a PDG] memorabilia. Lion Anne also stated that GA. Lions Camp for Blind is under new leadership. The Districts LION constitution is being revised and the big news is Atlanta in process of making a bid for the 2020 Lions International Convention!!
- Lion Anne then presented the following Lion service chevrons: Jack Levy, 30 yrs; Les Myers, 25 yrs; Carl Buser, 15yrs; Roy McKee, Mildred Thompson, & Michael Clark each 10yrs; and then for Don Enzmann, 60 year chevron!! Lion Anne then presented each Lion present her personal 2nd Vice DG pin & hopefully she will add 1st VDG & then DG for 2015-2016!! She then ended with one last story of a lady who had written a thank you note to the Lions for her new eye glasses & that she could now see to crochet again!!
- Lion Lisa Little as chair of N.C. then gave first reading of proposed 2014-2015 Lion officers.

March 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

- Our guest speaker tonight was Janice Loudermilk who is with Union County DFCS. Prior to coming to DFCS, Janice taught in the school system for 13 years. Then she spoke of great need for 'foster homes' & of course, Foster parents. There are currently 4 in Union County & 2 in Towns County. There are a number of temporary homes that are available on short term only. Youngest ever to go to a foster-home is a 3 day old straight from hospital to foster-care home. Age 18 is usual age limit of foster-home care, however, on rare occasion and under certain circumstances, there has been up to 21 yrs of age. There are no perfect children, Janice said, as most come from troubled homes. Janice is also Senior Case Manager at DFCS. She had hand-outs for requirements for becoming a 'foster parent.' There were several questions asked & answered after her presentation.
- Lion President Mary Arnold, in absence of Lion Lisa Little as chair of the nominating committee, then gave second reading of proposed 2014-2015 Lion officers, with changes, as follows: President Gene Little; 1st V P Bob Wood; 2nd VP Carl Buser; Secretary Jim Wentworth; Asst Secretary Heather Batye; Treasurer Gerry Bailey; Asst Treasurer Louise Little; Chaplin Paul Clark; Asst Chaplin Betty Gurr; Lion Tamer Roy McKee; Asst Lion Tamer James Batye; Tail Twister Jack Gross; Asst Tail Twister Paul Clark. Directors as follows: 1 yr Louise Little & Carol Neil; 2 yr Arthur Gurr & Sam Weissberg; 3 yr Lisa Little & Bob Qualtieri. Membership Chair 1 yr Jack Gross; 2 yr Carol Neil; 3 yr Gray Williams. Lion Mary asked for nomination from floor. There being none, Lion Carl Buser made motion for cease and accept as read. Lion Arthur second. Accepted.



WORKING LIONS - 109 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 115 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 6 hours
Total: 230 hours

Submitted: 3 news article

Winder Noon Lions Club = The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church in March by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors were provided with a snack and a drink after they had given blood. The club recognized two Junior Class Students from each of the two Barrow County High Schools as Juniors of the Month. They are selected by their principals for their outstanding achievements in academics and participation in service activities. 84 pairs of glasses were collected during the month. The club raffled a \$500 Ingles Gift Card as a fundraiser for the 2014 year. \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities at the club. \$25 was donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in honor of Don Clark.

**Lions District I – Zone 8 Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, Truss Company Conference Room**

Zone 8 Chair, Lion Earl Stallworth, called the meeting the order at 9:15 AM (after greetings and a light breakfast). Earl thanked Richard Brown for his hospitality in allowing us to use his conference room. Attendees were:

- Earl had several pass-out information (Lions Clubs as they compare to other organizations, FAQ on Why I Became a Lion, etc.) and show ‘n tell:
 - Toccoa Club annual calendar using student Peace Poster submission for the 12 months and Lion family birthdays. Generates top sales.
 - Oxford Lions also do an annual calendar which generates a good profit.
 - The Toccoa Club Bio was distributed.
 - The Oxford Club also has a Bio.
- Earl encouraged all clubs to check the District and State Awards; there is a Covington Award for the club with the most new members. He mentioned that although the Golden Chain Award requires sponsorship of a new member, it has 11 qualifications—many of which requires attendance to meetings. Frank Jensen gave an overview of the awards and a brief qualification.
- Dede says they will have a golf tournament on May 2nd, a White Cane Day in April at a grocery store, their 4th Forestry fundraiser, and a city-wide vision screening event at the community center.
- Wayne said they will have White Cane collections the entire month of April. This month-long campaign generates a lot of money.
- Wayne said they assist with 3 concerts at the Town Pavilion.
- Frank reported that the Covington Club - Chicken BBQ in April

Earl thanked everyone for this very productive meeting. Good ideas were shared. Wayne commented that Earl has done an outstanding job as Zone 8 Chair.

Earl had a successful Zone 8 Meeting on Tuesday, March 11th. Five of his six Lions clubs were represented (Covington, Loganville, Loganville Legacy, Oxford and Social Circle – Monroe rep later advised that she had a family crisis). Earl covered the following:

- District 4 Initiative donations as a Zone. He suggested that clubs should furnish their Zone Chair a copy of their FY budget so that the Chair would not have to talk “donations” the entire year—it can be done as an overview item at each meeting.
- Stressed the importance of club secretaries to submit their MMR and SAR on a timely basis each month, preferably online.
- Timely submission of PU-101 to District and LCI.
- Talked about new membership. PDG Richard Henderson reported 7 new members thus far this year—quite an accomplishment.
- A couple of clubs are seeking the Club Excellence Award.
- Co-club sponsorship of community events is healthy in our zone. After discussion, Earl urged club officers to make sure these volunteer hours are reported in their SAR.
- Club and District announcements were made.
- Roundtable discussions ensued. Lion Earl had “sales tool” LCI sheets for potential membership for each club, a show ‘n tell on a couple club calendars using student Peace Poster submissions and special date events and club bio samples were presented.
- Encouraged all clubs to pursue District and State Awards. He said there is a Covington Award for the club with the most new members. He also talked about the Golden Chain Award.
- Encouraged officers to be on the lookout for potential leaders.
- Other club officers shared their club past and present activities.
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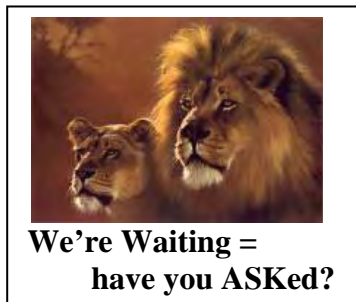


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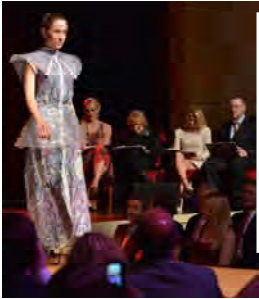
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Lions Museum Opening

The dedication ceremony for the **first** Lions Museum in the country will take place in the afternoon of May 10th, before the Night of Spectacles.



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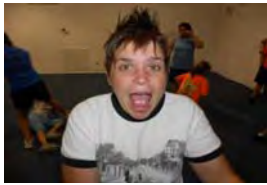
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Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind 2014 Silent Auction



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

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

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

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

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

Dimple Forrest // Silent Auction Chair

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

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

Recently Vice President Cary Vanlandingham, District O got a Grant of \$15000 for the camp. Of that amount \$8853 will go to repair roof on the Activities Bldg , \$2500 to pour Concrete pad and screen in the area around the BBQ grill , \$2500 for RV electrical hookups (where lions can go down and park their RV's and stay at the camp and \$1147 to the general fund.

I would like to remind you of the next work weekend will be April 12&13th. I am encouraging you and some of the club members plan to attend, Go to the Camp website and fill out a form to let the staff know that you are attending. It will be a rewarding experience for anyone attending.



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**Saturday June 21st, 7:05 PM
vs. Louisville Bats**

As Chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, I would like to inform you of the Committee's decision to encourage each District to hold a District wide Fundraiser to benefit the Camp. Because it was already in place, Lion Brian Donegan, & I chose to continue the Gwinnett Braves/Lions Baseball Fundraiser. This will be the 4th year for this event and I am happy to report that each year it has grown. In the three previous years, we have sold an average of 206 tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$8ea and for each ticket sold over 200, \$3 stays with the Club that sold the tickets, to be sent to the Camp after the Game. That comes out to about \$619 for each of those three years. Every Club that sold tickets would send the revenue from the game to the Camp as per their share.

That's not bad, but it is not where we feel it should be, or where we can be. We now have a much larger District with 57 Lions Clubs. Our goal is to have every Lions Club in District I be a part of this fundraiser. Our goal is to also sell 500 tickets, and if we can, the Camp will realize an additional \$1,500. It is a great time to be a Lion and a great time to come together in support of the Camp. The kicker is that tickets don't have to be sold just to Lions. Wouldn't it be great for each Lion to sell tickets to not only their members, their families, but to friends and co workers as well? Wouldn't this be an awesome time to share with friends what Lions do and how service minded we are? Also, some Lions seem to balk at spending money for fundraisers such as the drawing for \$5000 or a Gator, but this is different because the purchaser actually gets something for his/her donation. I believe that we may even be able to bring in a few new Lions.

In order to get the Clubs excited, the Fundraising Committee and the Camp Directors have thrown out a caveat to entice the Clubs to go all out to make this a great competition. The 4 Districts will be competing to see who can raise the most within their District. The club in each district that donates the *highest per capita per member* from their Camp for the Blind fundraiser will receive an engraved brick to be presented at Lions Day for the Camp in July. The donation from the fundraiser(s) must be received by April 30, 2014.

You may think that this is not possible, but it is if we work together as Lions. Our proposal takes into consideration the size of our current District. Having said that, we will need the help and cooperation of not only you 3, but the Zone Chairs as well. Because of the communication that the Zone Chairs have with their Clubs, they can easily keep information flowing from what I send to them and they can pass it along to their Clubs and encourage them to participate.

The Gwinnett Braves game in 2014 is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. The G Braves will be playing the Louisville Bats at 7 PM. This should not be an issue because of the State Convention as the Convention is a week before the game.

I value your opinion on this and hope that each of you will support this endeavor to raise money for the Camp & "Keep the Camp Fires Burning"

Yours in Service,
Pete Stamsen
Chairman
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Fundraising Committee



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



Follow us on **Twitter** – Follow our [Twitter feed](#) to keep updated on life at Leader Dog.
Find us on **Facebook** – [Join us on Facebook](#) by searching "Leader Dogs for the Blind."
See us on **Flickr** – Check out our recent [client and event photos](#).

Connect with Leader Dog     

Kennel Redesign Plans Continue

In a past issue of Update (Issue 1-2013) we shared the exciting news that we started planning for a kennel redesign that would create an environment that optimizes our dogs' experience during their critical four months of training. By providing an environment that promotes human-canine interaction and reduces stress, we can improve the quality of the dogs that lead each day at the sides of our clients.

In August, our board of trustees approved the proposed redesign and we are moving onto the next steps—more detailed design plans and securing funding.

Highlights of the design include:

- Complete renovation of the entire first floor
- More space in each bay for training
- Larger areas for the dogs in a village concept
- A larger, more interactive puppy activity area
- Renovated veterinary clinic
- New visitor entrance with an expanded lobby and community outreach room
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We will keep you updated as the project moves forward into 2014.



Message from the President

The What, Who, Why and How of Leader Dog



Leader Dogs for the Blind
1939 — 1989

The "Whisper 'Thru Green'" is a leading candidate for most of the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. It has been the leader for the last 50 years.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Leader Dog was incorporated in April 1939 by three members of the Epilepsy Lions Club in Detroit. Leader Dog has now graduated over 8,200 people worldwide. This year the school will graduate 300 students. Some 50 will become part of the more than 1,657 Michigan graduates over the last 50 years.

The school is the second oldest and the largest in the United States. Its building came about because three Lions Club members used Charles Matting, Don Schaefer and S. A. Dodge had a close friend in Detroit, Christopher De Gloria Whelan, who happened to be blind. He was unable to obtain a dog guide. Concerned with his plight, the three Lions decided to form their own school to provide greater mobility and independence for Dr. Whelan.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is a Michigan non-profit corporation. The principal beneficiaries are Lions Clubs from around the world who provide almost two-thirds of the annual budget. Michigan Lions today provide funding that is more than double that of any other state. This supporting study substantiates the Lions motto: We Serve.

The Leader Dog School was founded fifty years ago in 1939 by three Lions who were unable to obtain Leader Dogs from any other source. The whole enterprise began with some courage, their starting idea, when a few Lions from Detroit purchased an old farmhouse which still stands in the center of a campus now valued at over six million dollars.

Located on 18 acres at the corner of Rochester Road (M 146) and Aron Road (28 Mile).

In June of 1989, the first issue of Update was published to celebrate 50 years of Leader Dog, 1939–1989. Since then, Update has had many different looks but has maintained the goal of sharing client success stories and program updates with our supporters and clients.

This issue of Update has a fresh, updated look featuring our new branding, which was designed to highlight our four client programs: Guide Dog Training, Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training, GPS Technology and Summer Experience Camp. These programs allow us to achieve our mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel.

The new branding purposefully focuses on what Leader Dog does and who we provide services to so that people unfamiliar with us quickly realize our mission—why we exist. The question of how we are able to provide these services without cost to our clients is answered as people learn more about our organization.

People new to Leader Dog are initially interested in our dogs and our clients—how they are trained and how they work together. But they are often surprised when they learn about the wonderful people who support us and make everything possible: the donors, Lions, on-campus volunteers, puppy raisers and the families that host our breeding stock dogs—the thousands of people who care and take action every day on behalf of Leader Dog. It is uncovering this surprise that solidifies their desire to support Leader Dog. People want to be a part of something great, and your support makes Leader Dogs for the Blind something great!

So, I hope you like the new look of Update and continue to enjoy getting to know more about our clients and our services. Thank you for your continued passion and support of Leader Dogs for the Blind, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Lusan M. Daniels

Winter Concerns for Your Dog



Future Leader Dog Meg

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

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

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

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

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



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Learning Ally 
Making reading accessible for all.



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

[Blind IUPUI graduate, 47, wins National Academic Award](#)



Robin Kyle was 18 when she lost her sight to retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative hereditary eye disease.

“At that time, I felt my life had come to a complete halt,” Kyle said.

Now 47, Kyle is one of 15 students across the country to receive a Learning Ally National Achievement Award. Kyle earned the award through academic work and her tireless advocacy for students like herself — those without the means to learn and read conventionally.

“I decided to use my college classroom as a platform to educate and speak on diversity and inclusion of students who are blind or visually impaired,” Kyle said in her application essay.

The journey wasn’t easy. Through 29 years of blindness, Kyle raised three children as a single mother and worked multiple jobs. After filling a childcare position at her church, she found her passion for teaching.

Last year Kyle graduated with a B.S. in education and music minor from IUPUI.

Kyle plans to become a kindergarten teacher. She said she believes no learner should be left behind because of forces outside of his or her control. To that end, she said, she believes every published work should be accessible in audio, Braille, digital and large print formats.

“For someone like Robin, who’s 47 and has raised kids, to show the determination she’s showing is incredible,” said Doug Sprei, Learning Ally’s national director of communications. “We couldn’t ask for a better person to represent our mission.”

Kyle’s ambitions are matched by her effort to achieve them. She was the oldest student in her class at IUPUI, and the only blind person in any of her classes. She has advocated for blind rights in Washington, D.C., and supplemented her education with professional workshops.

“My blindness...is just one more aspect of the many things that make up who I am,” Kyle said. “As a blind individual, I believe that it is my moral responsibility to advocate for the cause, and I would be proud to give my voice for this purpose.”



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Volunteers

*"You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give".*

~Kahlil Gibran~



Are you ready to be inspired and to donate your time and talent to an *awesome* organization? Canine Companions for Independence is ready for you to helping us provide “exceptional dogs for exceptional people”. The following are just some examples of our volunteer opportunities:

- Puppy Raising
- Foster Sitting
- Office Assistance
- Event Support
- Team Training Lunch Providers
- Fundraising
- Photography
- Videography



To learn more about other opportunities at our campus, submit an [Individual Volunteer Interest](#) or [Group Volunteer Interest](#) online today.

Some people wait a lifetime for a miracle, we raise them one puppy at a time. The Southeast Region is in need of volunteer puppy raisers! If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this highly rewarding volunteer position please contact our Puppy Program Manager at 407-522-3304.

Already sure you want to be a part of raising a miracle? [Print the application](#) today and mail it back in to us for immediate consideration!

Want to help but don't live in the Orlando area? Check out our [Volunteer Chapters](#) to find volunteers in your area already organizing events to benefit Canine Companions for Independence's Southeast Region!

Greater Atlanta Volunteer Chapter

Pam Blubaugh, President

E-mail: puppyraiser@ccgeorgia.com

678-894-6543 (Cell)

Visit their Web site at <http://www.ccgeorgia.com>



Diabetes Awareness Chair

Kathryn Higgins

klhiggins07@aol.com

Volunteer Center



At the American Diabetes Association, we are dedicated to changing the future of diabetes by spearheading a national movement that invites people to help confront and fight diabetes. Our ultimate goal is to **Stop Diabetes®** — once and for all.

We cannot achieve this goal alone. Your dedication and passion are critical to strengthening our movement and realizing our mission: *to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.*

Your involvement as an American Diabetes Association volunteer— whether on a local or national level — will help us expand our community outreach and impact, inspire healthy living, intensify our advocacy efforts, raise critical dollars to fund our mission, and uphold our reputation as the moving force and trusted leader in the diabetes community.

Volunteer Spotlight

Yvonne Young, Project POWER Volunteer, Atlanta, Georgia

I lost both of my parents to diabetes and I know that they would have been with me longer had they been better educated about this disease. By coming on board as a Project POWER volunteer, you have become a part of the solution—of helping to educate people. I've done this for fifteen years now and never regret it. Thanks for helping to turnaround the terrible toll that diabetes is taking on us."

Volunteer Opportunities in Your Area

<http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/volunteer-opportunities/volunteer-opportunities.html?area=A1ATG&code=134>

Welcome to the 2014 Atlanta Tour de Cure!

Route Distances: 2,28, 37, 65, 100 MI &

2-mile Family Fun

Contact your event manager, Anissa Johnson:

anjohnson@diabetes.org | (404)320-7100 x3036

Please mail checks to our local office:

American Diabetes Association

ATTN: Tour de Cure

225 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 550

Atlanta, GA 30303

131 Days to event. 68 teams. 305 riders. [Join us!](#) =

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=9372&type=fr_informational&sid=15800



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

When: 05/18/2014

Where: Boundary Waters Park

Address: 5000 Georgia Highway 92/166

Registration Fee: 15.00

Fundraising Minimum: 200

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

American Diabetes Association.



Help Us Raise \$100,000 to Stop Diabetes®

Today, there are new challenges in the fight against diabetes — and a **new opportunity** that can double our power during a **special matching gift campaign** being sponsored by Domino Foods Inc., the maker of Domino® Light and C&H® Light Sugar and Stevia blends.

Top diabetes researchers and clinicians report several alarming new trends:

- **The incidence of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes has increased substantially among young people — more than 20 percent over the past decade.** That means children are now developing type 2 — once known as "adult onset" diabetes — and are showing "adult" signs of diabetes complications such as nerve damage.
- **As of last year, 1 out of every 4 senior citizens in the U.S. is currently being treated for diabetes.**
- **The economic cost of diagnosed diabetes in the U.S. has skyrocketed 41 percent over the last 5 years — from \$174 billion in 2007 to \$245 billion in 2012.**

DOUBLE YOUR POWER

Your **\$25** gift
can become **\$50**

Your **\$40** gift
can become **\$80**

Your **\$60** gift
can become **\$120**

DONATE NOW ▶

Reversing these trends will require more than outrage; **it will require action.**

That's why this new matching gift challenge from our supporters at Domino Foods Inc. simply couldn't have come at a more important time.

When you make a gift today, Domino Foods Inc. has agreed to match every gift, dollar-for-dollar, up to a campaign total of \$50,000, to fund diabetes research, education and advocacy that will help us Stop Diabetes® for people of all ages, once and for all.

Your tax-deductible gift of \$25 can become \$50, your gift of \$40 can become \$80, and if you can give \$60, your gift can become \$120. **That means that, together, we can raise \$100,000 to help reverse these shocking trends and put an end to this country's rapidly accelerating diabetes epidemic.**

Your generous donation will be put to work immediately, providing twice the support, twice the hope, and twice the empowerment to children, adults and seniors with diabetes.

The stakes of our fight against diabetes are high — and getting higher each day. Now more than ever, the American Diabetes Association needs your help.

Together, we have the power to change the future of diabetes.

With great thanks,

Larry Hausner
Chief Executive Officer
American Diabetes Association



This special matching gift offer is brought to you by our corporate sponsor, Domino Foods Inc., the maker of Domino® Light and C&H® Light Sugar and Stevia blends.

NOTE: This matching gift offer does not apply to donations or contributions to Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes®, Tour de Cure® or other special event fundraising campaigns.



Peace, Love and Understanding

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

Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

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

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

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

Order a Kit

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

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

Promoting the Contest

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

- **Peace Poster Brochure**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr775.pdf>
- **District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr787.pdf>

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

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

Ordering Essay Contest

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

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

Essay Contest Guidelines

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

View past grand prize winning essays:

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

For More Information

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

ORDER NOW AND ALLOW THE KIDS TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT DURING SUMMER BREAK. ONCE SCHOOL BEGINS – THEY CAN MAKE FINISHING TOUCH-UPS WHERE NEED BE.





Over The Edge =
April 26, 2014, Atlanta



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

DJ Adam Bomb from Q100's Nights Live will join Stacey Weiss, wife of Q100's Bert of the Bert Show, to go Over the Edge April 26th. In Texas, Bomb has already rappelled as Spiderman to support Special Olympics.

Climbing or rappelling experience is not required to rappel 20 stories from Buckhead Tower. Join Stacey and Adam and register this week, and you will be entered to win 4 tickets to The Lion King at the Fox Theatre this April!

All you need to do is register [here](#) and raise \$1,000 for the athletes. For more information contact [Autumn Unrein](#).



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

Contact Autumn Unrein for questions

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

**Johns Creek Police Department
Golf Tournament
April 21st**

The Johns Creek Police Department hosts its 6th annual golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics Georgia on April 21st at St. Ives Country Club in Johns Creek. Tournament costs \$125 per person or \$500 for a team of four.



Sponsorships are also available from \$250 to \$5,000.

**LaGrange Mother's Day Triple Play Powerboat
Grand Prix
May 9th-11th**

The LaGrange Mother's Day Triple Play Powerboat Grand Prix is three days of powerboat racing, music, food, and activities the entire family can enjoy. This event is the inaugural powerboat race for the 2014 APR Superleague season, and Special Olympics Georgia has been selected as a beneficiary of the event.



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

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

[Click here to apply to volunteer.](#)

<http://sogeorgia.vsyshost.com/>

If you are interested in the volunteering opportunities above, please contact [Stephen Sparks](#).

**Duck Derby
August 8th**

Time to adopt ducks for the Duck Derby! On August 8th, 10,000 ducks will race at Six Flags White Water. You can adopt a single duck for \$5, or increase your chances by buying a quack pack of 7 ducks for \$30! If your duck crosses the finish line first, you could win any of these amazing prizes: iPhone 5c 16 GB, .55 Carat Diamond Stud Earrings on 14K White Gold, Six Flags White Water Family Ticket Package, Surface RT Tablet 32 GB, \$300 Publix Gift Card, or a \$150 QuikTrip Gift Card! Visit www.AtlantaDuckDerby.com to adopt your ducks today!



**Clay Shoot
September 25th**

Secure your spot now for the Sporting Clay Charity Tournament, called the 2014 Shoot for Champions, Thursday, Sept. 25 at Foxhall Resort and Sporting Club in Douglasville. The event benefits the athletes of Special Olympics Georgia. Costs \$425 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, shells, snacks, beverages, and awards. [Click here](#) for the flyer. For more information, contact [Georgia Milton-Sheats](#).



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



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Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at <https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx>, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code 57973) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself!



Enroll now for the Kroger Community Rewards Program (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics Georgia. Questions or problems, contact [Susan Skolnick](#) or 770-414-9390 x111.

You're Invited to the Leo Lion Summit!



Lions are invited to attend the [Leo Lion Summit](#) on July 4 -- the first day of the Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada. The summit will bring together Leos and Lions from around the world to share experiences, celebrate successes and learn about exciting new resources that will be unveiled during the event.

Not involved in the Leo Club Program yet? Come to the summit to find out how your Lions club can support youth development. [Register for the Leo Lion Summit when submitting your convention registration form](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/for-attendees/news-conv-register.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/for-attendees/news-conv-register.php> and join us on July 4!

To: Lions, Lioness and Leos Clubs
From: PDG Dave Forrest, State
Convention Chair
Lion David McDonald, Treasurer
Date: March 10, 2014

The 2014 State Lions Convention is just around the corner and YOU have the pleasure to meet and hear the 2013-2014 Lions International President Barry J. Palmer. YES, that is correct.

International President Barry Palmer will be the Lions of Georgia guest for the weekend. You will also have opportunities to discover more information about the Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind; attend trainings; Melvin Jones Luncheon; be a part of the GLCB Silent Auction; see fellow Lions recognized for their accomplishments and much more.

The convention will be held at the Marriott Macon City Center on May 30 – June 1. Please complete the attached form and return it to David McDonald for your hospitality book. For your convenience the Marriott has set up a reservation link.

Click on [Book your group rate: Lions of Georgia - Multiple District 18](#) for making online room reservations. The Marriott must receive your room reservations on or before *April 28th* to receive the special Lions of Georgia rate of \$119 plus tax.

A wonderful way to welcome our guest, International President Barry Palmer, is for you or your club to purchase an ad in the Lions of Georgia Convention Program. A full page ad is \$100, 3/4 page ad is \$75, 1/2 page ad is \$50 and a 1/4 page ad is only \$25. What a wonderful way to show our southern hospitality. Checks should be made payable to Lions of Georgia MD Convention and mailed to David McDonald by *April 15th*.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Get your reservations, buy an ad in the program and attend the 2014 State Lions Convention at the Marriott Macon City Center.

If you have any questions, please email Dave Forrest at forrestfamily@windstream.net or David McDonald at dmcdonald@charter.net.

See you in Macon.

To All Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Excitement is in the air with the International President Barry Palmer being our guest at the 2014 Lions State Convention. Clubs and individuals can show their southern hospitality by purchasing an ad in the Lions State Convention Program to welcome our International President to Georgia. Now is also the time to reserve your hospitality books and to make your room reservations. Below is a table showing the cost and deadlines.

Georgia Lions State Convention

Event	Cost	Deadline
Ad to Welcome IP Barry Palmer to Georgia	Full Page/ \$100 1/2 Page / \$75 3/4 Page / \$50 1/4 Page / \$25	April 15
Room Reservations / Marriott Macon City Center	\$119 + Tax	April 28
Hospitality Book	\$145	April 30
Hospitality Book	\$160	After April 30

For your convenience the Marriott has set up link for making room reservations. Click on [Book your group rate: Lions of Georgia - Multiple District 18 >>](#) for making online room reservations.

Checks for program ad and hospitality books should be made payable to Lions of Georgia MD Convention and mailed to David McDonald , 1624 Hannahs Mill Road , Thomaston , GA 30286 .

Look forward to seeing you in Macon .

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Dave Forrest, Convention Chair
Treasurer

Home Phone: 706-472-3862
Email: forrestfamily@windstream.net

Lion David McDonald , Convention

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Email: dmcDonald@charter.net

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2014 MD 18 CONVENTION

Macon, GA

May 30 – June 1, 2014

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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

HOTEL INFORMATION:

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

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Lion David McDonald
1524 Hannahs Mill Road
Thomaston, Georgia 30226
H: 705-648-3850
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Below you will find the reservation links your guests can use to make online hotel reservations.

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

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