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District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

May 2008



District Governor Ruth Payton

Dear Lions of 18-D:

We have reached the time of the year when we begin to take stock in what we have accomplished during the past ten months, and what lies ahead of us. For clubs and club officers who participate, it is time to begin applying for State Awards and for individual achievements.

Let me encourage you to consider applying for State Awards. This is an opportunity to receive recognition for the many projects that you all have done as a Lions club. Club officers need to look in the back of your Lions State Directory for the listing and descriptions of State Awards. By the very nature of doing some of the things that you do, your club qualifies for many awards.

Now is the time to look over the State Awards to which you qualify, decide which ones you wish to apply for, and take a little time to apply. Should you have any question regarding these awards, please contact Lion Bryson Tanner, who represents our District on the State Awards committee. The District Governor's Contest is now over and the tally begins.

Contributing to our various Lions projects is a continuous concern throughout the Lions year. If you have not contributed as of this date, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Of immediate concern of course is this is the final two months for Campaign SightFirst 2 – I have noticed that some individual Lions only have a few hundred dollars to contribute to become Melvin Jones Fellows and some clubs also have a few hundred to go in order to name a Melvin Jones Fellow – PLEASE contribute.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Lions State Convention in Marietta. The committee for the State Convention has been hard at work, to give us, the Lions of Georgia, a great convention.

Please remember and continue to find new members. We have to open up and extend our hands to the younger generation. We have to guide, shape and mold, and let it be known “We are the Lions of your community and we’re here to do what needs to be done.” We also need as many Lions to participate not only in Club affairs, but also in District and State affairs. This includes the Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind. We cannot be selfish and not spread the word among fellow Lions that there is more outside of the club and community in regards to need.

At the beginning of this Lion's year – there was a question = “how does your community perceive your club and its activities? Are we making a difference in people's lives because of our activities?” Did you take the “Challenge to Change” and do more than what was called for?

As always, I sure am thankful that I know most of you and I am proud to be a Lion with you all.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Planning Ahead



87th State Convention



16-18 May 2008
Marietta, Georgia

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony World-renowned Acoustix to be the headline entertainment for Friday’s colorful opening ceremony.

Saturday: District Breakfasts; First Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$25.00) WSB-TV’s Monica Pearson will be the featured speaker at the annual Melvin Jones Luncheon that is open for attendees , Special Training Sessions; District Governor’s Banquet.

Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Second Business Session Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue will conclude the 90th birthday celebration of Lionism on Sunday morning.

Doubletree Hotel Atlanta NW – (770) 272-9441 these rooms will be released after 1 May – Book NOW.

Hospitality Book - \$85.00 2 April and on.

22 July – Lions Day at Camp for the Blind

You have not been in the past; you can mark your calendar now. Please let them know how many is in your group. This also can be used as a regular Club meeting event.



May is Recycle for Sight Month. Many resources are available to assist with your eyeglass collection and promotion. A certificate of appreciation is available to download for recognition of those contributing to your collection.

May is also Lions Family Month
June – Installation of Club Officers.

1 June – Helen Keller Day in 1971, LCI declared 1 June as “Helen Keller Day” in honor of this amazing woman who holds a special place in the hearts of Lions everywhere. At a Lions convention in 1925, Helen Keller personally challenged Lions to become “Knights of the Blind” and since then Lions have conducted countless sight conservation efforts. We encourage Lions to take this opportunity to conduct blindness related service activities in their communities.



The marvelous richness of human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there were no limitations to overcome. The hilltop hour would not be half so wonderful if there were no dark valleys to traverse.

Helen Keller

5 June – World Environment Day

A-1 Form Reveals the Generosity of Lions: Club secretaries are asked to submit the A-1 Form to International Headquarters by 15 July (form can be submitted online).

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



Where in the World

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

- **Lions News Network** 🗨️
- **LQ-Lions Quarterly** 📄?

Continuing the Success of Lions' Campaign SightFirst II (CSF II)

Thousands of Lions clubs worldwide have raised funds and helped to surpass Campaign SightFirst II's US\$150 million minimum goal and ensured many millions of people will receive SightFirst treatment. Now, Lions are selecting one day as "Campaign SightFirst II Day" during the week of May 11-17, 2008. Please join the thousands of clubs worldwide that will make an additional impact and will provide "Vision for All" to many more people. Here are some ideas your club can use to participate in CSFII Day:

Make a Club Commitment, payable over three-to-five years

Designate one Melvin Jones Fellow for CSFII each year for the next three years to save 500 people from blindness

Hold an additional club fundraising event or activity

Harness "The Power of 30"– Each US\$180 donation to CSFII saves 30 people from blindness

It is just one day for you and your Lions club, but it will change the lives of thousands of people who need Lions' help. Visit www.lions-csfii.org to learn more.

Family Unit Reporting

Family units must be certified by May 30, 2008 to receive reduced dues for the July billing period. Club secretaries can [certify family units online](#) or [mail in the completed form](#) to the Club Records Department with their MMR. [Learn more](#) about Family Dues.

Walk for Diabetes Awareness

If you are attending the 2008 Thailand Convention, don't miss the 3rd Annual Convention Strides Walk for diabetes awareness on Monday, June 23. Meet Lions and Leos from around the world as they gather with friends and family for an enjoyable, low-impact activity through the IMPACT Convention Center. The walk begins at 2:30 p.m., Room Phoenix 1, immediately following the Diabetes Awareness Seminar. All walkers will

receive a "We Stride" commemorative pin. [Learn more](#) about the Strides Walk program.

ForSight is a publication produced by the Foundation to highlight projects, initiatives and accomplishments of SightFirst. The publication also provides updates on the most recent SightFirst grants approved by the Sight Advisory Committee (SAC). Download the PDF version of *ForSight*, now available in all languages online and in hardcopy. For additional information about *ForSight* [e-mail](#) LCIF.

Lions Services for Children

Learn how your club or district can take an active role in serving the health and educational needs of children in adverse circumstances. Join us at the "Lions Services for Children Seminar" to be held during the 2008 Thailand convention, Tuesday, June 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. The seminar will feature a panel of dedicated, experienced Lions who are actively involved in service activities for children. Discover how your district can host a children's symposium to address the needs of underprivileged children in your area. For more information, [e-mail](#) the Health and Children's Services Department.



PU-101 Online - To submit your 2008-2009 Club Officers (PU101) ONLINE, please refer to the following instructions. Please be sure to update the membership information prior to adding the new officer.

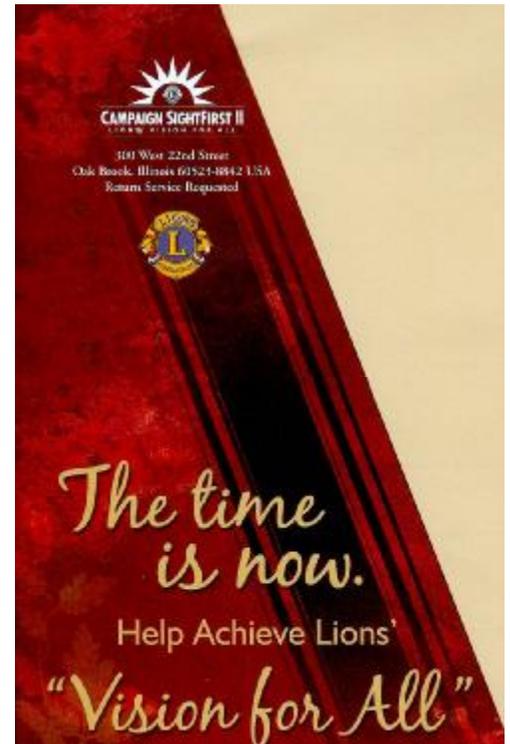
Log on to the Membership site = Click the Club link in the yellow bar = Click Club Officers = Click the Add button located under the title Next Year = Select the Title from the drop down list = Click the Officer's name in the list of members = Click the Add link = Click the Submit button

The above procedure needs to be done for the president, secretary and treasurer. When you are done adding the officers for next year, you can print the completed PU-101 form by clicking on the Reports link and clicking the Print button next to the Officer Reporting Form (PU-101). For more detailed instructions see page 8 of the Quick Reference Guide.

Passwords By Email - If you are a current club or district officer, your password can be sent to you by email. You must have a current email address on file with headquarters. See the "Need your password" link on this page. Then enter your member ID number and click "Submit." Your password will be sent to you shortly via an automatic e-mail response.

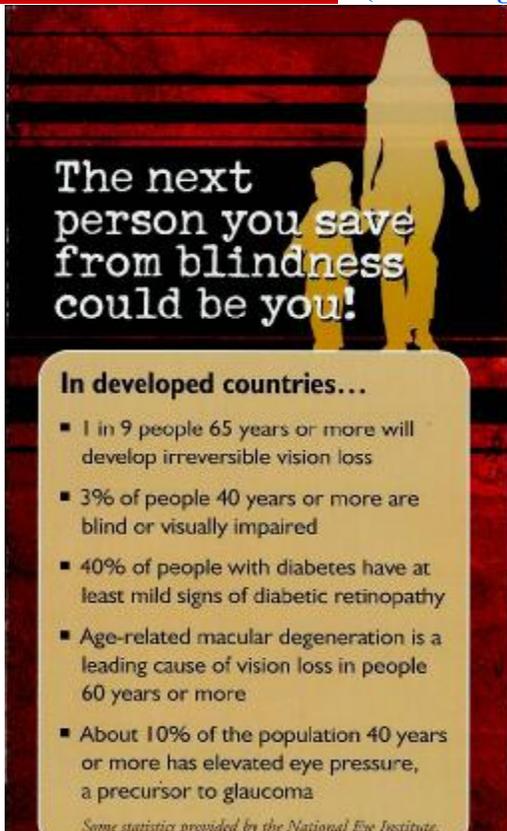
**Gifts of US\$1,000+ are eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
All gifts of US\$100+ are eligible for Campaign SightFirst II recognition.**

Total Gift	Annually	Monthly	Daily
US\$10,000	US\$2,000	US\$166.67	US\$5.48
US\$5,000	US\$1,000	US\$83.33	US\$2.74
US\$2,500	US\$833.33	US\$69.44	US\$2.28
US\$1,000	US\$333.33	US\$27.78	US\$.91
US\$500	US\$166.67	US\$13.89	US\$.46
US\$400	US\$133.33	US\$11.11	US\$.37



*Pledges of US\$5,000+ may be fulfilled over five years.
Pledges of US\$4,999 and below may be fulfilled over three years.*

Why Not make your own PERSONAL contribution of \$200 or why not become a Melvin Jones Fellow - \$100.00 down and \$300.00 a year for 3 years. (Don't forget - this is TAX Deductible)



The next person you save from blindness could be you!

In developed countries...

- 1 in 9 people 65 years or more will develop irreversible vision loss
- 3% of people 40 years or more are blind or visually impaired
- 40% of people with diabetes have at least mild signs of diabetic retinopathy
- Age-related macular degeneration is a leading cause of vision loss in people 60 years or more
- About 10% of the population 40 years or more has elevated eye pressure, a precursor to glaucoma

Some statistics provided by the National Eye Institute.

So far through CSFII, Lions have provided funding for....

- Low-vision services
- Childhood-blindness programs
- Eyeglass-recycling centers & programs
- Diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma-control programs
- Cataract surgeries
- Trachoma-control programs
- River-blindness treatments

By raising an additional \$50 million, some of the programs that may be funded in YOUR community include:

- * Early training for blind children and their families
- * Regional education centers to produce Braille and large-print materials for visually impaired children
- Major research initiatives that could help people afflicted with macular degeneration
- Vision care for people with developmental disabilities through Special Olympics' Opening Eyes Program
- Mobile-eye units to offer services in inner cities and for the working poor

Remember, through SightFirstII - \$6 saves one person from blindness. A gift of \$180 from every Lion in the world will not only help us reach our \$200 million challenge goal, but also enable SightFirstIII to save 37 million people from blindness.

**It takes more than hospitals, screenings and medicines to
Save -- sight it takes Lions**



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

We all need a friendly reminder to let us know that there will be a meeting coming up. It has been done; I hate to say, for many years. Now you might say that is old fashion and out of date. Well, believe me – there are a number of Lions Clubs that are still doing such a thing. In fact one that I get twice a month by e-mail is in order to save on the cost of stamps is as follows:

Monday, April 14, 2008

Jefferson Club House
302 Long View Dr., Jefferson GA.
Meal – 6:30 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Program: The speaker will be our very own Lion Andy Wickman. Andy will speak to us briefly about the upcoming Ride-for-Sight.

Please don't forget White Cane Day is this Saturday, I'm sure I will see everyone there.

Thanks!
Lion Mark Bradley

And for those who do not have e-mail addresses, this is what is mailed:

Jefferson Lions Club

Lion Member

2007 – 2008 Jefferson Lions Club Officers
President Mark Bradley Treasurer Ken Brand 1 Year Director Jackie Breitbard
1st Vice President Mack Cates Lion Tamer Don Lord 1 Year Director Fred Norris
2nd Vice President Jimmy Mock Tail Twister Aaron McKinney 2 Year Director
Bob Friedlander 3rd Vice President Gay Bradley Chaplain Jimmy Hix 2 Year
Director Greg Broussard Secretary Bill Rosenberg Membership Committee
Director Jennifer Norris, Harold Fletcher, Sherry Booth

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Now I hope the latter is done by Post-Card and not mailed in an envelope. In fact, I hope they also send to guests that have been invited in the past. I also know that there are a few more clubs within our District that does the same.

So, do not be shy, in fact, many organizations do the same thing – they REMIND their membership that a meeting is just around the corner. So you can't say this is old fashion and others don't do it.

What creative means do you do in your club?

Have you taken the "Challenge for Change?"

Also, why not tell others about this – it just might bring might bring some other kind of results:

Share LQ with Club Members

The most recent edition of [LQ—Lions Quarterly video magazine--is online](#). The April edition begins with an inspiring story of how one mother's dream brought together an entire community to build a playground for children of all abilities. It also shows how Lions Quest is helping to develop strong, healthy young people; Lions working with authorities to sponsor drug dogs in Sweden; plus how Lions' runs, walks and rides are bringing people together while raising money at the same time. [View LQ](#) from the LCI Web site, download the podcast from [iTunes](#) or [request a DVD](#) (available in English-only) from the PR Department. If you have a unique project, [e-mail](#) story ideas and photos for consideration for LQ to the Public Relations Department or call 630-468-6739.



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

It is up to you.....



The **KEY WORD** to all of this is **ASK**
 Any further questions – just ask!

Dear Club Officers:

As the end of our leadership year approaches I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. I would also like to remind you that we have the potential to make this excellent year an *historic* year.

We currently have over 10,000 more Lions than we did at the start of the year and we are well positioned to end the year with a positive gain in worldwide membership. As you know, membership fluctuates throughout the year and it is likely that this number will be reduced by the end of June – but it is imperative that we not give back everything we have worked so hard to gain. This makes it even more important than usual [to retain the interest](#), commitment and membership of current Lions.

You have all done a marvelous job embracing the challenge to change. Everywhere I travel I see newly reinvigorated clubs benefiting from [family membership](#) and the addition of more [women](#) and [young people](#). These innovative programs and strategies are largely responsible for our membership increase to date.

But membership retention goes back to the basics – back to the reason we all became Lions. People come to Lions Clubs because [“We Serve.”](#) They stay for the same reason.

I would be pleased if all clubs all over the world took an “entrepreneurial” approach to service. The best, most effective clubs actively seek-out new service opportunities and experiment with new methods of meeting their communities’ most pressing needs. Not surprisingly clubs such as these are not only the most effective, their retention rates are also among the highest.

All Lions want to:

- be challenged and to learn from new experiences
- have an opportunity for [hands-on participation](#)
- be valued for contributing new ideas as well as appreciated for their hard work.

Providing members with these positive experiences is the best way for your club to improve its retention rate.

Enthusiastic participation in special projects of the entire association also improves retention and makes clubs more visible and attractive to new members. According to a report by First Vice President Albert F. Brandel, membership statistics improved in the years following the first Campaign SightFirst. Now, CSFII offers your club an ideal way to increase its visibility and inspire your members.

We are striving toward our US\$200 million challenge goal, and Lions worldwide have an opportunity to channel their service for CSFII in one unified initiative.

During the week of May 11-17, 2008, I am asking all Lions and clubs to select one [Campaign SightFirst II Day](#). During this week, I encourage you to gather your club members to save sight by acting for CSFII. Our combined efforts stand to change lives and change the world, whether your club:

- makes a Club Commitment
- chooses to use the Power of 30 by each donating US\$180 and saving the sight of 30 people each
- pledges one new Melvin Jones Fellowship each year over the next three years
- conducts an additional fund-raising event

In fact, through a Club Commitment, you and the Lions in your club have an opportunity to make a much larger impact through SightFirst since commitments can be fulfilled over three to five years.

We have less than 12 weeks remaining to add to the success of CSFII and help reach our US\$200 million challenge goal. When Lions work toward a challenge, our service can accomplish amazing things. Lions, we can change the world. As a club officer, begin to talk with your club members to see how [your Campaign SightFirst II Day efforts](#) will deliver a lifetime of sight to individuals who need Lions’ help...

I would also like to remind you that we will soon have a wonderful new tool for membership management. [“Real-time” reporting begins this month](#). Club secretaries should take special note: the closing date for March membership reports is April 28. The closing date for April will be April 30. All membership activity must now be reported in the month in which it occurs. This will provide something that will benefit us all – timely, accurate “snapshots” of our membership so that we might more effectively evaluate our efforts in this critical area.

Thank you again for the excellent work you have done over the past nine months and for everything you will do between now and June to ensure that we leave an historic legacy of our leadership year.

Sincerely,
 Mahendra Amarasuriya
 International President

RETENTION!

Let's think about it.....and ask, what have I done to close the backdoor?

"Membership Retention – Routine Maintenance, Not Rocket Science"



Motivating Others – Every club member has a different personality and different factors that motivate him/her to do a good job. An effective chairperson will foster those motivational factors and keep the people he/she supervises focused.

Some typical motivators in a volunteer opportunity include:

- Desire to do a good job
- Desire to help those in need
- Sense of achievement
- Recognition/praise
- Social acceptance/popularity
- Influence/leadership
- Opportunity to develop skills
- Opportunity to try something new
- Enjoy challenges
- Opportunity to learn/discover
- Feeling of well being
- Improve physical and mental health

Good communication provides a solid foundation for motivating your club/district to do their best.

Offering praise for a job well done, encouragement through tough tasks and advice when needed will go a long way in keeping your individuals motivated and focused. Some other tips for successfully motivating others include:

- Keep individuals informed regarding policies, procedures and program updates
- Delegate activities to challenge individuals
- Give praise freely and promptly for a job well done
- Have a positive, caring attitude
- Be a good listener
- Treat individuals with respect
- Ask for their suggestions and input
- Maintain high standards
- Celebrate achievements

More info – www.lionsclubs.org CHECK IT OUT!



Exploring, Learning and Growing

Through their involvement with Lions clubs, members experience accomplishment and satisfaction...and the opportunity to pursue their own personal growth and well being.

We meet new people, identify new problems, create new solutions and build new skills. We have the opportunity to develop friendships, both locally and worldwide that can last a lifetime. In the process, we enhance our own wellness and sense of purpose. Recent studies have shown that the social engagement and physical activity associated with volunteering are also associated with stronger immunity, better health and greater longevity.

The flexibility to choose our own service projects enables us to explore, learn and grow. While improving the lives of others, we're improving our own. It's a "win-win" for all of us.

Explore, learn and grow with us.

We're the new generation of Lions. Join us today.



"Change the World"

For more information, email boomers@lionsclubs.org

CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Clarksville Lions Club – The clubs forefathers helped build Habersham Medical Center in Demorest, and to carry on with tradition the club members met with the Hospital Authority and donated \$1,000 per member (\$33,000) for the badly needed helipad that is included in the hospitals expansion plans. Clarkesville Lions are conjectured to be the only club to be 100% members of both the Ten Million Dollar Club and Tom Bingham Fellows.

Clermont/North Hall Lions Club April 2008 Activities

We were again active this month. We had excellent speakers from Good News at Noon, a local social services and homeless shelter which provides services in exchange for work, and the Gainesville – Hall County United Way.

We continued with our parking project with two events at the Georgia Mountain Center; elected a slate of officers for LY 2008 – 2009; collected on two separate days for White Cane; and had members build a handicap ramp for an elderly woman in our community.

“We serve”

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We are preparing for our Annual Vidalia Onion Sale as a fundraiser. We had a successful White Cane collecting \$1253. We performed 29 vision screenings at Rhodes Jordan Senior Center. We hosted a lecture on hearing with The Georgia Lions Lighthouse at Rhodes Jordan Senior Center. We are planning a Health Fair at George Pierce Park for their Senior Center on May 17th and performing vision screenings. We donated \$300 in memory of Lion Ellis Britt to Camp For The Blind

EYEGASSES COLLECTED: 234
HEARING AIDS COLLECTED:
CELL PHONES COLLECTED: 8

Forsyth County Lions Club = completed collections for White Cane Day right up to the deadline, surpassing its set goal.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Miracle League opening ceremonies with the ribbon cutting for the new field. Ten teams are signed up this spring season. The players got a kick out of Phil Niekro throwing the first pitch.

Martin Lions Club - Placing reading machines from the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Stephens Co. elementary and middle schools.

Sight Services: Collected used eyeglasses – 28; sun glasses – 3; cell Phones – 10; hearing aids – 2. Campaign SightFirst II – 6 club members continue to provide on-going donations.

Community Service Projects: Lion Vice President Gay Bradley has completed this years edition of the Clubs scrapbook and has logged a total of 401 hours of work on completing this project, resulting in an outstanding document. A total of six (6) Lions participated in the *Adopt-A-Highway* program, on April 17, 2008. during the county's "Keep Jackson County Beautiful" A total of nine (9) man hours was worked by the six Lions.

Fundraising Project: Mops & Brooms \$207.50.

White Cane Day: Saturday, April 12, 2008 was designated as *White Cane Day*. A total of ninety-eight (98) man hours was worked for the event. The club forwarded a check in the amount of \$3,000 to the *Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation*.

Ride for Sight: On Saturday, April 14th, 2008 the club conducted its 3rd *Annual Ride for Sight*. A total of 11 riders participated. Despite the limited rider ship the event produced approximately \$1,000 income as a result of good sponsorship. A total of eight (8) Lions and two employees from the host Cycle Shop worked a total of ninety-six (96) man hours.

Jefferson Lions Club = The *Board of Directors* met Monday March . 24th at *Chili Dawgs*. The BOD reviewed both completed and on-going and upcoming activities of the club. Finalized a date for the *Fall Golf Tournament* and emphasized the need for the full club to work to support the event by recruiting both players and hole sponsors. There will also be a called Board meeting of both the outgoing and incoming officers within the next two weeks.



Lions day out Road Clean Up April 17th (6) Lions worked late Thursday evening.



Lions Bob and Sandra Friedlander are shown at one of the collection sites. Ride for Sight April 19th-made over \$1,000.00.



Lion Bill Weresh made a hand made sign to give to Dr. Gary Pence and give him another collection box. Dr. Pence collects many eyeglasses for Lion Bill



Norcross Lions Club is out and about trying to shake down many innocent bystanders in order to raise money for White Cane Day- amazing the people give.

Snellville Lions Club = Service Projects: The following items were turn in at the Lions Lighthouse this month. 101 Used Eye Glasses 29 pairs of loose lens and 4 cell phones. Purchased 3 eyeglasses for children and 1 Hearing Aid.

Fund Raiser: The annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Snellville Methodist church was very successful and many members participated as usual.

Associated Directors: Appointed associated directors to the Lighthouse, Camp and RFD&B.

Toccoa Lions Club = Sight Conservation - Lion Nick Thomas advised that presently he has \$1700.00 in the account. He continues to receive referrals from the local doctors and the Open Arms Clinic.

Fundraisers - Lion Bryan Gordon advised of his findings concerning a new source for our Mop and Broom campaign. A motion was made and passed for him to get additional information and report back to the board. Next Lion Bryan advised the board of a new fundraiser project. The Candy Machine project. These are machines which dispense candy, nuts or mints. He has explored potential sites for locating the machines and reported what potential sales could be for the club. The board asked for additional information and asked that he report back by the next meeting.

White Cane Day - Lion Dave advised the board of the upcoming dates for the White Cane Day. The only location will be Wal-Mart on the dates of April 11th and 12th. Sign-up sheet was passed at the last meeting. All are asked to bring bagged cookies to give in exchange for any donations from the public. A call committee is set-up to remind members.

75th Anniversary - Next Lion Dave reminded the board of the 75th anniversary celebration on May 8th at 7:00PM at Gate Cottage. Lion Bryan has placed the names of two speakers before the board. It was decided that he would contact Mark Miller of the GA Lions Lighthouse.

Little League - Next Lion Dave advised of his contact with Lion Luis Mendez on the Little League season. They are trying to work out a team trip to an Atlanta Braves game.

Open Arms Clinic - Lion Kay Royal gave an account of the success of the Open Arms Clinic which has now been open one year. In the month of February 250 patients were seen.

March Update – Collected 296 pairs of glasses, 33 pairs of sunglasses, 62 sets of frames, 145 clear lens, 67 dark lens and 172 glasses cases.



Susan Yearwood, 4-H sponsor, Bailey Dickson and his parents, Dwain and Shawna. Bailey was the guest speaker at the March 27th luncheon meeting.



Lion Kay Royal, Chilly Open Chair, presents Pete Miller his prize for landing a drive closest to the pin.

Ruth Payton came to the luncheon meeting of the Toccoa Lions this past Thursday the 10th. She arrived about five minutes after the meeting started. As she came through the door everyone stood and gave her a standing ovation. She was moving pretty good with her walker. Attached is a picture of Trudy Rudert and Ruth Payton. Ruth had invited Trudy to our luncheon. Ruth was discharged from Oak Manor in Baldwin on Friday the 4th.



Union County Lions Club = Sight / Hearing: two applications for eye glasses and exams approved. **Lion Mints:** 184 rolls of mints dispensed. February & March's report of total 471 rolls dispensed. **Brooms / Mops:** only 5 items sold. **Donations:** \$150.00 to Georgia Mountain Educational & Research Center. \$250.00 each to a graduating senior of Blairsville High School & Woody Gap High School. **Given to Lion Mundy to take to Lighthouse: 193 eye glasses without cases; 144 eye glasses with cases; 28 loose lens; 13 empty cases; 93 cell phones & 79 chargers; 63 non prescription shade glasses; 2 hearing aids. 30 used hearing aids mailed to Lighthouse.** President Lisa presented Lion Jim Hinton his first KEY AWARD pin for sponsoring 2 new Lion members. This being 'secretary's week, President Lisa read a list of what this club secretary does and presented her a 'gift bag' full of all sorts of things! OH, the new title for a secretary is 'administrative assistant.' Lion Jeff Neal volunteered to head up committee to clean up Lions picnic pavilion & repaint Lions on C. of C. property. **April 25th & 26th. White Cane Days with 30 Union County Lions participating for total of 168 3/4 hours and 3 non Lion friends helping for total of 14 hours. Total amount collected this year includes designated gifts, business donations & our White Cane weekend of \$6,542.81. WOW!!** Volunteer hours: 393 Plus family and friends helping 14 hours.

Winder Noon Lions Club = Lion Grace Clower from Snellville did a program on diabetes and Camp Kudzu. The club recognized 2 outstanding Juniors from the local High Schools. President Chris Sullivan did a 5 minute Lion chat on the District Cabinet meeting he attended. Lion Dottie Reynolds did a 5 minute Lion chat on White Cane. 13 members of our Club collected for White Cane on April 12th. They raised \$667.13! We also collected \$201.85 from our members in April for White Cane in memory of Nora McHargue, one of our faithful members who passed away in February. New officers for 2008 – 2009 were voted in.

We're Waiting = have you ASKed?



Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or

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



For detailed instructions on how to use the WMMR site, please click on the following link:

Link to the Activity Report Guide: [Activity Report Guide](#)

Link to Quick Reference Guide: [Quick Reference Guide](#)

Link to Family Unit Guide: [Family Unit Instructions](#)

Link to 2006/2007 Online Activity Report Results: [2006/2007 Activity Results](#)

Need your Password? =

If you are a current Lions Club officer and you would like to receive your password by email, please enter your member number; then click the "Submit" button.

Member #:

- **Training Area = Disclaimer:** The membership data in this training area is not intended to represent any current members, clubs, districts and/or multiple districts within Lions Clubs. If it does, it was not intentional.
- Any membership activity done in the training area will not affect and/or impact your clubs/districts/multiple districts, actual membership numbers and/or information.
- Data in this training area will be refreshed to its initial starting point every month, or, whenever LCI deems it necessary. At this time there is no set time or day of the month that this refresh will occur.
- Each time you use the training area, you may/will be given a different training classroom to work in. This means that the data may/will be different from your last use of the training area.

The data in the training area (classroom) that you are assigned, and the membership activity you enter in during your training session will only be accurate for the duration of your training session.



The 2008 Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute was held March 27-30 in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee. According to reports the Institute was an outstanding success. The following Lions from MD18 were a part of the graduating class this year. Scott L. Bates Villa Rica 18-E, Michael "Mike" V. Berry Dawsonville 18-D, Retha M. Coleman Hostess City 18-B, Gean E. Hendrix Bainbridge 18-C, Heather L. Hulsebus Dawsonville 18-D, Eugene T. "Gene" Napolitano Woodstock 18-A, Donald W. "Don Pope" Wilmington Island 18-B, Tina C. Pope Wilmington Island 18-B, Harry L. Price Atlanta Metro 18-A, Joanne Rogalsky Hephzibah 18-F, Cynthia D. "Cindy" Waldrop Hinesville 18-B, Harold S. "Scott" Warren Woodstock 18-A



Congratulations to the graduates.



Did you do your Club Elections and fill out your PU-101 forms??? Clubs should receive the 2006-07 Lions Clubs Officer Reporting Form (PU-101) by mail in early April. Or, you can download a PDF of the PU-101 on line Or you can report on line. There has been 18 clubs that have submitted thus far. How are you doing????



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

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

Fellow Lions, **GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE**: If you want to read the **WHOLE** Newsletter go to: <http://www.lionslighthouse.org/11/images/files/Beacon-April.pdf>

Clinic Success Story: Eddie Smith

Eddie came to St. Mary's Community Center for an initial exam on November 9th, 2007. Eddie, like many of our patients in Savannah, had uncontrolled diabetes.

Diabetes can cause your vision to fluctuate and when your sugars are not under control, your vision becomes poor. If your diabetes is so uncontrolled, patients are unable to receive prescriptions for eyeglasses. Their vision varies too much on a daily basis. Eddie was one of these patients.

We told Eddie that he was going to be unable to receive a pair of glasses from us because they really wouldn't help. We told him to get his sugar under control and then he could come back.

And he did. Eddie took this advice to heart and realized that he could go blind. He set up appointments with the local free clinic, Community Health Mission, to help him manage his diabetes and within 4 weeks, he was able to get his sugar under control. His hemoglobin A1C, a test that is a good indicator of diabetic control, was perfect.

He was able to get his glasses in December.



Lighthouse Reports:

Number of Vision Clients Helped From July 1—February 29

Vision Clinic Report

Patients who Rec'd Eye Exams	Patients who Rec'd Glasses	Optical Shop patients	Clinic Eye Glass Costs	Total number served		Last year's cost
				This Year	Last Year	
86	70	2	\$1,904.00	152	14	\$822.00

Eye Surgery Report

Surgery Costs	Discount	Total Cost To Lighthouse	Number of Surgeries		Last year's cost
			This Year	Last Year	
\$162,688.61	\$125,614.88	\$37,074.73	25	12	\$24,138.15

Hearing Report

Number of Hearing Aids	Number Served	Expenses	
48	86	\$21,570.57	13



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**22 July – Lions Day
 at
 Camp for the Blind**

2008 Summer Schedule
 Session 1: Family Camp (age 6-9) June 15-20
 Session 2: Adults (ages 26-50+) June 22-27
 Session 3: Pre-Teens (ages 10-13) June 29- July 4
 Session 4: Young Adults (ages 18-25) July 6-11
 Session 5: Teens (ages 14-17) July 13-25

"Lion Carolyn Craig is shown with the Signature Quilt she graciously created for the Camp for the Blind. Attendees to the 30th Anniversary celebration during Lions Day signed a strip of material. Carolyn used her quilting talent to sew this beautiful quilt. She presented it to the Camp at the recent meetings in Warner Robins. This piece of wonderful history will hang in the new Office. Everyone has a talent to help the Camp in their own way."



Eligibility: A visual loss of 20/70 or greater in their best eye with correction; or be a sibling, age 6-9, of an eligible camper. They must also display independent skills in feeding, dressing and taking care of their personal hygiene.

Location of Program: The Georgia Lions' Camp is located 12 miles southeast of Waycross, Georgia on GA Route 177, just off US 82. Click to use [MAPQUEST](#) to route your trip.

Ages Served: Youth (4 – 17), Adults (18+)

Fees: A non-refundable camper fee of \$150.00 per session for in-state residents and \$250.00 for non-Georgia residents is due at the time of the application. Scholarship forms are available upon request from the Camp office. A \$25.00 transportation fee is required for campers who use chartered Macon travel services. Summer t-shirts may be purchased in advance or during check-in for \$5.00 per shirt.

Attendance Policy: Campers are permitted to register for only one session per summer to allow others to have the opportunity to attend. The registration must be in their own age range with no exceptions for campers under 18 years of age. Siblings are permitted for camper's ages 4 to 9 years. All fees and documentation apply to siblings. A parent or legal guardian is required of campers between the ages of 4-5. No fees are required of the attending parent. Parents assume volunteer status and are expected to participate and assist when needed for daily activities.

Program Description: Camp activities include arts & crafts, canoeing, camping, nature activities, fishing, performing arts, music, horseback riding, swimming, sports and games. Off-site field trips are provided for educational and recreational benefits. All buildings are air-conditioned. Medical personnel are on duty 24 hours daily. The camp staff includes personnel with experience working with the visually impaired.

* A parent is required for the 4-5 year-olds and a sibling (in same age group) or parent is optional for 6-9 year-olds.

**Yours in Lions Service,
 Frank Spinney**



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“New Guy” on the block at Leader Dog School

Dear Lion,

As the “new guy” here on our Rochester campus, I have been amazed at the level of support that is provided to Leader Dogs for the Blind, by Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs. Your support makes it possible for us to offer services such as:

Training for some 250 person/Leader Dog teams per year.

The only dog guide program in North America for people who are both deaf and blind.

“Trekker” GPS training for consumers (including teens) who are blind or visually impaired, and “train the trainer” sessions for professionals from across the United States and Canada.

Intensive Orientation and Mobility Training to help individuals who are visually impaired become more independent.

Computer training to give people who are blind basic, marketable communications and job skills.

Your efforts bring real changes to the lives of others. Believe me when I say that words cannot express how grateful we are for the incredibly loyal commitment by Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs to the people we serve.

In recognition of that long standing commitment, I’m happy to say that I was recently installed as a member of the Rochester, Michigan Lions Club. Many thanks to International Director and Emeritus Leader Dog President & CEO Bill Hansen, who graciously offered to act as my sponsor. I am proud and excited to be a new Lion!

We remain committed to keeping you accurately informed of our programs, students and funding.

Best wishes for an enjoyable spring as we move into this last quarter of our Lionistic year.

Sincerely,

Gregory Grabowski, (“Lion Greg”)
President & CEO

PS: We appreciate the opportunity to participate in your Multiple District Convention May 16-18, 2008 in Marietta. Out Leader Dog Graduate Leonard Quinn and Leader Dog “Ginger” (from Wisconsin) have been selected to attend your event. He is Past President of the Ripon Lions Club – the club responsible for convincing him that he should have a Leader Dog. In June 2007, he received the Birch Sturm Fellow – this is the highest Lions award given in the state of Wisconsin. Lion Len’s knowledge of Leader Dog includes about our history and our newest programs and he is looking forward to fully participate in your activities.



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig lion.swampthing@gmail.com

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For 60 years, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), a national nonprofit, volunteer organization, has been the leading producer of accessible educational materials for students with disabilities such as visual impairment or dyslexia that make reading standard print difficult or impossible. With titles available in every subject area and grade level from kindergarten through graduate studies, RFB&D's digitally recorded textbooks are effective learning tools for students challenged by the printed page.

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Watch celebrity volunteer Feedback and legendary comic book writer Stan Lee record event at RFB&D's Hollywood studio.

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Lion Grace Clower
Diabetes Awareness Chair

A seminar about **Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness** was held during the 89th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.



Seminar attendees participated in the inaugural Strides Lions Walk to the convention exhibit hall.

Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness is an exciting and active method of informing the public about diabetes, the leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults. In 1984, the International Association of Lions Clubs adopted the Diabetes Awareness Program in an effort to reduce new cases of **diabetic retinopathy**.

Today, every Lions club, district, and multiple district can organize a Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness. The Strides Information Packet details how to implement a Strides Lions Walk in your community.

The Strides Information Packet includes:

- [the Strides Activity Guide \(IAD 184\)](#)
- [Top 10 Tips for Organizing a Strides Walk \(IAD 177\)](#)
- [Suggested Event Day Timeline \(IAD 197\)](#)
- [Strides Sample Press Release \(IAD 201\)](#)
- [Strides Sample Public Service Announcement \(IAD 181\)](#)
- [Strides Sample Local Government Proclamation \(IAD 196\)](#)
- [Strides Sample Waiver and Release of Liability \(IAD 188\)](#)
- [Strides Materials Order Form \(IAD 192\)](#)
- [\(US\) National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\) publication, Stay at a Healthy Weight \(IAD 170\)](#)

- [\(US\) National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\) publication, *Eat Healthy Foods* \(IAD 171\)](#)
- [\(US\) National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\) publication, *What is Diabetes* \(IAD 172\)](#)
- [\(US\) National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\) publication, *Numbers at a Glance* \(IAD 174\)](#)
- [\(US\) National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\) publication, *Take Care of Your Feet* \(IAD 194\)](#)
- [\(US\) National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\) publication, *Be Active* \(IAD 195\)](#)

To submit a report or photos from your successful Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness, programs@lionsclubs.org

For more information about Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness, programs@lionsclubs.org

If you would like for me to present a program to your club, please contact me at graceclower@bellsouth.net



The Latest News:

Lend a Helping Paw!

Build-A-Bear Workshop will donate \$1 to Canine Companions for Independence® for every plush dog sold, including their new black Labrador. Plus, now available is a new assistance dog pack to make your stuffed dog an assistance dog.

Visit any of their nationwide stores or online at www.buildabear.com and help Canine Companions. This is a limited-time offer, only until May 31st, so don't delay!

CCI Volunteers Participated on American Idol's Idol Gives Back Program
We are pleased that three Canine Companions volunteers participated during a

special segment on national volunteer-based organizations on American Idol on April 9. Volunteers Bruce Ross, and Lisa and Kjersti Housman were on stage during the Maria Shriver segment featuring California volunteers. Thanks to Fox, American Idol and National Board Member Anne Roberts!

12-Year Old Graduate Writes Second Book.

Canine Companions Graduate Shea, 12, and Skilled Companion Dog Mercer have teamed together in a great new book series titled "Marvelous Mercer." Book signing for the second book of the series took place at FAO Schwarz in Manhattan on March 15..



The foundation of every Southeastern program is respect and trust. Southeastern Guide Dogs is dedicated to the loving and humane training of dogs to become eyes for visually impaired individuals. Adaptability through flexible programs ensures Southeastern's guide dogs will always meet the ever-changing needs of our applicants.

Southeastern Guide Dogs' mission is to offer free of charge, a unique opportunity to achieve independent travel with safety and dignity to blind men and women, through the use of professionally and humanely trained guide dogs.

Please contact Jerry Dupree, 18D SE Guide Dog District Chairman, if you'd like him to present the SE Guide Dog program at one of your future club meetings.

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Peace Poster Contest

To get involved in the 2008-09 contest “Peace Begins with Me” order a kit today. Lions clubs can order Peace Poster Contest kits (one kit per contest sponsored) from Club Supplies Sales. Kits are US\$7.95 each, plus shipping and handling. Please note the deadline to purchase kits is October 1, 2008. For details and to view the winning posters, contact the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters or visit the Lions Web site:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_peace_poster.php3.



Leo Program News

Leo of the Year Award – applications for the 2008 Leo of the Year Award are due June 1, 2008 to the Youth Programs Department at International. One Leo from a Lions multiple district can be nominated or one Leo from a single district that is not part of a multiple district.

Leo Club Excellence Awards – applications for the 2008 Leo Club Excellence Awards are due August 15, 2008. All districts (single or sub-districts) may endorse one Leo club per district to receive the prestigious Leo Club Excellence Award patch.

Applications for both awards were mailed to district and multiple district chairpersons in February. Applications and award criteria are available on www.lionsclubs.org, click: *Youth Programs, Leo Clubs, Awards and Recognition, Leo and Leo club awards and recipients*.

Youth Camp and Exchange Program Update

New and Improved Directory

The new Youth Camp and Exchange Program Directory is organized in alphabetical order by country (USA is broken down by state) and includes all reported camp and chairperson details (from submitted Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp and Exchange Reports). The directory is updated bi-monthly and lists youth camps, and names and contact details of youth camp and exchange (YCE) chairpersons.

Youth Camp and Exchange Chairpersons are able to use the new directory in order to establish direct contact with chairpersons in other districts and multiple districts. To update or include your camp or chairperson details in the directory, please submit the Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp and Exchange Report form (sent to all district governors and council chairpersons in July/August) to the Youth Programs Department. For more information contact ye@lionsclubs.org.

Youth Camp and Exchange Program Participant Application

The revised participant application (formerly “youth exchange visitor application”) is available in two formats, Excel and as a PDF. The PDF can be used as in the past. The Excel version allows the form to be filled out electronically and e-mailed to youth camps and exchange chairpersons, host Lions clubs.

A European version of the application is also now available on-line, as some countries require a European version of the application. You can find all three applications on the Youth Programs Web page by clicking: *Youth Programs, Youth Camps and Exchange, Youth, participant application form*.



2008 World of Children Awards

The World of Children recognizes and elevates selfless individuals who make a difference in the lives of children across the globe. Each year they honor select leaders, and grant them funds to support the proven, high-impact programs they have created. Visit www.worldofchildren.org for more information about the awards, past honorees, and to access the online nomination form.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH A CHILD (OR ANY- ONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER):

- * When a child is having a bad day, be silent, sit with them, and just be there.
- * Never pretend to be something you're not.
- * Never try to act differently when teaching a child.
- * Most of the time, a child can read clearly whether you're being real / truthful with them.
- * Listen more than you speak. You were given two ears and one mouth.
- * Notice the good more than you notice the bad.
- * Laugh, Laugh, and Laugh some more!



STUDY ENCOURAGES CORNEA DONATION UP TO AGE 75

Older corneas seem to transplant as well as younger ones, says a major new study that promises to expand the age of cornea donation to 75.

It may sound surprising. After all, when it comes to most types of transplants, younger organs and tissue are more coveted.

But government-funded researchers randomly assigned cornea recipients to get either younger or older tissue and found the corneas of both groups survived just as well five years later. The study is published Tuesday in the journal *Ophthalmology*.

"There was a bias against older tissue," said Dr. Jonathan Lass of University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, one of the study's authors. "This is going to change our view of that."

The cornea is the clear covering for the front of the eye, important for helping it focus light. More than 39,000 corneal transplants were performed last year, according to the Eye Bank Association of America.

Enough corneas have been available so far for those seeking transplants in the U.S. But specialists say there are international shortages, and eye banks fear U.S. supplies will tighten as a result of tougher Food and Drug Administration donor-safety rules that began last summer, increasing interest in using older donors where possible.

To see whether age mattered, the National Eye Institute funded the new work at 80 medical centers around the country. Researchers recruited about 1,000 people in their 60s and 70s who needed new corneas because of two conditions that destroyed their own — a swelling

known as Fuch's dystrophy and a complication of cataract surgery — that together account for almost half of corneal transplants.

Participants were divided into two groups, getting corneas either from donors ages 12 to 65 or from those 66 to 75. Then researchers tracked how often the transplant failed, because the cornea was rejected or turned cloudy. Five years later, 86 percent of both groups still had successful transplants.

There are two caveats:

— The researchers only tested people 60 and older with conditions that put them at medium risk of transplant failure. But about 20 percent of corneal transplants are in younger adults whose transplants seldom fail. The study doesn't address whether a 20-year-old would be OK with a 75-year-old cornea, just that the age didn't matter to older patients.

— Also, Lass led a closer look at the fate of those endothelial cells responsible for preventing corneas from turning cloudy. The average 30-year-old has about 1 million of those cells on his or her cornea, but the cells die off at a rate of about half a percent a year, he said. For unknown reasons, transplanted corneas rapidly lose more than half their endothelial cells before the density plateaus.

Older transplanted corneas did lose slightly more endothelial cells than did those from younger donors, but the difference wasn't statistically significant — nor was there any difference in cloudiness, Lass said. Still, the researchers will continue to track these patients for five more years to see whether the cell loss eventually makes a practical difference.



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