



**We Serve**

# District Bulletin 18-D



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

May 2010



District Governor  
Grace Clower

Dear Lions of 18-D,

April has been an historic month for District 18-D Lions. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Towns County Lions Club. It was great to have Past International President Jim Ervin with us for this great occasion. It is awesome that a club that was formed in 1940 is still serving the needs of their community.

The next great event was the Charter Night for the Cleveland Lions Club. Their club is moving forward with 34 members, and I hope they continue to grow and serve in their community.

We now have two new Lions Club in District 18-D, but we continue to lose Lions from our existing clubs. I would encourage all our clubs to look at what goes on at your meetings and your projects and make the changes that need to be made to help retain the members you have and to make your clubs stronger.

I enjoyed playing in the Winder Noon Lions' Golf Tournament, and I am looking forward to playing in the Snellville Lions and Oconee Lions Golf Tournaments. Speaking of having fun, our Cabinet Meeting this past Sunday was a great example. We ate BBQ, handed out awards, and enjoyed some great entertainment. There were three clubs competing for the first annual District 18-D Sing-Off. Clarkesville, Towns County, and Snellville clubs all had great entries. The award went to the Snellville Lions Club for their unusual rendition of "Stop, In The Name of Love" by Diana Ross and the Supremes. The best part of the competition was we raised \$258 that will be donated to White Cane and Camp for the Blind. It was a great day of Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

I hope you all are continuing to advertise the "Grand Tour of Georgia" to benefit the Camp for the Blind. We have been asked to advertise this all over the State. If you have motorcycle clubs, sales showrooms or repair shops, please post the flyer there. Remember, you don't have to own a motorcycle to participate. I have already signed up, and I am looking forward to visiting many new places in our beautiful State.

We continue to seek pledges and donations for the Lighthouse Capital Campaign. I am so proud of 18-D that we have surpassed our goal. If your club has not pledged, I would encourage you to do so. Every pledge, no matter how big or how small, is important. I also had the pleasure of attending the "Night of Spectacles" to benefit the Lighthouse.

The next great event for Lions is our State Convention in Tifton May 28-30. I hope you are planning to attend. This Lions year is winding down, but I challenge all clubs in 18-D to set a goal of gaining at least one new member between now and June 30<sup>th</sup>. We have to tell our story in our own communities.

Thanks for all you do for Lionism!

Yours in Service,  
DG Grace



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## President/Secretary/Treasurer Training By Region



### Tentative schedule for training

**Region I** – Sunday, 2 May at 2pm  
Old Colbert School, Colbert

**Region II** – Sunday, 23 May at 2pm at  
Music Hall, Ga. Mtn Fair Ground, Hiawassee

**Region III** – Saturday, 15 May at 2pm  
Garden Plaza, Lawrenceville

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**June – Installation of Club Officers**

**1 June – Helen Keller Day**



93rd  
International  
Convention,  
Sydney,  
Australia

28 June-2 July 2010

# Planning Ahead

## Georgia Lions State Convention



**28-30 May 2010**  
**Tifton, Georgia**

**Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Two seminars – one of which would be Lions working with LEOS. (Friday Night Meal Tickets \$20.00).

**Saturday:** District Breakfasts; First Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$25.00), State Awards; District Governor's Banquet +

**Sunday:** District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Second Business Session

### HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only \$85.00. Reservations are due no later than May 15, 2010. Books purchased after this date will increase to \$95.00.

#### District Hotel:

Dist. D at Country Inn- 901 West 7th St..  
Tifton, GA (229 382-8100) \$82/night.

**YOU WILL FIND A LETTER AND HOSPITALITY BOOK FORM FOR THE 2010 GEORGIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR 28-30 May 2010 AT TIFTON ON THE STATE WEB SITE. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS. THANKS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**



## 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](#)**



### HIGHLIGHTS

## Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



## How to Plan a Community Project

In Palmerston, Canada, a 19-acre abandoned, dilapidated rail yard in the middle of town was a community eyesore. The local Lions club saw the need to clean up the area. They also saw the possibility of turning it into an incredible public space for the whole community to enjoy and take pride in. Find out how Lions made this project happen. And get “Tips and Tools” you can use to plan a project like this in your community.

### Transforming a Rail Yard in Canada

A 19-acre abandoned, dilapidated rail yard in the middle of town was a community eyesore. Overgrown grass, weeds and old railroad ties filled the yard. Vandalism and time were taking a toll on the former station. And 100 years of oil spills and coal use had contaminated some of the ground.

*Location: Palmerston, Ontario*



## The Lions Step In

The Lions club in Palmerston saw the need to clean up the area. They also saw the possibility of making it an incredible public space for the whole community to enjoy and take pride in. And they got the entire community involved.

“It has been a partnership right from the beginning with the town and our Lions club and the residents of Palmerston,” says Dave Wilson of the Palmerston Lions Club. “Residents of Palmerston stop while we are working and lend a hand. They make donations. It’s been great the support we’ve had.”

## Hard Work Pays Off

The Lions realize such a large project will take years to complete. They have worked at the park two times a week for three years, laying cobblestones, and putting in equipment and pathways. “We started with the front entrance, playground and splash pool and we’re continuing on,” says Joanne Klonikowski of the Palmerston Lions Club. “Now it’s a real gathering point. We’re going to have a memorial forest and stage areas and all sorts of lovely things including pathways and lighting.” A beautifully restored pedestrian bridge offers residents a commanding view of the park. And a restored locomotive engine – “old 81” – stands at the entrance to the park, near a Lions sign and statues of lions.

## Fast Facts

Lions have more than 4,000 feet of eight-foot wide brick pathways to lay, as well as hundreds of trees to plant and stage and sports areas, including basketball and road hockey courts, to build.



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- Lions Clubs International Web site, [Club Locator](#) and more!

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### CONTESTS

#### LION Magazine Photo Contest

Enter by June 10 for a chance to win a Sony digital camera.

#### Peace Poster Contest

Sponsor a 2010-2011 Peace Poster Contest in your city.

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### [Get Featured on Lions Clubs International Social Networking Sites](#)

Sharing your story is a great way to let other Lions know about your club's service projects. And to give other Lions the information they need to do a similar project. Plus, we might just feature your story and photos in our future publications – and on our social networks, including our new [blog](#), our daily news updates on [Twitter](#) and our [Flickr](#) photo stream. [Submit your story and photo today.](#)

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### [Activist from Kenya Wins 2010 Lions Humanitarian Award](#)



We're pleased to announce that Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai will receive this year's Lions Humanitarian Award. She is an activist from Kenya and the founder of the [Green Belt Movement](#). The Green Belt Movement is a broad based grassroots organization that works to reduce poverty and protect the environment. Her efforts have resulted in women planting 40 million trees since 1977. [Maathai will accept the Award during the Thursday morning plenary session of our Convention in Sydney.](#)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

### [China Earthquake Relief](#)

Read about Lions, LCIF relief efforts in China.

### [Peace Poster Winners](#)

See posters by our 2009-2010 Peace Poster Contest finalists.

### [Buy Lions Logo Items](#)

Shop the Lions Store for new logo items to show your pride.

### [Lions Missions Web Pages](#)

Plan or participate in a medical/humanitarian mission.

### [Assistance Database](#)

Use the Lion-2-Lion Database to request or offer assistance.

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### LIONS QUARTERLY



# LQ

Watch the [April 2010 LQ video magazine](#) to see Lions step up to the plate for the disabled.

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### [New Video Footage of Lions, LCIF Earthquake Relief Efforts in Haiti](#)



To date, Lions Hope for Haiti has raised more than US\$4.3 million to help earthquake victims in Haiti. Staff from LCIF recently went to Haiti to see relief efforts, including three Lions tent cities that are housing thousands of people. And Lions providing kitchens and clinics for tent city residents. [Visit our blog to see new video from Haiti.](#)

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### [Girl from Multiple District 300 Taiwan Wins 2009-2010 Peace Poster Contest](#)



Yu-Min Chen, a 13-year-old girl from Multiple District 300 Taiwan, created this year's grand prize winning poster in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Judges chose her poster for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's theme, "The Power of Peace." Chen said she wanted her poster to "show that children hope to live in a peaceful world."

Chen was recognized for her accomplishment at Lions Day with the United Nations on Friday, March 26, 2010. [Read news release.](#)

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### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



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<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/newsroom/index.php>

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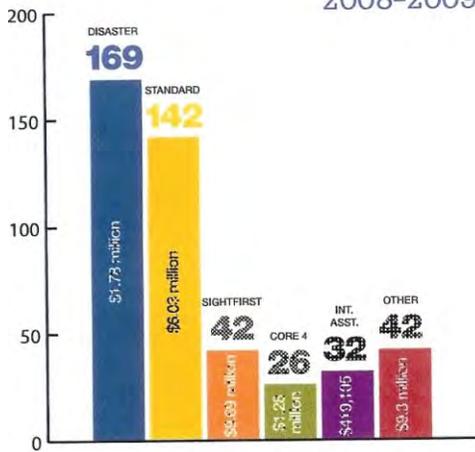
Greetings Dear Lion,

If you did not see it before you can check it out now at:

[http://lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/lcif\\_report.pdf](http://lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/lcif_report.pdf)



## GRANTS AWARDED 2008-2009



Best,

Al Brandel  
LCIF Chairperson

## Recent Grants Approved

### Emergency Grants Approved April 1-15, 2010

MD-42 Rhode Island, USA  
US\$10,000 for Flood Relief

### Grants Awarded at the April 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

District 1-A, Illinois, USA  
Purchase Portable Screening Equipment, US\$15,065  
District 5M-2, Minnesota, USA  
Construct Nutrition Center for Seniors, US\$31,483  
District 5-SE, South Dakota, USA  
Equip South Dakota Lions Eye Bank, US\$69,859  
District 19-B, Washington, USA  
Purchase Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit, US\$60,000

District 4-L4, California, USA  
Construct Cabin at Lions Camp, US\$37,500  
District 5M-5, Minnesota, USA  
Purchase Transport Van for Camp, US\$11,000  
**District 18-D, Georgia, USA**  
**Equip Lions Mobile Screening Program, US\$50,000**  
MD-41, Maine, USA  
Equip Good Shepherd Food Bank, US\$50,000

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### New Year, New Look for LCIF

It's an exciting time for LCIF, as the debut of the [new look for LCIF](#) is unveiled. For more than a year, LCIF has been working with a marketing consulting firm to develop a refined image for the Foundation. The implementation phase is in full swing, which includes the development of new brochures, posters and other materials to reflect an updated image. [View a video](#) about the updated image and logos online.

## Complete Your MJF Before the Year's End

Each year, Lions around the world show their support to LCIF by making a donation toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF). As the end of Lions year 2009-2010 quickly approaches, take the opportunity to complete your MJF. Contact [LCIF Donor Assistance](#) to complete your MJF today.

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## Four Stars for LCIF

[An updated review on Charity Navigator](#), an independent charity evaluator, recently awarded LCIF four stars, the highest ranking. On this Web site, which ranks more than 5,400 of America's largest charities, LCIF received higher rankings than the Red Cross and Feeding America. The four star ranking demonstrates LCIF's commitment to using funds as effectively and efficiently as possible, and remaining committed to serving those in need. Donate in confidence at [www.lionsclubs.org/donate](http://www.lionsclubs.org/donate).

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## New Podcasts from Lions, LCIF Leaders

Two new podcasts are available in the Leadership Resource Center. These audio messages – from Lions Clubs International President Eberhard J. Wirfs and LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel – focus on current events and resources, including Move to Grow, the new LCIF brand and relief efforts in Haiti. [Listen to these podcasts now.](#)



# Editor's Note



## Fellow Lions:

Dear Officers, Congratulations on being elected for the year 2010-2011. I am looking forward to working with all of you. District Governor Grace Clower has asked that you send me a copy of your PU-101 if you have not done so already. I wanted to get in touch with you to let you know about our Officer Training sessions that have been planned for you. If your other officers do not have email, please share this information with them. Here is the schedule:

**Saturday, 15 May 2:00 p.m., Lawrenceville Lions Club, Garden Plaza, 230 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA.** This session is for Region III (Auburn-Carl, Jefferson, West Jackson, Winder, Winder Noon, Atlanta India, Buford, Lawrenceville, Loganville, Norcross, Snellville)

**Sunday, 23 May 2:00 p.m., Towns County Lions Club, Music Hall, Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee, GA.** This session is for Region II (Clarkesville, Clayton, Cornelia, Towns County, Union County, Clermont-North Hall, Dahlonega, Dawsonville, Forsyth County, Gainesville)

Even though this is Officer Training, it is open to any Lion. We strongly encourage your President, Secretary, and Treasurer to attend. We also suggest your Vice-Presidents, Directors, and Membership Chair attend. All training sessions are open to all officers. There will be a special session for Secretaries, as well as all other officers. PCC Dan Stuart will be conducting the training of the officers. Lion Anne Mundy will be leading the Secretary Training. This is very beneficial training, so please encourage your officers to attend. If possible, will you let me know at [rbennettisr@windstream.net](mailto:rbennettisr@windstream.net) how many people from your club will be attending which session?

I hope you are enthusiastic about our upcoming Lions year. I look forward to working with you. I believe, working together, we can make a difference in our District. I look forward to seeing you at one of the training sessions.

District Governor Elect Ron Bennett

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## Mark your calendar for 15 May

15 May - Guiding Lion/Club Rebuilding Workshop that Mark is teaching from 9AM-11:30 AM in Warner Robins, and the 1-3 PM District 18-F Club Officer training. Everyone in the state is welcome to attend it, too but they need to let ME know by 5/7!

There will be classes for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership & Publicity Chairs, and Tail twisters. They can contact me at [Kembra@gmail.com](mailto:Kembra@gmail.com) or at 404.335.6337; the actual address for the Warner Robins City Hall is 820 Duke Avenue, WR 31093.

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**Club Secretaries** ---- April, as you know, is Club Elections. (This means it is time for each Lions Club to elect its officers—President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Directors, and Membership Committee—for the 2010-2011 Lions year!).

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

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



*4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting = Congratulations to all*



Lion Judy Stamsen and Lion Susan Hart both receive International President Certificate of Appreciation



Lion Herman Mooney and Lion Dot Hunt both receive Melvin Jones Fellowships



1<sup>st</sup> Annual 18-D Sing Off and the winner is Snellville Lions Club – see below



Specifically, there is an annual contest at *Texas A&M University* calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term. This year's term was "**Political Correctness**"

The winner wrote:

"Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."



***Lions on YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and More***

Did you know Lions are all over the Web? Social networking is a great way to contact and keep in touch with Lions around the globe and to share what Lions are doing to make the world a better place. [Visit the online community](#) to connect with other Lions on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr.



**STATE AWARDS** – Applications for the State Awards may be found, along with the individual awards list in the back of pages the 2009-2010 State Directory under the heading of “2008-2009 State Awards Program.” If you do not have access to a directory call me and I will mail you a copy of the awards or you can check out the MD 18 Web site under [Multiple District 18](#) - host of LionNet Georgia. The deadline for submitting is **23 May 2009**. Please read all of the directions. We had only nine clubs that entered last year. We need to do better than that – usually we have from 12 to 14 clubs enter. Our clubs generally do well in winning awards, usually over 75% win. Please sit down and review all of the awards and see which ones that you might enter. No matter how small or how large, please enter – You never know what place you might win. Lion Bryson Tanner, District Awards Chair. Lion Bryson Tanner at [jbtanner@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jbtanner@ix.netcom.com)



**Pin Trader Club of Georgia MD-18 "Pin Trading"**

What a great way to meet other Lions and share a common interest. Pins can be traded at Lions Clubs, State and International Conventions and the USA/Canada Forum. Pin swaps, by mail and anywhere else you can think of. The Pin Trader Club of Georgia (PTCGA) will have a room where any Georgia Lion can come and Trade, Buy or Sell Lions Trading Pins. The Pin Trader Room will be open on Friday, 28 May in the afternoon until the start of the Flag Ceremony. It will be open on Saturday, 30 May after the District Breakfast and until 5:30 PM. Bring your pins to trade or buy some of the excess pins that will



Dear Lion,

Greetings my dear Lion friends. As we enter spring time in many parts of the world, I am most pleased to report our membership growth continues to blossom and grow to new, historic heights. Through March, we have reached +24,709 powered by great results in India and several other Asian countries, a continuing membership surge in China, and by improving trends in all parts of the world. Even today as we move towards the last week of April, the results are moving even higher, nearly crossing the +30,000 mark.



I am truly impressed by our collective results, and I am very proud of our District Governor Teams and Club Officers who have contributed most to our success. Let me share some success stories deserving special attention.

Eberhard J. Wirfs  
International President

## Move to Grow



So I ask all of you who belong to an existing, well established club:

- What can you do to take better care of your club and its members?
- What projects can you pursue to bring more appeal to your club?
- And simply where can your club go from here?

I know many of you have accepted the **Move to Grow** challenge of moving in new ways and in new directions to strengthen and enrich your own clubs. But I would really love to hear about your success stories so I can share those with Lions around the world. Please email me at [DG2president@Lionsclubs.org](mailto:DG2president@Lionsclubs.org).

In the meantime, please see the important information links below on the next Leadership Ginkgo challenge and the upcoming international convention in Sydney. I am confident that next month I will be writing with even more good news as we all work to **Move to Grow** our great association.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs  
International President  
**MOVE TO GROW**

## China

In China where Lionism took root only a few short years ago, we have grown by more than 50% this year, increasing from 4,000 members to more than 6,200. The growth is happening in most major cities in China, and three new provisional districts have been formed as a result. But most impressive of all, is the real spirit of service displayed by our Lions in China. Just last week, following the recent quake in western China, a group of Chinese Lions traveled for several days, under very difficult circumstances, to reach the affected areas with relief supplies. I sometimes wonder if my fellow Lions in my own district could respond in such a way.

### Dual Strategy and the Ginkgo Leadership Award

The next ginkgo award emphasizes both aspects of the dual strategy: new growth and maintaining what we have through caring for existing clubs.

To qualify for the award, between February 1 and May 31, 2010, a district will have to:

- Charter 2 new clubs or reorganize 2 cancelled clubs
- Improve membership results from January 31, 2010
- Increase the average size of existing clubs by one member
- Have no clubs on status quo or suspension as of May 31, 2010

### Other News

- Women at Lions now approaching 295,000 members
- Lions Quest expanded to three more countries
- Sightfirst treats 5 million people this year for river blindness and trachoma

## Lions in Africa

Another story of success and inspiration are the Lions in Africa -- a continent known for 'despair' a few years ago which is now moving to be a continent of 'hope and development'. Lions in Africa have grown grow by 10% in since 2007-08 and are their own way to yet another stellar year. Most impressively, Africa Lions are leading through service. They not only lead some our more impressive global service projects but they have produced several lead gift donors for Campaign SightFirst II and LCIF's Lions Hope for Haiti relief fund.

Recognizing the African continent's further potential, I am very proud to report that your board of directors at our recent meeting in early April, passed a resolution to give more support for Africa, to treat the continent as its own distinct area in LCI, and to put the African continent on the pathway to becoming its own LCI constitutional area when it reaches a total membership of 30,000 - a feat that I know will be achieved soon.

## Dual Strategy for All Lions

Our success stories span well beyond our new areas of China and emerging areas like Africa. For example, the country of Australia is having growth, most of Latin America and Europe too, and even the United States of America and Canada are doing quite well by historic standards - though I am convinced the latter two can make history this year by erasing past patterns.

But as highlighted below, the future of our organization will need to rely increasingly on the 'dual strategy.' The strategy is simple -- emphasizing on one side, that we need new clubs and membership growth to make up for those who leave or pass away, but on the other side, we need a focus on keeping the members we have and increasing the size of existing clubs to control long term retention.

## "We need you"

We will need our children to become the members of the future but, in fact, we need your family members right now. ["We need you"](#) is the message that must be conveyed to current and prospective members. We need members to invite their partners and spouses to become Lions Club members and we need these new members to energize our clubs and open-up new avenues of service. The best place to look for qualified members may also be the closest -- right in our own homes.

There are many strategies that can help existing clubs grow, such as:

- Inviting more spouses and women through the We Need You campaign.
- Organizing recruiting campaigns using Lions Clubs International's "Best Practices."
- Forming club branches
- Identifying clubs below 20 members in need of special assistance.

We know there are Lions ready to respond. All we need do is ask.



- Come celebrate with the recipient of the 2009-10, LCI Humanitarian Award winner, **Wanguri Mathai**, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her "Greenbelt Movement."



- Come meet our 2009-10 Peace Poster winner, **Yu-Min Chen**, and see her impressive poster representing peace in our world
- And of course don't miss the first-ever **Global Youth Music Contest** event that promises to be a new tradition and a new way to celebrate the special talents of young people.





## RETENTION

### NAMES, UGLY LION RELATIONSHIPS, AND TOO MUCH WORK

(CLUB ACTIONS TO AVOID THE DISAPPEARANCE OF LIONS)

Do you know the names of every Lion in your club? Frankly, I have always had trouble remembering the names of everyone in my club. In fact, as I have told Lions over the years, when I first visited my soon to be Oconee Lions Club, I noticed that members were wearing name tags. What I thought at the time, and I have not changed my mind about, is that I could be a member of an organization that encouraged members to wear name tags!

It isn't knowing the names of the members of your club that is especially important though. Indeed, it isn't the names so much as knowing who the person is that has that name. That is, what do you know about the person with a name? Nevertheless, interaction starts with names. When you are introduced to a prospective member, you often only hear their name. Then, if your club is fortunate and this person becomes a member, the next time you see him or her, do you remember his or her name? In all likelihood, the answer is "No." Therefore, we are now back to the importance of the new member's sponsor to know your name and repeatedly introduce you until the new member gets a name tag!

New members need to begin to feel accepted in the club they have joined. What does it take to make this happen? As Lions understand, it is one of the duties of a Lion Tamer and past club presidents to greet members as they arrive. A new member definitely needs to be greeted, but it isn't just "thanking them for coming." Rather, new members need to be continuously linked to club members. Again, the new member sponsor has a significant duty here, but **all** members need to make certain that new Lions are continuously interact with fellow Lions. Over time multiple interactions form friendship relationships that solidly retain new members.

Unfortunately, all relationships between Lions are not positive. How does this happen? That is, since we all have the same sight and hearing related goals, how is it that we aren't all positively related to each other? There are numerous reasons, but some of them can be controlled by club leadership and members. It is here that Lions need to be sensitive about politics, religion, gender, race, etc. Among the controls here are avoiding the "minor things" like jokes that may end up negatively creating relationships between Lions. Interestingly, people often think that silence by others means that they agree with or approve of what someone has said, but this is not accurate. Negative relationships can potentially lead to the disappearance of club members.

The final club action item among the nine I have been discussing this year is one that many Lions are likely to not see coming. Clubs need to figure out a way to equalize the volunteer labor of their members. I still remember being around a member of my club who was continuously involved in every club activity and then one day he wasn't a member anymore! What behavioral research has discovered is that volunteers can become so intensely involved in club activities that they eventually remove themselves from the club. Yes, participation in events is volunteerism, but club leaders need to control their activities and the involvement of members. Losing a very active member is a real loss!

Yours in Lionism, Richard "Dick" Smith



*"We're the New Generation of Lions- Join Us Today!"*

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

- [Member orientation](#) provides new members with the information they need to get started as a Lion. It also serves as a refresher for existing Lions, with information on Lion history, structure, its purpose and ethics.
- The [Mentoring Program](#) teams a knowledgeable Lion mentor with a new Lion. The mentor's role is to acquaint the new member with Lions Clubs International, encourage club involvement, develop their leadership skills and offer guidance for holding a club position.
- Continue to keep members engaged by incorporating various [membership retention](#) programs. These programs focus on club cooperation, member morale and enhanced meetings to help get members involved.
- Celebrate new members by participating in [Lions Worldwide Induction Day](#).

*Yours in Lionism,*

Marlene Humphry, MD 18 Membership



**Dacula Lions Club** = We completed an important and very successful community service project yesterday by providing vision screening services to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students during a Health Fair held at Mill Creek High School. We estimate that at least 80 students were screened. Special thanks go to: Lion Melissa Udell for coordinating efforts with Georgia Lions Lighthouse and obtaining the screening machines and related materials · Lion Jennifer Khaleel in arranging for our participation with the school · Lions Stephanie and Jeff Wolfe for getting the machines, support equipment and materials to the school, and conducting the “Lions share” of the screenings, and to · Lion David Buice of the Snellville club and our own Lion Phillip Saxton who were also instrumental in conducting the screenings. The screenings were very popular with the students and in high demand. Thanks again to all that made this possible. Well done!

**Elberton Lions Club** = Runners getting ready to run the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Elberton Lions 5K Run for Sight. The 5K run attracted runners from all over Northeast Georgia and Western South Carolina. The outstanding response from local sponsors, donations and runners entry fees has made it possible for the Elberton Lions to give during the past year 4 - \$1,000 college scholarships, provide \$2,850 towards purchasing 19 pairs of glasses for persons in need, \$1,500 to 3 families whose homes were destroyed by fire, \$1,000 to 2 families with medical expenses, numerous local charitable contributions and to meet our State and International annual contributions.



**Buford Lions Club** = White Cane Day @ Wal-Mart in Buford, Ga. In the photo: Helen, Bob, Jean, Kim, Ray, Maryland, Sue, Earl.



**Jefferson Lions Club** = **ACTIVITIES:** **Eyeglasses collected:** 18 used eyeglasses, 1 hearing aid and 3 cell phones. **WHITE CANE DAY:** On Saturday April 17, Jefferson Lions raised \$2,531.18 for White Cane Day. At the April 26 meeting, the club voted to donate additional funds in order to send \$3,000 to the Lighthouse. Lions Alice and Bill Rosenberg served as White Cane Day Chairmen and they did a terrific job. Man hours for this project totaled 120. **COMMUNITY CALENDAR SALE:** have begun for the new year. **ADOPT-A-ROAD:** Jefferson Lions picked up litter, Tuesday, April 13, on their specified mile of the road. Thirteen (13) participated, and the man hours for this service project was 13. **AWARDS:** At April 26 meeting, PID Buddy Ouzts presented a key award to Lion Jack Rushton for bringing new Lions into the Club. PID Buddy Ouzts also presented Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque to Dot Hunt (the plaque was originally presented to her at the April 25 cabinet meeting). **MEETINGS:** April 12 was a regular meeting. New officers for 2010-2011 were elected. The program was about the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The club watched a video and Club President Jimmy Mock commented about the camp’s goals and activities. April 25, Final Cabinet meeting in Clermont was attended by 8 from Jefferson (6 Lions and 2 spouses). The following attended: Dot and Buddy Hunt, Mack and Becky Cates, Ronnie and Yvonne Moore, Jerry Legg, and Jimmy Mock. April 26 was a regular meeting. The Program was presented by Randy Mahaffey, Young Life, a Christian ministry which focuses on un-churched kids. Young Life starts with adults concerned enough about kids to go to them, on their turf and in their culture, building bridges of authentic friendship. These relationships take time, patience, trust and consistency. Young Life began with a few simple ideas about sharing the truth of God’s love with adolescents. Almost seven decades later, those simple ideas have become time-tested methods for reaching out to middle school, high school and college students in friendship and hope. Winder Noon Lions Club visited April 26. Those in attendance were PID Buddy and Carol Ouzts, President, Bob Long, and Lion Dottie Reynolds.

### Lawrenceville Lions Club =

We are gearing up for our Annual Vidalia Onion Sale as a fundraiser. We had 9 members volunteer for White Cane Day collection and we collected \$430.19 and are sending \$500.00 to the Lighthouse for White Cane Day. We had 2 members attend the District 18D picnic and had an enjoyable time. Judy Stamsen received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. We elected our new officers for 2010-2011 and sent in the PU101. They are as follows: President – Pete Stamsen  
Treasurer – Will Kelman; Secretary – Judy Stamsen; Membership – Laverne King  
We collected the following:

Eyeglasses collected: 182

Lenses: 95

Cell Phones: 4

Volunteer Hours: 90

**Lavonia Lions Club** = THE LAVONIA LIONS WELCOME NEW MEMBER CINDY GENSIEJEWSKI SPONSORED BY MARGARET AYERS. WE HAD A BOOTH AT THE LAVONIA SPRING FESTIVAL WHERE WE COLLECTED FOR WHITE CANE, HANDED OUT BALLOONS AND SOLD MOPS AND BROOMS. WE ALSO COLLECTED USED GLASSES, HEARING AIDS AND CELL PHONES. WE ARE PLANNING A COOKOUT FOR NEXT MONTH AT A MEMBER'S HOME AND INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. WE CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED AT THE LIONS' FOUNTAIN AND SIX MEMBERS PICKED UP TRASH ON THE CITY CLEAN UP DAY. ONE APPLICATION FOR GLASSES WAS APPROVED THIS MONTH AND AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE. TWO STUDENTS WERE PROVIDED WITH COMPUTERS.

**Loganville Lions Club** = The Loganville Lions Club was honored recently in a ceremony at Loganville City Hall in recognition of the 45th anniversary of the club's charter. Mayor Ray Nunley issued a proclamation thanking the club for its ongoing contributions to the City and the community, especially their help with the annual 4th of July parade and work on behalf of the visually impaired. Lions District Governor Grace Clower was also on hand to present 45 year service pins to still active charter members Neal Byrd and City Councilman Wendell Geiger. Council member and Lion Dan Curry and other Loganville Lions were also present for the ceremony.



The Loganville Lions Club recently celebrated the club's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pictured are Ben Johnson, President, Wendell Geiger & Neal Byrd, charter club members & Dr. Marc Unterman, guest speaker at the meeting. Dr. Unterman gave an interesting talk about cutting edge technology in cardiac care and surgery.

**Norcross Lions Club** = Student of the Month Lauren Summers received Student of the Month Certificate and a \$100. This month's honoree was accompanied by her older brother and his friends because her father is currently stationed in Afghanistan. PDGs Ed Hashbarger and John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the District 18-D Convention and Cabinet meeting. Lion John Rudert worked at the CARE fair with vision. He helped with selection of the frames. We continue to negotiate for funds from the Norcross Art Fest. We elected officers for next year: President Lion John Spencer Secretary Lion Trudy Rudert (same as this year) Treasurer Lion Ed Hashbarger (same as this year) Membership Chair Lion Martha Hermann (same as this year) Have paid for 2 pairs of glasses. PDGs Ed Hashbarger and John Rudert and Lion Secretary Trudy Rudert attended the District 18-D Cabinet meeting. PDG Ed Hashbarger attended the Cleveland Lions Club Charter Night. PDGs Ed Hashbarger and John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the Towns County 70th Anniversary celebration. PDG John and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the GA Lions Lighthouse Night of Spectacles. The club provided two pairs of eyeglasses to needy people. The club provided 155 eyeglasses and lenses as well as 11 cell phones to recycle to the GA Lions Lighthouse. The club provided one night of housing at a local motel to a needy person. The club voted to provide a \$75 basket for the GA Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction. We are actively working on getting new members. We are brainstorming new fundraiser ideas.



**Oconee Lions Club = Oconee Lions Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is set for June 14, 2010 at Lane Creek Golf Course, 1201 Club Drive , Bishop , Georgia .**

**TOURNAMENT AGENDA**

DATE: JUNE 14, 2010—MONDAY

SCHEDULE:

8:00-8:45 AM REGISTER (SIGN -IN)  
(COFFEE & PASTRIES)

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START  
(4 PERSON CAPTAINS CHOICE)

1:30-2:30 PM Bar-B-Que lunch, awards ,  
door prizes and silent auction winners  
**HOLE SPONSORS \$85.00**  
**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**  
**Rain date announced if needed.**

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

ENTRY FEE (\$100) INCLUDES:

- |                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 18 Holes with cart    | 2 Mulligans |
| Range balls           | Soft drinks |
| Continental breakfast | Goody bag   |
| Post tournament meal  |             |

Prizes:

- Winning team awards
- Closest to pin
- Longest drive
- Hole-in-One (Toyota automobile)

A Ball in Circle Challenge (cost \$ 5.00)

**SILENT AUCTION**

**AUCTION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM AND CLOSSES AT 2:30 PM. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY.**  
Items include signed UGA paraphernalia.

**Snellville Lions Club = Service Projects:** Club collecting items at all meetings for the Lilburn and Snellville Food Banks. Following items turned into Lions Lighthouse – 2790 used eye glasses, 635 loose lenses, 140 cell phones and 1 hearing aid.  
**White Cane Days:** Club held two days for collecting -\$1,276 for White Cane for Lions Lighthouse. **Guest Speaker:** PDG David Sargent 18-D Chair for Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign.  
**Awards:** Lion Cecil Spooner 45 year Chevron and Lion Alice Gee 20 year Chevron.



**Toccoa Lions Club = Toccoa Lions Club Accomplishments for 2009 – 2010 =** The most significant work that the Toccoa Lions Club accomplished this year and in previous years is helping over eighty needy people in Stephens County with eye examinations and eye glasses. The local sight conservation program is our main focus each year. Over the past three years ending June 30, 2009 the Toccoa Lions have provided glasses to 250 Stephens County residents. The next most significant work of the Toccoa Lions Club is assisting the Open Arms Clinic. This free medical clinic started in February 2006 with seed money from the Toccoa Lions Club has served over 550 needy residents in Stephens County to date. The Toccoa Lions Club has held a pancake breakfast the last two years with all the proceeds going to the Open Arms Clinic. This year the club raised \$3,300.00 for the Open Arms Clinic. The next most significant work of the Toccoa Lions Club is assisting the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Decatur. The Lions Lighthouse serves as a central clearing house and coordinates all the efforts of the 241 Lions Clubs in Georgia. In a typical year the Lighthouse will perform over 300 eye surgeries, provide glasses for over 2,500 needy Georgians and provide over 900 hearing aids for needy Georgians. This year the Toccoa Lions did a public solicitation in front of Wal-Mart during White Cane Days raising nearly \$1,000.00. This coupled with a matching grant from Wal-Mart will provide \$2,000.00 to the Lighthouse for operations. In addition to supporting the current needs of the Lighthouse the Toccoa Lions Club pledged \$10,000.00 toward the Lions Lighthouse capital campaign to build a new Lighthouse and expand services. \$1,000.00 of this pledge has been sent to the Lighthouse in April 2010. The Toccoa Lions provide a rest area during the Toccoa Harvest Festival the first weekend in November each year. This is a place for people to sit in the shade, drink water and rest. At the rest area the Toccoa Lions provide free vision screening tests. Over eighty people were screened during the Harvest Festival this year. The Toccoa Lions also provided vision screenings at the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day fair this April. The Toccoa Lions also work with youth by sponsoring a little league team in Stephens County. The club financially supports the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross, Camp Kudzu for diabetic children in Cleveland and the Top Five program with the Toccoa Rotary for graduating seniors for Stephens County High School. The Toccoa Lions also support financially the Leader Dog School for the Blind, The Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic and Lions Club International Foundation. Toccoa Lions also collect used eye glasses, cases, hearing aids and cell phones. These are sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation where they are cleaned, refurbished and graded to determine the prescription of the lenses. Last year over 106,000 pairs of glasses were distributed to needy people in foreign countries by the Lions Lighthouse. Money to support all this programming is raised through a variety of fund raising activities all year long in our community. The generosity of people in Toccoa and Stephens County keep the Toccoa Lions programs vibrant. The Toccoa Lions publish a community calendar every year. They hold two pancake breakfasts and host a golf outing in March. The club sells flower bulbs in the fall, mops and brooms as well as walking sticks all year long. The Toccoa Lions sell at public craft fairs, farmers markets and the Harvest Festival. The Toccoa Lions operate a food concession during the Harvest Festival. The Toccoa Lions operate candy and nut vending machines in the community. The club also receives grants from the Mitchell-Allen Foundation and Wal-Mart during the year.



*Lions Bryan, Kay and MC present Dr. John Pearce with \$1,000.00 check for the GA Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign. Toccoa Lions Club has pledged \$10,000.00 to the campaign.*



*Lion Flo Gordon is also happy about receiving her flu shot from Karen Palmer.*



*Lion Steve Spruill happily receives his flu shot from Karen Palmer*



*Bill Graham practices his putting before the shotgun start at the Chilly Open in March at the Pines Golf Course in Toccoa.*

**Union County Lions Club** = *Sight Conservation*: 5 applications for eye glasses & exams approved. *Lion Mints*: 100 rolls of Lion mints dispensed. *Social Concerns*: Lion Rosa Mandon sent 4 Birthday, 2 Anniversary, 4 Get Well, 5 Thinking of You, 1 Sympathy, for total of 16 cards. *Lion and friends and family volunteer hours*: 428 hours. *Membership*: Lion Sam Weisberg reported 30 names listed as prospective Lion members & tentative date for membership drive is at August picnic. *Donations*: \$25.00 check to each Peace Poster winner from Blairsville Middle School & Woody Gap Middle School for total of \$50.00. Plus \$550.00 for 5 eye glasses & exams. **April 8 - Regular Union County Lions Club** - Guests included young Granddaughter of Lion Sally Honeycutt; Peace Poster winner from Woody Gap Middle School, Sam Arbour, his parents & his sister; Peace Poster winner from Blairsville Middle School, Brianne Shope, her parents, her Grandmother, & her cousin and Brianne's Art teacher, Ms. Silvia Garner; Mary Pickrell, wife of Lion Bill Pickrell, and guest speaker, Libby Stephens. Very busy evening! Both Peace Poster winners were presented certificates and to each a \$25.00 check from Lions as well as Sam Arbour also rec'd certificate for placing 5th in 18-D. Ms. Libby Stephens, V.P. of local Historical Society spoke of the many events and information available through the Historical Society. Lion Bill Pickrell was presented his 25 year Lions service chevron from Lions International by Lion Arthur Gurr. Note of interest: Most appropriate as Lion Arthur was serving a second time as President of this Lions Club year 1989-1990 and Lion Bill was the Club Secretary! Next event of the evening was induction of new Lion Elaine Cantrell by Membership Chair Lion Sam Weissberg. Lion Elaine's sponsor is current Lions Club President Lisa Little. Lastly, the second reading of proposed 2010-2011 Lion officers was given, after which nominations from floor was opened. There being no nominations from floor, motion & 2nd to close & 2010-2011 list of Officers elected as read and passed. **April 9th & 10th - White Cane Days** with 25 Lions working total of 199 hours & one family member with 6 hours. **April 10** - 10 Union County Lions attended the Towns County Lions Club 70th anniversary in Hiawasee, GA. **April 17** - 4 Union County Lions attended Charter Night of Cleveland Lions Club. **April 24** - Following Union County Lions showed off their White Legs for White Cane: Vic Hamburger, Paul Clark, Arthur Gurr, Gene Little, Jeff Neal, Gary Bailey, Elmer Thompson, Les Myers, Michael Thompson and his little grandson, Sam. This was extra fund raiser for White Cane, held at local Civic Center on a very stormy Saturday night! People donated money for best pair of legs and Lion Elmer Thompson received most donations. There was also baked goods for sale. **April 25** - 12 Union County Lions attended the 4th Cabinet meeting and picnic in Clermont, GA. **Recycling**: 114 eye glass cases; 213 pairs eye glasses; 73 pairs lens; 218 individual lens; 46 pairs of shade glasses; 39 cell phones; and one hearing aid. **Also**, list of State Lions awards applied for & turned in by Lion Gene Little.



<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/UnionCountyGA/index.php>

Go to our club website or click link above ~ I posted pictures from tonight under the Club Projects tab!!!

WHAT FUN WE HAD AND RAISED OVER \$300.00 FOR WHITE CANE!!!!!!! For those of you that were there ~ THANK YOU!!! For those of you that missed it.....you missed a WONDERFUL time and you were missed by your fellow lions!!!! **Check out the next page**



**West Jackson Lions Club** = West Jackson Lions Club has sponsored an Essay Contest for schools in the area--West Jackson Intermediate School and Gum Springs Elementary School. The teachers from each school picked the subject "American Patriotism" for the essay. The subject for each fourth grade was "Why are Soldiers Heroes? First place winner from the West Jackson Intermediate School was Kate Fouts, and the second place winner was Karrin Swenson. First place winner from Gum Springs Elementary was Shae Corley, and the second place winner was Heather Howell. The subject for the fifth grade was "What is so Great about Living in America? First place winner from the West Jackson Intermediate School was Caroline Rigdon, and the second place winner was Kyle Patel. First place winner from Gum Springs Elementary was Maritza Martinez, and the second place winner was Tatyanna Fry. The West Jackson Lions Club gave the first place winners \$25.00 and the second place winners \$15.00, and gave a pizza party for each school participant and their parents and teachers. The West Jackson Lions Club has provided six pairs of eye glasses this quarter to students and seniors in the area.

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = 319 pairs of glasses were collected and donated to be recycled. Members collected for the White Cane. The club visited the Winder Lions Club and the Jefferson Lions Club. The club attended the Steak and Steak Banquet for the Boys and Girls Club. New Officers were elected for the 2010/2011 year. Contributions for 2009/2010

<u>Lions Activities</u>	<u>Community Outreach</u>
\$5,017.17	\$4,037.66

**PROGRAMS FOR APRIL** Awards were presented to the Lion Peace Poster Contest Winners. In addition to the winner awards, participating art teachers received \$50 for art supplies. The winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100 - Pakou Vue – Westside Middle School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 - Tia Carter – Westside Middle School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25 - Genesis Chicas – Haymon-Morris Middle School

Chief Ray Mattison of the Winder Fire Department discussed what a firefighter wears for safety and how much the equipment costs. A fire fighter, wearing his safety equipment, was present. This gave us a good visual of how the fire fighter must be dressed when fighting a fire. The Noon Lions Club Outstanding Junior Award for April was presented to Nicolai Popescu from Apalachee High School and to Trent Hunter from Winder Barrow High School. Officer Tim Harrell talked to the club about different types of music that are readily available and the possible influence the lyrics can have on our youth. Parents need to be aware of what the lyrics are suggesting and provide positive feedback about how the lyrics should be interpreted.

More from:



**We're Waiting =  
have you ASKed?**

**Did you submit yours?**

E-mail = [edmclionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmclionh@bellsouth.net) or

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



**GA. Lions Lighthouse**  
**VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG**  
[mhpdg@windstream.net](mailto:mhpdg@windstream.net)

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**  
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!  
<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

### Brian McCann Joins the Capital Campaign Team

*With the support of the Georgia Lions, we are over one-third of the way to our \$2.75 million goal! Over a million dollars have been raised for our capital campaign. In addition, Atlanta Braves catcher Brian McCann agreed to be our honorary campaign chair*



McCann suffered from blurry vision last year after a LASIK surgery in 2007. He was only able to continue playing professional baseball because of a special pair of glasses made to fit under his mask and to give him peripheral vision.

*“Losing my sight could have cost me my job, “ he says. “Fortunately, I had access to quality eye care that kept me in the game and doing what I love. Each year, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse helps thousands of Georgians to see and hear the sights and sounds that help them to be productive and fulfilled. Please support their efforts.”*

*We are excited about the addition of McCann to our campaign team. Keep an eye on our new website video with McCann’s reasons for supporting the Lighthouse’s capital campaign. To learn more about the campaign and discover where the funds are contact Kyle at 404-325-3630 x 334 or at [kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org) .*



### Service Numbers

From July to December 2009:

**2854** Georgians received **4448**

points of service through our mobile clinic program.

**1454** people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses**. **174 recipients** were from **18-D**

**295** eye surgeries were performed. **35** were from **18-D**

**933** Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of **1700 hearing aids**. **128** were from **18-D**

**Demand** for all services is up **30 percent** over last year.



### Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

**District D**  
 Judy Stamsen  
 770-995-9274  
[eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)

### Lighthouse Launches New Website

The Lighthouse Foundation launched a new website in January. It is still at [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org) but it has been redesigned and reorganized to be easier to navigate for clients, donors, and volunteers.



**DID YOU KNOW** = For the first nine (9) months of this Lion’s Year, District 18-D contributions to the Lighthouse are \$33,320.04 compared to \$33,229.42 for the same period last year. Sixteen (16) out of thirty eight (38) Clubs or 42.1% of the Clubs in 18-D have made regular contributions for a total of \$16,183.08.

## Woodruff Foundation Awards Lighthouse \$500,000 Grant

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is happy to announce it was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Woodruff Foundation. The grant puts us over half-way to our \$2.75 million dollar goal, but more important, it shows that others truly believe in the mission and direction of your Lighthouse. To learn more about the capital campaign, including named gift opportunities, please visit [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org) or contact Kyle at [kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org)

## Lighthouse Capital Campaign FAQ:

### How will individuals be recognized for their capital campaign contributions?

There will be a recognition wall at the new home of the Lighthouse. Permanent recognition for individuals starts at \$2,500. There will also be a directory of all donors in the new building. Please remember that pledges can be fulfilled over three years.

### How will my club be recognized for its capital campaign contribution?

All clubs giving over \$1,000 will receive a commemorative banner patch. Clubs giving at the \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$15,000 levels will receive permanent recognition in the building. Naming opportunities are available from \$20,000.

### Will my individual contribution count for my club?

On the recognition wall, individual and club contributions can be double counted. For example, say John Doe from Roaring Rock Lions Club contributes \$5,000 and his club contributes \$10,000. Lion John will be recognized as an individual at the \$5,000 level, and Roaring Rock will be recognized at the \$15,000 level.

### Can my individual contribution count toward my club's pledged amount?

No. When Lions Clubs make pledges to the capital campaign, it is with the expectation that the amount of the pledge will come from the club's account. Any additional funds given by the individuals in a club will count toward the amount the club is recognized for in the end, but not toward the club's original pledge. To find out more about recognition and naming opportunities, please contact Kyle at [kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org)

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## SERVICE REPORTS:

**Vision Clinic Report:** In the first nine (9) months of this Lion's Year, we have served 2701 individuals at the Vision Clinics compared to 2051 individuals served for the same period last year. Funding for the Vision Clinics come from grants, which are great but not on going. March 22, 2010 was a big day for the Citizens of Dahlonge and Lumpkin County. It was on this date that the Dahlonge Vision Clinic officially opened. A total of 15 people needy citizens from Lumpkin County were touched when they received a thorough eye exam. For some it was their first eye exam. Special Thanks go out to the members of the Dahlonge Lions Club especially Lions Bill Mundy, David Lancaster, and Gary Vaughters who worked so hard over three years to see this clinic become a reality. I want to Thank Dr Lori Lebeau and Ms. Paula Payne for all their help. Let me encourage you to volunteer to work at one of the Clinics. By working at a Clinic you experience firsthand what Lionism is all about especially when the clients come up and Thank you for we are doing to help them.

Two hundred and thirty six individuals from 18-D have been served at the Clinics during the first nine (9) months of this year compared to 127 individuals for the same period last year. The total cost to operate the Clinics for the first nine (9) months of this Lion's Year is \$85,167.66.

**Surgery Reports:** In the first nine (9) months of this year, the Lighthouse has completed 211 surgeries compared to 263 surgeries for the same period last year. Forty one (41) needy citizens from 18-D have had surgeries in the first nine (9) months of this year compared to 28 for the same period last year. We knew that we could not do as many surgeries this year compared to last year because we overspent on surgeries last year. In addition to the fact that we are paying for initial evaluations. These are a few reasons why our surgery numbers are well below last year's figure.

The costs of surgeries in the first nine (9) months are \$1,599,096.53 after receiving discounts of \$1,273,995.07; The Lighthouse only paid \$325,101.46.

**Hearing Aid Program:** In the first nine (9) months of this year, the Lighthouse has touched the lives of 727 individuals by providing 1336 hearing aids compared to 1167 hearing aids to 634 individuals for the same period last year.

Eighty-three (83) needy citizens from District 18-D have received 153 hearing aids in the first (9) months of this year compared to 75 people receiving 139 hearing aids for the same period last year.



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Thois Masters, PDG**  
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**To Our Fellow Lions:**



**From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. Luke**

In the last few months I have thought a lot about this statement. I have thought about it in reference to living in America and the freedoms that entails. I have thought about it in my personal life with my own personal finances. The most daunting thought of all though has been in direct correlation with my job as your director. I know that I have been entrusted with an amazing opportunity to lead this camp into a new day. I have been entrusted to protect, challenge, motivate, and create amazing opportunities for the Blind of Georgia. I have been entrusted to be a good steward of an amazing organization. I feel like it's a big responsibility. I will be honest and tell you that I am grateful I don't do it alone. You see it's all of our responsibility. You as Lions in this state have been entrusted too. You have been entrusted to support the goals and operations of this camp. You have been entrusted to provide for and maintain these beautiful grounds. This is YOUR camp! You have been entrusted with it. Let that thought sit with you for a moment. What an amazing opportunity we have. No other facility in this state has been entrusted with the task. WE ARE IT! I hope as you reflect upon this amazing place affectionately called GLCB, you swell with pride. I hope that your head gets a little bigger and your steps get a little more bounce in them. May we never forget though that much is required!

*Forward,*  
**Kristen**

<b>Camp for the Blind 2010 Wish List</b>		
<b><i>Carolyn's Office List</i></b>	<b><i>Bobby's Building and Grounds List</i></b>	<b><i>Things We Always Have to Buy</i></b>
Forever Stamps	Paint for buildings*	Toilet paper
Post-it notes	Ant Poison	Paper towels
Copy paper	Cases of tractor grease	Paper plates
Paper clips	Air conditioning vents	Bleach
Full length Mirror	20 Dogwood trees	55 gallon yard trash bags
Tablecloth with our emblem on it*	22 Blue Rug Junipers	Yellow legal pads
Cute get well cards	Angled paint brushes	15- 3" Clear View Binders*
2 large planter containers	White Paint	Hand sanitizer
	\$500 to lay carpet in Staff Lounge	Lysol
	John Deere Gator	Tylenol
		Advil
<b><i>Kristen's List</i></b>	<b><i>Gift Cards</i></b>	
Life jackets*	Lowes	
Foam Juice*	Wal-mart	
GPS Units*	Staples	

\*Please contact the camp before buying this item as there are very specific items needed.

Dear Georgia Lions,

Kristen, Bobby and I get such great joy being here daily and working for our Campers' return. Last Friday, I answered the phone to a familiar voice singing his usual message followed by "It's only 13 more weeks!" He's counting every minute in his dark world till he can return to his beloved camp that has changed his life forever. The time spent here is way too short for him and all the rest.

Lions, this "haven" you and your predecessors have developed is a rewarding place to watch and hear the Campers' struggles and groans to reach a bit higher and go a bit farther. We are so pleased that so many of you have given so much this past year. Wow! Much has been accomplished with much left to do.

Our Campers will never see the beauty of our pines and palmettos, the flowering azaleas and dogwoods. They can only imagine!! But what they will always "see" is how much their Lions love them. They're returning to a place where they can sense that love that all 246+ Lions Clubs want for them. If you are one of the Clubs or members that haven't yet sent a donation (General Fund, Century Club, Send-A-Kid-To-Camp, Grand Tour of Georgia, etc.), it's not too late. We appreciate your continued support at any time.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Taylor-Music  
Secretary



My Fellow Lions,

I am on the road again this weekend. I am up in Hiawassee to help celebrate 70 years of service by the Towns County Lions Club. Seventy years of service – WOW that is amazing! On the way up here today, I got to put a few bucks into a bucket in Clayton, GA. The Lions of Clayton were busy collection funds for White Cane. We are Lions of service and service to our Camp is what I love. Let's talk about that....

Two weekends ago we were at our Camp for a Work Weekend. WOW – we got a bunch done. Here are a few highlights of what was accomplished:

Replaced the bottom portion of the Siding in the Dining Hall with the concrete based siding. Had to rebuild the entire wall around the main entrance and have started tying the roof line back into the Gazebo. We got a couple more weekends of work on the Dining Hall before it will be 100% done. Rest assured - it will be done before the Camping Season.

Many Lions worked very hard clearing the location for the new Low Ropes Course. Lots of trees and underbrush had to be removed. It looks outstanding!

Planting trees.

Sanding and painting swing sets.

Painting inside the Gazebo.

Installing a hand line so Campers can navigate from the Dining Hall to the Climbing Tower and then on to the Catfish Pond.





### 2010 Schedule

- Session 1: Family Camp (age 4-9) June 13-18, 2010
- Session 2: Pre-Teens (ages 10-13) June 20-25, 2010
- Session 3: Young Adults (ages 18-25) June 27-July 5, 2010
- Session 4: Adults (ages 26-50+) July 9-16, 2010
- Session 5: Teens (ages 14-17) July 19-30, 2010

## Two New Camp for the Blind Fundraisers

### **BASKET SILENT AUCTION**



A Tisket, a Tasket, a green and yellow Basket....a poem of our youth, a song by Ella Fitzgerald, or a project of the Camp Fundraising Committee? For some fun and to raise some money for our Camp, we would like to have a Gift Basket Silent Auction during the 2010 State Convention. We are requesting each Lions Club to brainstorm and pick a theme to use in filling a basket to be included in the Silent Auction. Possible ideas to start you thinking are: a bird basket with a birdhouse, book, food, a bird figurine; a beach basket with sunscreen lotion, beach towel, shells, maybe a motel room at the beach; a particular food, like Chinese with a cookbook, Wok, rice, etc; fishing; golf;

gardening; auto care; football; college; art supplies; booklover; sweet tooth; dog lover; cat lover; etc, etc, etc. Once you start brainstorming, the ideas are endless. Everyone has an interest in something and will bid on the baskets that strike their fancy. If you include a commercial service, please consider a business with locations all over the state. We would like to have baskets of all value. Please put a list of items that are in the basket on the outside so everyone will know exactly what is in it. Also, let us know your value. We are thinking a minimum of \$25 but we will not turn down any. We know of one basket being collected that will be \$200. We will have a wonderful display on Friday and Saturday at the State Convention for you to come by and place your bid. Winners will be announced Saturday afternoon so the baskets can be picked up before leaving Tifton. This project can only be successful with the help of your club and its participation. Have some fun preparing yours. We look forward to seeing the results. A REMINDER!! Has your club prepared a Themed Gift Basket yet for the Camp Silent Auction to be held at the State Convention? You still have time to brainstorm for a theme, shop for the items, prepare the basket, and bring it to the Convention in Tifton. If you need help getting your basket to Tifton, you can contact your District's Camp Vice President or Fundraising Committee member: District D – Sylvia Masters. We do request that you tape a list of the items included on the outside of the basket so Lions will know exactly what they are bidding on. All values will be accepted. Please fix a basket for us and help raise money for our Camp!



2010  
Grand Tour Of Georgia  
hosted by the

Georgia Lions' Camp for  
the Blind, Inc.

**Ride your Motorcycle\*, see the great State of Georgia and help a blind child go to Camp! Enjoy a summer of riding experiences and help that same child gain a lifetime of confidence and experiences as well!**

**Purchase a Passport Book for \$25.00. This Passport Book is loaded with 19 scenic and historical locations throughout the great State of Georgia.**

**Ride to 15 of 18 optional locations and one mandatory location between April 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010. Record each visit with a photo, submit your record of visits and you will receive a Grand Tour Pin/w 2010 Year Tab and a Certificate of Completion. Those successful riders will also be able to purchase a 2010 Grand Tour of Georgia Tee Shirt.**

**\* Those wishing to partake in the Grand Tour of Georgia that do not ride motorcycles may do so. The same rules will apply.**

**To obtain a Grand Tour of Georgia Application visit the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind's Website at [GLCB.org](http://GLCB.org) or call (888) 297-1775 (Ga. Only) or (912) 283-4320 from 8am – 5pm Monday – Friday.**

**Ride Safe – Ride to Help Others!**



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**Fellow Lions:**



Blind Carroll Jackson shows the Lions the device he uses to download and read virtually any book.

Carroll Jackson told the Lions how using a leader dog makes mobility much more efficient and safe.



**IBSSS grad Carroll Jackson tells Lions of changes in leader dog program**

Last year, in Minneapolis, a group of Lions Club members gathered around the hotel welcome desk, trying to get directions to their meeting site during their Convention. The woman behind the desk was trying to tell the men which way to turn at which corner when a blind man with a leader dog walked up to the group with a message that left them dumbfounded: "Follow me."

That man was Carroll Jackson, a 1967 graduate of the Iowa Braille and Sight-Saving School.

Leading others in a world of changing technology is a way of life for Jackson, who went on to college after graduating from IBSSS. He eventually became a principal at the Ohio institute for the Blind and the Superintendent at the Illinois facility.

Jackson returned to Vinton, Iowa this week, where he shared with the Vinton Lions Club the changes he has experienced in technology and leader dog training that help a blind man who has never been to a city before safely and efficiently find his way around it.

First, Jackson showed the Lions the computer device he uses to obtain reading material. Virtually every book -- even college textbooks -- can be downloaded to the hand-held device within minutes. Then Jackson told the Lions that while the technology for obtaining reading materials has changed, the options of on-foot transportation for blind people is the same as it was decades ago: A white cane or a leader dog.

The difference between using a cane and a dog, Jackson told the Lions, is like the difference between having a driver's license and a pilot's license. Then he explained how GPS technology can help him find his way to any building in any city, with the help of his dog. The GPS tells him which street he is on, and which streets are near him.

"All I have to do is say 'find the door' or 'find the elevator' or 'find the room' and I am there," Jackson said. And the dog does the rest. Once the pair has found their way in a new city, the dog remembers the doors, elevators and even the way to the hotel room, he adds.

Jackson is totally blind, but he wears glasses that look like regular prescription lenses. It fools people into thinking he has sight. At one time, he had some tunnel vision. But now, he said, he is totally blind.

The Lions laughed on Tuesday when Jackson told his story about leading the group last year in Minneapolis. "That is not the response I got that day," he recalled. On that day, the group of Lions looked at him silently. Finally, one of them agreed to follow Jackson. The others went along. After the group arrived at the meeting site several blocks away from where they had begun, one of the men asked Jackson how long he had been in Minneapolis.

"It's my first day here," he said.

On another occasion, Jackson was able to use his GPS locator to tell a group of Australians how to find a restaurant for breakfast. He gave them specific directions to a Perkins restaurant. Later the group found him and told him that his directions were totally correct.

Jackson told the local Lions how he is trying to make this kind of safe and efficient mobility possible for more visually-impaired people.

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## **Heroes Growing up All Around You**

Who would ever think that a life-enhancing, sometimes life-saving resource could begin as a fuzzy little puppy? At Leader Dogs for the Blind, that's exactly how each four-legged Leader Dog hero gets his start. Future Leader Dogs grow up in homes just like yours, all around the United States.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers name the puppies, teach them house manners, basic obedience and expose them to the world. Puppy raisers are volunteers who generously take puppies into their homes and provide them with health care, food and life experiences. Some raisers are able to bring the puppy to work with them.

"We would not be able to provide Leader Dogs at all if it weren't for volunteer puppy raisers. Right now we have about 400 puppies in 22 states and Canada growing up learning about the world around them. The exposure that the puppy raisers provide is an intricate part of the dog's extensive training needed to become a Leader Dog," said Beverly Blanchard, puppy program development manager for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Creating a responsible candidate to become a Leader Dog entails a great deal of socialization. The more the puppy sees and experiences during the first year of its life, the more adapting and calm it will be when exposed to future experiences. Many puppy raisers expose their puppies to shopping malls, loud sirens, cats and other animals, different kinds of staircases and floor surfaces, busy sidewalks, bicycles, sporting events, grocery stores, churches and much more.

When the puppies return to Leader Dogs for the Blind, they are thoroughly evaluated for medical soundness and personality traits. Puppies that pass this evaluation are trained one-on-one for the next four months by a professional instructor. The instructor then carefully matches each Leader Dog with an individual who is legally blind. The team trains together at Leader Dogs for the Blind for a month before leaving the facility and returning home.

Leader Dogs are provided completely free to qualified individuals, including travel and 26 days of room and board at the Leader Dog facility. Leader Dogs for the Blind is funded by donations from Lions and Lioness Club members, individuals, foundations and corporations dedicated to community service.

For more information, call Leader Dogs for the Blind at (888) 777-5332 or visit [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org).

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### ***14,000th Team Graduates***

Our most recent dog guide class had the distinction of graduating our 14,000th Leader Dog team! This comes out to an average of 197 teams per year. The person to receive the distinction of being number 14,000 is Randy Cook from Aurora, Illinois. Randy received his 3rd Leader Dog, "Solomon," on March 10th.



Randy is a blind rehabilitation teacher with the Department of Human Services who is a graduate of Western Michigan University. Randy credits Leader Dog with building his self-confidence, increasing his mobility, and improving his travel skills.



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig [lion.swampthing@gmail.com](mailto:lion.swampthing@gmail.com)

### Meet Jasmine, 9-year-old RFB&D student member and star fundraiser



*"Everyone thought I was different . . . and I would cry sometimes. I thought I was stupid because they could read and I couldn't."*

Not long ago, Jasmine received "millions of Fs" and attended special education intervention classes. But after discovering RFB&D, those Fs became As. In fact this dynamic young

lady who now loves to read, has raised a whopping \$305 to date on [www.firstgiving.com/rfbd/](http://www.firstgiving.com/rfbd/)!

[Read more about Jasmine.](#)

[Watch Jasmine and her mom on YouTube.](#)



**Southeast Region (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN): Georgia had a smashing success at their [DreamBuilders event](#) last month; Florida's**



**Volunteer Leadership Team pitches in to make their [Record-A-Thon](#) event a win; Tennessee's CC Morris finds familiar faces and lots of [support at the Lion's Club](#); and South Carolina gears up for their [DreamBuilders event](#) on April 28th.**



### Did you know?

*RFB&D's Vision for the Future: Volunteer Testers Needed*

RFB&D's future lies in the different ways we can make material accessible for students, along with our hallmark human-voiced audio textbooks. RFB&D's Text Production project team has developed a new tool called V-Text™ that is currently being tested by select volunteers ... [Read all about V-Text.](#)



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### Man's best friend brings help, smiles



Andy Bush, 36, pets his dog Seagar, a trained assistance dog, during a walk near his Harrisburg home. Bush, who suffered a brain injury as a child, received Seagar from Canine Companions for Independence. Meghan Cooke - [macooke@newsofcbarrus.com](mailto:macooke@newsofcbarrus.com)

A little girl tugged on her mom's pants and pointed at the yellow Labrador retriever strolling through a Harrisburg grocery store last week. A curious employee peered over a stack of fruit. Seagar didn't notice. He was working. Gloria Bush of Harrisburg pushed her son, Andy, in his wheelchair through the store as Seagar, Andy's trained assistance dog, tagged along.

The Bush family received 2-year-old Seagar in November from Canine Companions for Independence. Seagar responds to more than 50 commands. He uses his nose to push round handicapped buttons to open automatic doors when Gloria is pushing Andy's wheelchair, and he even helps take off Andy's socks. But for Andy, having Seagar around isn't about having a helping hand. It's about having a friend.

"Having Seagar around makes him smile," Gloria said. When Andy was 2 years old, he snuck out of the house and fell into a construction ditch filled with rainwater as he tried to reach a ball in the water. Gloria found him floating face down. He suffered brain damage as a result of lack of oxygen to the brain. Now 36 years old, Andy can't do much on his own. He requires help for basic tasks.

"Seagar is the perfect dog for Andy," said Gloria, explaining that Seagar isn't demanding of her time. "He's very giving." The Bush family was on Canine Companions for Independence's waiting list for two years before Andy, Gloria and her husband, Roy, were invited to the organization's southeast regional center in Orlando, Fla., for a two-week training session in November to learn commands and how to care for Seagar, whom they received for free. CCI, headquartered in California, gave out more than 240 assistance dogs last year. Seagar is meant to provide companionship and a means of socialization for Andy, said Martha Johnson, spokeswoman for CCI.

Seagar jumped to put his front paws on Andy's lap, drawing a grin from Andy. Seagar goes out to eat with the Bushes, and goes on walks with them around the Town Center neighborhood in Harrisburg. Gloria said Andy has been calmer and more content since they brought Seagar home.

"Where's Seagar?" Gloria asked her son. Andy glanced around the room and his eyes settled on Seagar sleeping on his pillow on the floor before looking back to his mother. "There's Seagar."



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## Special Diabetes Programs



Legislation to increase funding for diabetes research.

Since 1997, the Special Diabetes Programs have provided critical funding for diabetes research, prevention, and education at the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). These are substantial type 1 diabetes research programs and prevention and treatment programs for Native American communities.

### Legislative Update

- Sept. 29, 2009 – **H.R. 3668** was introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Mike Castle (R-DE), co-chairs of the House Diabetes Caucus.
- March 3, 2010 – **S. 3058** introduced in the Senate by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and Susan Collins (R-ME). [\*\*Take Action!\*\*](#)
- Both bills will renew the Special Diabetes Programs for five years and includes \$200 million per year in federal funding for each program.

### Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research (SDP-Type 1)

SDP-Type 1 is special funding for research on the prevention and cure of type 1 diabetes. It provides researchers the chance they need to carry out long-term research that can have an impact on thousands of lives.

SDP-Type 1 has led to real advances in many areas of type 1 diabetes research. Demonstrating an excellent return on federal investment, it has yielded advances in drugs and therapies for halting and reversing diabetic complications.

## Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)

SDPI gives Indian health programs and tribal communities the resources and tools they need to both prevent and treat diabetes. [American Indians](#) and Alaska Natives have the highest age-adjusted prevalence of diabetes among all U.S. racial and ethnic groups – nearly 17%!

SDPI funding has led to demonstrated and continued improvements in diabetes prevention and care in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. These improvements ultimately benefit all people with diabetes.

Funding nearly 400 community-directed programs, local tribes and health programs are provided the opportunity to set priorities that meet the needs of the community, whether it be prevention activities or treatment.

These needed programs help translate the science of diabetes into real-world settings by providing improved care for our patients and prevention efforts that are turning the hope of a diabetes-free future into a reality.



## Diabetes Forecast

The premier magazine for all the latest diabetes information



Monthly subscription included with ADA membership. Go to the following web site:

[http://forecast.diabetes.org/?utm\\_source=Homepage&utm\\_medium=ContentPage&utm\\_content=DFContents&utm\\_campaign=Df](http://forecast.diabetes.org/?utm_source=Homepage&utm_medium=ContentPage&utm_content=DFContents&utm_campaign=Df)



**"The Power of Peace"**  
**2009-10 Grand Prize Winner**

New Peace Poster Theme Announced: The theme for the 2010-2011 Lions International Peace Poster Contest will be "**Vision of Peace.**" Peace Poster Kits will go on sale on January 15 from the Club Supplies Sales Department. See the order form (PR 785) for more details.



**LEO & YOUTH SERVICES SEMINAR /  
 MD-18 LIONS STATE  
 CONVENTION / TIFTON, GEORGIA /  
 MAY 28-30**

This seminar is for all LEOS, Lions, and Anyone interested in the LEO program and Youth Opportunities! In this Seminar, lead by MD-18 LEO Chair Steve Helwig, we will cover:

- How to start / charter a LEO club in your town/school
- Share and spread the LEO message
- Advisors, Lions, and Sponsors: Your role in your LEO Club
- Lions and LEOS working together
- Awards and Recognitions for LEOS and their Lions club
- Service Projects for Children & Youth from International, State, District, and Local

**Notice of MD18 Leo Council Meeting**

The first meeting of the MD18 Leo Council will be held from 12:30-4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the UGA Conference Center (I-75 at Exit 64) in Tifton, Georgia. As stated in the Standard Multiple District Constitution approved at the 2010 Leo Conference/Gathering all MD18 Leo club Presidents of clubs in good standing as of the date of this meeting are a part of the MD18 Council and are encouraged to attend or send a delegated representative in their place (must be Leo from same club). An Agenda for the MD18 Council Meeting is attached. Please make plans to attend this initial meeting. Because of arrangements with the facility please advise MD18 Leo Club Program Chair Steve Helwig no later than May 15, 2010 if you are planning to be there. MD18 Leo District Chairs are encouraged to submit a

written report detailing their club's activities from 7/1/09 through May 15, 2010. Any proposed by-laws must be submitted in writing to MD18 Leo Chair no later than May 15, 2010 to be considered at the Leo Council meeting.

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. Installation of MD18 Leo Officers  
 Presentation of gifts
- 9:15 a.m.
- Call to Order** Samantha Turner MD18 Pres
  - Invocation** Alexi Gay MD18 Chaplain
  - Pledge of Allegiance** Johnelle Simpson II  
 MD18 Vice- President
- Attendance** Gabby Harrell MD18 Secretary
- A. Note Absentees
  - B. Communications from absent members
  - C. Recognition of Guests and Dignitaries
- Purpose of Meeting** MD18 Leo Chair Steve Helwig
- A. Adopt the Proposed Agenda
  - B. Approve Final Report of 2010 Leo Gathering/Conference
  - C. Consider any new business properly brought before the Council
- Ratification of Caucus Actions:**
- Report of Council Secretary** Gabby Harrell
- A. Accomplishments
  - B. Items needing attention
  - C. Communications
- Report of Council Treasurer** Stephan Rolle
- A. MD18 Leo account, including bank statements
- Report or comments** MD18 Leo Club Program Chair,  
 Steve Helwig
- Discussion of written reports from Leo District Chairs received and included in file.
- New Business**
- A. Review of Standard Leo Multiple District Constitution
    - Article IV-A. MD18 Leo Conference
    - Article V-A. Per Capita Levy
    - Article V-B. Approval of Bank Account
    - Article VI. Officers not listed in Standard Constitution. See Article III-C, 5.
      - Parliamentarian
      - Historian
- BREAK (15 Minutes)**
- Call to Order**
- A - **Article VII. By-laws**
    - Committees
    - Proposed By-Laws
  - B - **2011 MD18 Leo Conference**
    - Bids/Procedures
    - Deadline to submit proposals
    - Leo Conference Grant-LCI
    - Leo Conference Agenda-Guidelines/Theme
  - C - **2010-2011 Leo Year**
    - Review 2009-2010
    - Calendar
    - Goals
    - Projects
    - Reporting
    - MD18 Leo Budget

D - MD18 Website

- Review current domain
- Source
- Cost
- Content

E. - State Uniform and Pin

F - MD18 Charities and Organizations

- Council cooperation and promotion

G. - Leo Awards and Recognitions

- Council authorization
- How Council can promote

H - Final Remarks

- (Recognized by Leo Council Chair and limited to two (2) minutes.

I - Announcements

- Next meeting

J - Benediction      Chaplain

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*101 Ways to Teach Youth How to Cope with Stress (and these will help adults as well)*

- \*\* Stop a bad habit.
- \*\* Buy yourself a special treat.
- \*\* Take time to smell the flowers.
- \*\* Find support from others; everyone need help sometime.
- \*\* Ask someone to be a vent partner.
- \*\* Do it today!
- \*\* Work at being cheerful and optimistic.
- \*\* Put safety first.
- \*\* Do everything in moderation.
- \*\* Strive for Excellence and not Perfection—cause you'll never get there.

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*Lions Family Cub Program — A frequent question is: How do we keep the children interested and involved? The answer is the Lions Family Cub Program which comes complete with a 30-page activity guide. The guide offers complete, step-by-step procedures that will help make Lion Cubs an integral part of your club. The Lions Family Cub Program will be an important part of making family membership a positive experience for parents as well as children. Please consider it as a part of our responsibility as Lion Leaders to serve our members and put their needs first. Remember that our Lion Cubs are the greatest potential source of Lions Club members in the future.*

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10 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S SENSE OF HUMOR (AND OUR OWN FOR THAT MATTER):

- THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
- HOW EXTRAORDINARY!
- FAR OUT!
- OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE!
- I CAN'T GET OVER IT—
- HOW WELL YOU'VE DONE!
- GREAT!
- AMAZING EFFORT!
- UNBELIEVABLE WORK!
- WONDERFUL!
- MARVELOUS!
- PHENOMENAL!
- YOU'VE GOT IT!

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**International Friendships**

The International Club Twinning Program is a voluntary and mutual agreement between clubs in different countries. Lions and Leos can participate; however, twinning must occur between like clubs (i.e., Lions with Lions, Leos with Leos).

Twinning provides an opportunity to learn about another club and its culture. Club twins actively illustrate the Third Purpose of the Association, *To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.*

Members of international organizations often develop international friendships. This is certainly true of Lions and Leos who attend international forums or conventions. After an initial meeting, Lions or Leos often continue their friendship through long-distance correspondence. After many months or years, the two clubs may decide to formalize their friendship as international club twins.

At this time, the two clubs may decide to sign the International Club Twinning Recognition Application ([IAD 603](#)) and become club twins. Often, the clubs organize a formal signing ceremony to celebrate the official club twinning relationship.

- [Club twinning guidelines](#)
- **View the [International Club Twinning PowerPoint](#) (please allow a few minutes for the PowerPoint to load)**
- **After twinning has been established, apply for the [Twinning Award](#)**
- **Include your club in the [club twinning list](#)**
- **View the list of [Lions clubs interested in entering into a Lions club twinning relationship](#)**



# Lions Quest

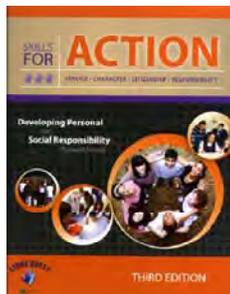
HS Staff Development In-Service: Social, Emotional, and Workplace Skills for Success in School and Life (Grades 9-12)

Lions Quest comprehensive youth development programs bring parents, educators and community leaders together to teach children important life skills within a caring and consistent environment. Lions Quest K-12 curricula help young people develop skills that lead to self-discipline, responsibility, good judgment and the ability to get along with others. This new one-day high school staff development training will help secondary educators meet SEL goals and provide young adults with school-to-work competencies.

### Workshop Goals:

To increase understanding of social and emotional learning (SEL) and the demands of the 21st century workplace.

To become familiar with the Skills for Action Skills Bank components and to explore implementation models for integrating effective SEL and workplace preparedness into the curriculum and the school. To practice teaching the social, emotional and workplace skills from the Skills Bank.



### Workshop Agenda Topics:

Building a Relationship-Centered Learning Community // Establishing Shared Agreements // Introduction to Social and Emotional Learning // Materials Review // Modeling an Activity from the Skills Bank // Group preparation and presentations // Implementation Questions

### Workshop Cost:

\$2500 for up to 36 participants  
Includes Skills Bank book and workshop handouts

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### Joining Forces to Help Youth

To help local Lions fulfill the needs of the children and adolescents in their communities, Lions Clubs International (LCI) maintains partnerships with several outstanding organizations that provide assistance to youth.

### Scouts

LCI has worked in cooperation with the [Girl Scouts of America](#) and the [Boy Scouts of America](#) for decades. Around the world, Lions clubs have sponsored thousands of Scout troops. And today, Lions clubs sponsor more Scout troops than any other non-religious organization in the USA.



### America's Promise

LCI is part of [America's Promise](#) – a consortium of 250 businesses, organizations and government agencies. America's Promise strives to provide the five fundamental resources children need to succeed – caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, an effective education and opportunities to help others.



### Youth Service America (YSA)

[YSA](#) increases the quality and quantity of volunteer opportunities for young people, ages five to 25, to serve locally, nationally and globally. LCI supports YSA by encouraging Lions clubs and members to participate in National Youth Service Day (USA) and Global Youth Service Day.



### The Hadley School for the Blind

[Hadley](#) provides free distance education for blind or visually impaired individuals who are at least 14 years of age – and for relatives/family members of the blind or visually impaired. Lions work with Hadley to help enroll people who can benefit from these free courses.





## ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM

When Liberty Day launched 14 years ago, our motto was simple: "A Constitution in every pocket."



This remains one of our main goals today—to make sure that every American has a copy of the Constitution readily available to them. But we know that most students who get a copy probably won't just casually read the document.



That's why Liberty Day is a sole-source provider of copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, along with educational materials on our nation's founding documents, to schools.

However, we can only accomplish our mission of providing teachers with free, helpful, effective teaching resources with the financial help of organizations, businesses, individuals, and citizens like you! Read on to learn more about how you can help get these essential materials into the hands of 5th graders by adopting a class, a school, or a school district.

If your Lions Club is interested in sponsoring a Liberty Day project with a Scout group, please contact your District Liberty Day Chair or Lil Shurtleff, MD Liberty Day Chair.



**LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/U.S.  
CONSTITUTION**

## Improving Local Communities and the World

Being part of something bigger matters to our members. That's why Lions work on global initiatives for youth, health and disaster relief that affect local communities everywhere. Browse our collection of stories to find out about projects from those involved – the people in need and the Lions who helped. And see how our projects are changing communities and improving lives worldwide.

- Walking for the Cure
- Palmerston Heritage Park
- Lions School in India
- Project New Hope
- VIP Carnival
- The Christmas Ship
- Peace Village
- Swedish Summer Camp
- The Joy of Learning
- Matteo's Dream
- Happy Trails
- Bag-A-Burger
- Technology Learning Center
- Protecting the Planet
- Clean Water
- Philippines Library
- Lions Burn Center
- Paperless Classroom
- Zahraa's Journey for Sight
- Mission Possible
- Fishing Derby

If you want to know more about any of the above – you must go to the following web site:

<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/our-impact/lions-in-action/index.php>

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