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District Bulletin 18-D



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

May 2011



District Governor
Ron Bennetti

Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

May is here and I have two full months to complete my term as District Governor. This month we look forward to the fourth cabinet meeting, an annual picnic at the Winder Lions Club Clubhouse at @2:00PM. I still need the number of Lions that will attend this event from each club so that I may order the food for the picnic. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

On April 30, the District Governors contest ended, and now I will start tallying the number of service hour points (SHP) that each club that has participated in the contest has achieved.

I'm sorry to say that not all clubs participated in this contest, but a good number of clubs have, I'm looking forward to seeing the results of your hard work and to see what clubs will achieve first, second and third places. If I see that there are clubs really close I will give fourth and fifth place to these clubs. This will be the maximum number of awards given. I will announce the winners at the Sunday morning breakfast at the state convention.

There are a number of items that need to be done in the month of May, first and most important is submitting to Lions International, the District Governor and District Governor Elect Ed Hashbarger the PU-101 form. After that I will accept the district governors contest forms up to May 16, this gives me approximately 25 days or so to calculate the winners of the contest. Please make sure that you take all your SHP and make sure that you review pages 18D-10 and 18-D-11 in the district directory for this information. If you don't submit the information I cannot give you the points. Again thanks to the clubs that participated in the contest. I am not sure what contest the new Governor will do but start keeping up with what your club is doing.

The state convention is upon us and we need to get our final reservations and hospitality books for the event. The price will go up if you do not purchase these items by the specified date. The convention will be a wonderful affair, as you know the International President Sid Scruggs and Past International President Jim Ervin will be attending. The convention committee has worked many long and hard hours preparing for this event and since it's in our district 18-D we should have a great turnout from the district. Remember that you can come to the convention but you must purchase a hospitality book to be a delegate for your club. Many thanks to all the clubs that have helped with this convention: purchasing boxes of candy and buying ads for the program. The convention committee would like to thank you for all the help that you have given. I am looking forward to seeing my entire District of Lion friends at the convention and celebrating a great year.

Once again both Deanna and I would like to thank you for being Lion of Georgia and for all the support that you have given me.

Remember, ***"WE ARE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND and WE SERVE"***

**Thanks for all you do for Lionism,
Best wishes, DG Ron**

**Sunday, 15 May at 2:00 p.m. at
Winder Lions Clubhouse
354 East Broad Street
Winder, GA.**

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

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



**4th Cabinet to start at
approximately 2:00 p.m.**

***President/Secretary/Treasurer, Committee
Chair, any and all interested Lions
Training By Zone***

***Region I, Zone 2 – Thurs., 12 May at 7pm
Fairgrounds/Lions Club Building, Comer***

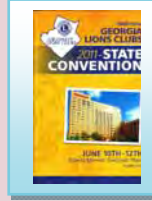
***Region I, Zone 1 – Mon., 16 May at 7pm
Community Center, Carnesville***

***Region II, Zone 1 – Tues., 17 May at 6:30pm
North GA Technical College, Clarksville***

***Region II, Zone 2 – Thurs., 19 May at 7pm
Golden Coral, Forsyth County***

***Region III, Zone 1 – Tues., 24 May at 6:30pm
Jefferson Club House, Jefferson***

Georgia Lions State Convention



**10-12 June 2011
Duluth, Georgia**

SPECIAL Thursday Event: For those coming in early, Thursday, 9 June, we will have “Night Out at Stone Mountain with International President Sid Scruggs”. Transportation will be provided to Stone Mountain. The cost will be \$30.00 – this includes getting into Stone Mountain Park, a reserved pavilion, a meal, talk with the International President and watch the Laser Show.

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Seminars – **OPENING** Ceremonies you will enjoy – for those who have not been able to go to an International Convention we will have an International Flair. (Friday Night Meal Tickets TBA).

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

Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session; Sunday Surprise (Baseball Game?)



Tickets \$39.0 to \$79.00

Coolray Field, Gwinnett County

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only - \$120.00.

Reservations are due no later than May 15, 2011.

Books purchased by NEW LIONS as of 1 June 2010 - \$85.00.

Hotel Info:

Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place
1775 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, GA. 30096
770-923-1775

Toll-free Reservations 866-339-3132



Check Last page for Registration Form



Whether you're looking for ways to raise funds for your Lions club or attract new members, you can connect with thousands of other Lions online! "Like" us on



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.



A Beacon of Hope is the International Theme for the Lions Year 2010-2011.



P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK



Make LCI Your LCI

Have you heard the news? WMMR, the online membership and service activity reporting system, is being updated to better serve you. The updates will be phased in gradually. In May 2011, three new features are being added.

Your Password - You will be able to register for your own password

Your Statements - You will be able to view your club statements

Your Payments - Club Treasurers will be able to pay their balance online

Training - Tuesday May 10 at 6:30 PM CT (Chicago USA) - you can participate in a live demonstration of the new features of WMMR as well as a Question and Answer session. From your internet browser click [Go to WMMR Training](#) 10 minutes prior to the training session to register and download the web training components.

Sincerely yours,
Joe Schrepfer
Information Systems Department
Lions Clubs International



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Lions International Peace Poster Contest Winner Speaks About Peace at UN



We recently honored Raj Phairembam, the 11-year-old boy from Moirang, Manipur, India, who created this year's grand prize Peace Poster, at Lions Day with the United Nations. After International President Sid Scruggs presented Raj with his award, Raj surprised attendees by making a donation. "I want to share the pain I feel for Japan due to the tsunami ... I want to donate \$250 through the Lions Clubs International President."

Story of the Week: Lions, LCIF Providing Disaster Relief for Tornado Victims in U.S.

On Wednesday, a deadly tornado outbreak in the U.S. killed at least 280 people, left thousands homeless and caused millions of dollars in damage. As always, our members and Foundation are bringing aid to the people affected by this disaster.



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded 11 emergency grants to districts in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi and Missouri. Local Lions will use these grants to provide immediate relief supplies, including food, water, clothing and medication.

LCIF has also established a designated fund for donations, the *U.S. Southern States Tornado Disaster Fund*. LCIF can accept donations by check, wire or credit card. Please visit our [Donations page](#) for more information.

President's Blog

President's Service Blog: Keeping the Peace Poster Contest History Alive, South Carolina

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Lions Olive and Manuel Holland of the Hilton Head Lions Club in South Carolina. In addition to being Lions for almost 40 years, this couple keeps the history of the [Peace Poster Contest](#) alive by collecting every winning poster.



Their collection started at our international convention in Birmingham, England, where we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Peace Poster Contest. They purchased the first 10 posters, eight of which were signed by the original artists. Since then, even if they were not able to attend the convention, friends ensured the Hollands received a signed copy of that year's winning poster. "I think we need to give youngsters every opportunity we can to express their deep thoughts and it can't be any deeper than thoughts about peace," Olive told me.

When the posters aren't on display at the Hollands' office, they lend them to art galleries, libraries, schools and local conventions. "Peace is fundamental to Lions. This is one way of expressing it," Manuel said.

Lions Help Reduce Blindness by 26 Million

A 2010 study by the World Health Organization shows that blindness has been reduced globally by nine percent, or 26 million people, since 2004. Through SightFirst, Lions have had a significant role in this achievement. [Read news release.](#)

Reducing Blindness Globally

A 2010 study just released by the World Health Organization, shows that [blindness has been reduced globally](#) by nine percent, or 26 million people, since 2004. Through SightFirst, Lions have had a significant role in this achievement, helping to end preventable blindness and restoring sight to tens of millions of people.

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions in California help the blind.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Convention Mobile Phone App](#)

Download our 2011 Phone App for the latest convention news.

[Helping Youth](#)

Learn how Lions Quest is expanding due to a new grant.

[Saving Eyesight](#)

See how the Pediatric Cataract Initiative is fighting blindness.

CONTESTS

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest in your city

EVENTS

[Lions Recycle for Sight Month](#)

Promote your club's eyeglass recycling efforts during May.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,



This year I've had the great opportunity to witness many of our successful partnerships in action. During my visit to New Zealand following the devastating earthquake, I saw how Lions quickly joined with others to implement a plan for relief.

And when I visited Ethiopia and Madagascar I witnessed how we

are working with the Gates Foundation and other Measles Initiative partners to provide needed vaccinations to 41 million children. The moment when a mother said to me, "Thank you for saving my child," was one of those touching moments in life. It is when you say to yourself, "This is why I am a Lion." Please come and witness the results of this partnership during the Second Plenary Session at the Lions Clubs International Convention, including a presentation by Mr. Bill Gates Sr.

Providing youth with a bright, healthy future is a priority of Lions and our Foundation. We place great emphasis on building strong, successful partnerships for all of our programs. But we recognize we can't do it alone. Working with select partners that share our ideals we can improve lives and give hope for a brighter future to even more people around the world.



Our Lions Quest program is also benefiting from partnership support. NoVo Foundation has awarded US\$100,000 to help expand Lions Quest across one entire United States school district by 2013. Expansion of our successful worldwide program will ensure even more students learn valuable life skills.

For the last year we have been partnering with Bausch + Lomb on the Pediatric Cataract Initiative to combat childhood blindness. But I'm happy to say that for the first time this partnership has led to additional support for other programs. Bausch + Lomb has given US\$100,000 to support relief efforts in Japan, and they're encouraging their employees to do the same by matching donations. Isn't this wonderful?



These are only a few examples of valuable partnerships and collaborative programs. We will continue to seek out valuable partners. But we also, and especially, need your support. It is Lions' generosity, active participation and personal involvement in projects that enables us to attract these valuable partners. I strongly count on you to continue to support our Foundation, - and you can count on me and my service team to support you wherever you need us.

With my cordial regards,.

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF

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Rebuilding Lives Following Disasters

Lions have a special dedication to providing relief and rebuilding lives in their communities for as long as it takes. In Japan, Lions are shifting their focus to mid-term relief efforts, including helping find jobs and providing 100 tents to shelter relief workers. In New Zealand, Lions are providing needed services and weekend escapes from the city to give families a needed break. And in Haiti, we are rebuilding homes and the National Nurse's School to help rebuild the health care system. All of these projects would not be possible without the generous support of our international family of Lions but also valuable partnerships with other organizations to further leverage our funds in order to have a greater long-term impact.

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Launching a New Web Site

The Foundation recognizes the importance of continuing to grow the Foundation and enhance our message to you, our Lions' supporters, as well as those who may not know our great work. As part of this ongoing effort, we are in the final stages of developing a new Web site. In late May the site will launch in English, with language sites to follow in July. The Web site address will remain the same - www.lcif.org. The site includes more stories of those we've helped, those who have donated and partner organizations, as well as new look that better reflects our brand.

Dear LCIF Contributors,

Greetings from LCIF! I have two important items that I wanted to communicate to all LCIF Coordinators in my areas. The first, is that LCIF Donation Processing would prefer for you to send checks not to me or Donation processing at the LCIF headquarters address, but directly to the lockbox at the bank. This will make the check processing go much smoother and mistakes would be less likely. So in the future, please make sure you send all checks to the following address:

PO Box
Lions Club International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547
USA

If you are sending by courier and you need a physical address and phone number, use the address below:

Street Address:
JPMorgan Chase
Department 4547
Mail Code IL1-6030
2500 Westfield Drive
Elgin IL 60124
Phone: 847-488-8358

The second important item I wanted to communicate is about the Contributing Member pins. The Contributing Member program is for smaller donations that are undesignated. If a Lion is donating money to Japan Relief, Lions Quest, or another program, these are designated donations and they would not receive a Contributing member pin. **If a Lion is donating to the Melvin Jones Fellowship program, they would also not receive a Contributing Member pin.** The Contributing Member program and the Melvin Jones Fellowship programs are similar in that they are both for undesignated donations (donations that are not to a specific program or event). If a donor is planning to make undesignated donations of up to \$1,000 in the next five years, they should contribute to the Melvin Jones Fellowship program. If they are making smaller, but not less significant donations, they should donate to the Contributing Member program.

Many of you have asked me if you should also send the Melvin Jones Fellowship applications and Contributing Membership forms to this LCIF PO Box. The answer is yes. Everything can be filtered through the lockbox. Please be assured that the bank will process the checks and send the applications that come in with or without checks, directly to LCIF daily. There should be no delay in receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship applications. If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

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These past months have brought challenges to areas on a scale they have never experienced. Lives have been forever changed following devastating events that only took moments and gave no warning. Computers and television sets have been filled with stories and pictures of struggle and devastation. However, along with these tragic accounts have come stories of compassion and hope. The Lions of New Zealand and Japan are providing some of those stories though their service and from the financial support provided by LCIF – your Foundation.

Japanese Lions are already hard at work, having established four relief depots in the affected areas, as well as a central command center at the Lions office in Tokyo. Lions throughout Japan are transporting goods including baby milk, rice, water and diapers. They are working with the Red Cross to meet the most pressing needs, including holding blood drives. Lions in Kobe are helping lead these relief efforts, utilizing their expertise in earthquake relief and recovery from the 1994 disaster. These are just a few examples of the many stories of Lions’ exemplary service.

This past year, Lions worldwide have responded to the needs of both disaster stricken areas and tranquil communities at an increasing rate. Overall donations to LCIF are ahead of this same period last year. Individuals, clubs, districts and multiple districts have responded in significant ways and Lions are implementing the LCIF supported programs throughout the world - but there is still much more to do.

The LCIF Executive Committee members **approved giving Melvin Jones Fellowship credit for designated Japan Relief donations** received prior to June 30, 2011. This allowance is rarely exercised by the committee and demonstrates the tremendous needs of those in the affected area. If you are planning to make a donation to LCIF for Japan Relief or to the general fund, please send in your donations today. It can take up to four weeks to ship MJF plaques during a busy convention season, so please keep that in mind if you are planning to make an end of fiscal year gift.

A Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes donations of US\$1,000 to LCIF. This prestigious recognition of humanitarian work is one of several offered by the Foundation. Other programs also recognize individual Lions, as well as clubs and districts. A few examples include:

- Ø Melvin Jones Fellowship: US\$1,000 undesignated donation (Japan Relief until June 30, 2011)
- Ø Contributing Member: A US\$20, US\$50 or US\$100 undesignated donation by an individual donor and identified for Contributing Member program (does not qualify for MJF credit too)
- Ø 100% Contributing Member Patch: Every member of a club is a Contributing Member
- Ø 100% MJF Club Banner: Every member of a club is a Melvin Jones Fellow
- Ø District Certificate of Appreciation: Every club donates to LCIF during the fiscal year

At the January Lions Humanitarian of the Year MJF dinner in District 23C, Past International President Jimmy Ross stated that giving is “...one of the most powerful things in the world. When you give unconditionally, it will come back to you ten-fold.” If you or your club is close to a US\$1,000 donation, consider using the remaining funds to qualify for a MJF and recognize a worthy recipient. Ask your LCIF District Coordinator for more information on existing MJF credits.

There are many other recognition opportunities available. Please visit the LCIF website for more program details or to learn more about the relief efforts in New Zealand and Japan.



Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:

Officers and Club Members,

I am looking forward in visiting each of you during my District Governor visits to your Clubs. I know it has been awhile, but maybe this is good timing. I will be preparing a District Handout at our 1st Cabinet Meeting to be held on 17 July. I have to think of where to hold the meeting.

As some of you know – I plan to hold Officer Training in each Zone this time around – and it is open to any and all Lions. I do strongly encourage your President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents, Directors, and Membership Chair to attend. Just make sure you check page 2 of this Bulletin when and where the training will be. Also, please think about the Lions University to be held in Roswell. This information is on the other side of the page.

In regards to some Leadership information – Lion Beverly Roberts made up the following for general info:

LEADERSHIP 101: From Dr. Beverly Roberts

Leadership—is the process of influencing others to accomplish goals by providing vision, direction, and motivation.

3 Objectives of Good Leadership—

VISION - DIRECTION - MOTIVATION

4 Styles of Leadership—

Directing Style tells people what you want done.

Participating Style involves others in the decision making process. The leader still makes the decisions based on input provided.

Delegating Style is when a leader delegates to others and trusts them to do what is asked.

Team Approach Style is when a team effort is achieved involving all members.

Qualities of a Good Leader:

1. Communication

2. Setting the example
3. Delegating and involving
4. Being knowledgeable
5. Being committed
6. Leading membership recruitment
7. Encouraging others.



Lions University Presenters:

The event will be held on **21 May** at the First Baptist Church , 710 Mimosa Boulevard , Roswell , GA 30075 . Plans are set for the day with plenty of classroom space. We can accommodate up to 50 people in a couple of classrooms. It would be nice to actually need the space. Lions University will offer 14 different courses to help each individual Lion attending as well as the Clubs they represent. Please see the attached classes being offered. None of the instructors will be presenting in more than two class time segments.

The event is free!! Lions University will start at 10:45 and end at 3:30 with a dynamic closing by Mark Miller on “Building Relevant and Stronger Clubs with a Passion to SERVE” Each person will be able to take three classroom sessions. We will break at noon for a \$5 Chick-fil-A lunch and start the second session at 1:00 PM. Table topics will be placed at each table during lunch so we can continue discussions about subjects of interest to those attending. This event is recommended for all new and seasoned Lions as well as newly elected officers. We believe the course offerings will help all of us become better Lions. We also want to obtain a headcount on who will be attending so we can plan lunch and the classroom space. **Frances Parsons will be the contact person at 770-594-0278 and email: wjparsons@charter.net It would be great to know by May 13 who is planning to attend.**

Steve Helwig may bring Leo club members to Lions U. We may have potential leaders for a new Leo Club from Roswell in attendance. The classroom schedule for the day will be out soon. Leslie Miller will feature Lion University in the April newsletter. Thanks again for your support of Lions University . If you have questions, please let me know.

Directions to the First Baptist Church at 710 Mimosa Blvd in Roswell . From I-75—Take exit 265 for GA-120 loop E. Turn left at North Marietta Pkwy NE. for 1.4 miles. Turn left at GA-120 E/Roswell for 9.1 miles. Turn left on Mimosa Blvd —Church is 0.2 Mile on left.

From GA-400---Take exit 7B West to Roswell on Holcomb Bridge Road for 1.4 miles. Take a left on Alpharetta Street for 1.4 miles. Go straight onto Magnolia St at light for 0.1 miles. Turn left on Mimosa---Church is 0.4 miles on right.



Dear Lion Leaders,

When disaster strikes, Lions respond. This was the case when Japan was struck last month by its worst natural disaster. Lions around the world were ready to be a Beacon of Hope by providing hands on service to shed some light in a time of darkness. Of course, taking quick action when faced with natural disasters is nothing new for Lions. When a destructive earthquake struck Christchurch, New Zealand, just weeks earlier, Lions were at the ready.



*A Beacon of Hope
Resources and
Activities*

**Bringing it All
Together**

In Haiti, where the 2010 earthquake has caused widespread suffering, the presence of native and visiting Lions "on the ground" makes Lions Clubs International one of the most trusted groups providing aid to the population. In fact, the respect garnered by Lions in response to this crisis has resulted in the chartering of a new Lions Club in Haiti.

**More Lions and more
Lions Clubs. Global
Service Action
Campaign. Lions
Clubs Officer
Reporting Form.
Service Activities
Report.** What could
these things possibly
have in common?

Our motto is "We Serve" and we do just that. Our service can make the difference between prolonged suffering and an immediate start toward recovery. Quick, hands-on action in response to a devastating earthquake in China, Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. A., and the 2004 South Asia tsunami have made LCI one of the world's leading non-governmental organizations in responding to natural disasters.

Actually, they are
examples of the five
critical areas that are
vital to club success:

That is a fact in which we can all take great pride, but we must also remember that every day in tens of thousands of communities around the world Lions are serving in ways that may be quieter, but no less heroic.

Meaningful community
service;

Lions provide more and better service to communities and the world which means **More Lions and more Lions Clubs** are needed.

Membership growth;

Best wishes,
Sid L. Scruggs III
International President

Leadership
development;

Communication, and

Global Service Action Campaigns

Protecting Our Environment

Crippling natural disasters like the ones in Japan, New Zealand and Haiti show how much we human beings depend on our environment -- both the natural environment and the one we have created for ourselves.

Organizational
management.

They also show that Lions know how to take direct action that makes the world a better place.

By participating in the this year's fourth and final

Global Service Action Campaign

--[Protecting our Environment](#) -- Lions in your club and district can help make your local environment a better place to live. Hands-on steps Lions can take this month include:

Club Excellence
Awards recognize
Lions Clubs that are
outstanding in all of
these areas. At the
district level, the
District Governor
Team Excellence
Award recognizes the
leaders in districts that
strive for excellence in
leadership, achieve
positive membership
growth and actively
encourage clubs to
conduct effective
service projects.

- Planting trees or flowers.
- Helping to build a safe drinking water system.
- Organizing a beach or riverbank clean-up project.
- Conducting community-wide clean-up projects.
- Removing debris from a nature trail.
- Organizing a roadside clean-up.
- Cleaning up a park or playground.

For more information and
to download an
application form please
visit [Excellence Awards](#)

Beacon of Hope Highlights

Relieving the Hunger

Lions in more than 50 countries mobilized to help feed hungry people in December 2010 and January 2011. Lions provided food directly to more than 7 million people worldwide through 138,000 volunteer hours devoted to nearly 2,000 projects.

Finish Strong

Lion leaders can end your year on a high note by ensuring that your district qualifies for a Light Keeper Award. Encourage Lions to complete one additional Global Service Action Campaign and report their activities by April 30 using the **Service Activities Report**. See the Lions Clubs International website for all information about qualifying for the [Light Keeper Awards](#).

Set Your Sights High

Districts in which 50 percent of clubs participate in two of four Global Service Action Campaigns will receive the Silver Level: Harbor Light Master Award. Districts that achieve the requirements for the Harbor Light Master Award and also exceed membership growth of two percent or more from July 1 through April 30 will receive the Gold Level: Harbor Light Master Award.

Now your district has a second chance to achieve those goals. If they have not already done so, clubs in your district may plan and report service projects that meet the goals

of the first three campaigns:

Engaging our Youth

Sharing the Vision

Relieving the Hunger

Reports must be received at International Headquarters by April 30, 2011.

On the Horizon

Following club elections this month it is crucial that clubs submit the Lions Clubs Officer Reporting Form to international headquarters by May 15. Doing so ensures that your club will continue to receive important news, materials and announcements from Lions Clubs International.

Lions International Mission Statement: To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

Lions International Vision Statement: To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Lions International 8 Core Messages: 1) We are global. 2) We serve where we live. 3) We give 100 percent. 4) We do it ourselves. 5) We are rich in heritage and pride. 6) We are in good company. 7) We are open. And 8) We are dedicated to sight—and more.

Let Your Light Shine on the World Wide Web

Create a Free Web site for your district or club

No special skill is required to create a free website for your club or district with e-Clubhouse and e-Districthouse! If you can access the site and answer the fill-in-the-blank prompts, you can create an attractive site that will let the public know about your service to the community and communicate important news to your members.

You may choose either of two predesigned templates that coordinate with Lions Clubs International branding efforts. Each template includes a Home Page, Calendar of Events, Projects, **Photo Gallery and Contact Page**. Just fill in the blanks to create and maintain the site. The new Members-Only section provides a way for your members to communicate important news, encourage meeting attendance and recognize member dedication.

[Create a Free Web Site for Your Club](#)

[Create a Free Web Site for Your District or Multiple District.](#)



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club President:

First, "*THANK YOU*" for all you are doing for Lions!

Second, three months remain in your term of office, and I hope that your club is having its best year ever! However, you and I know that we can do more in our communities with more hands to serve. Your district governor has encouraged all clubs - including yours - to both retain and increase your membership by finding more ways to serve your community. How is your current number compared to what it was on July 1st of 2010 - more, less or just the same? Have you, your vice presidents, and your membership director set a positive example for everyone by each of you sponsoring a new Lion? (If so, you have six to ten more hands to serve!)

As part of your membership involvement strategy, are you using the *Family Membership Program*? If not, why not? It's a great way to increase the club's ability to serve your community - and to get a financial break on annual LCI dues! Get details of the [Family Membership Program](#) on our website. Have you replaced the members you may have lost since last July?

Is your community aware of all the good things your club does to make it a better place in which to live? If there's any doubt about that, take time to tell your story - spread the good news! A lighthouse isn't much good if the light isn't visible! Visit our website for some [terrific PR tips](#)!

International President Scruggs wants every club to be a community-based Beacon of Service! With more hands to make each beacon shine more brightly, your club will answer his wish. If our US Global Membership Team can help you in any way, please contact your district governor, or one of the following US GMT leaders:

For clubs in MD-18 contact PCC Carl Harrell at pcclioncarl@comcast.net or State GMT Coordinator Lion Dick Smith, PDG at volvo12@hotmail.com or District GMT Lion Alan Stalker, PDG at allanstalker@bellsouth.net.

LCI staff and Lions in the field have developed a successful program to help educate the Lions in your District on how to form new Lions clubs. It is called the EXTENSION WORKSHOP PROGRAM and there are two options you and your team can choose from:

Traditional Workshop - Three day training that includes hands-on training in the field with the consultant and Certified Guiding Lion training.

Level 2 Workshop - One day training for four to five Lions in your district who have each made a commitment to form a minimum of one new club in or around their area. This workshop could result in 4-5 new clubs in your district! *A great way to end this fiscal year!*

Additional information and applications for both workshops can be found on the LCI [Web site](#).

Even if you had an Extension Workshop before, I encourage you to have another one in a different part of your district to train more Lions. Dates are booking up, so schedule your Extension Workshop today! Remember, June 20th is the deadline for new clubs to be received by LCI to be chartered this fiscal year.

Be a Beacon of Hope for forming more clubs in your district, while creating more hands for service to help those in need.

If you have any questions regarding the chartering of new clubs or the Extension Workshop Program, please contact the [Membership Programs and New Clubs Department](#). They will be happy to assist you.

Or, of course, our staff in the [Extension](#) and [Membership](#) Division at Lions Clubs International.

Sincerely,

Jim Ervin, Past International President
GMT Constitutional Area Leader for US - CA I

CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Our club worked on a project recently at Challenged Child and Friends. This month Ms. Lisa Short, Director of Occupational Therapy at Challenged Child and daughter of PDG David Sargent, talked with us about the programs they offer. She worked with us in brainstorming ways to help Challenged Child, especially those children with sight problems. We also worked at the Georgia Mountains Center on two occasions. We elected officers for the 2011 – 2012 Lions Year. We held our major collection for White Cane on the 23rd. The Greater Hall County Chapter of the Visually Impaired assisted us in this effort. We also provided an eye exam and glasses for two individuals in our community.

We serve!

Dacula Lions Club = Dacula Patch Newspaper - Volunteers in the News Dacula Lions Club Making a Difference One Life at a Time - "We are always looking for opportunities to serve the community, and are always open to new ways to help those in need," said Jeff Wolfe of the Dacula Lions Club.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We attended 4 Health Fairs and did 53 vision screenings. We hosted the movie Going Blind. We are selling Vidalia Onions as a fundraiser. We collected \$526.00 for White Cane Day. Boy Scout Troup 54 (\$330.00). We collected 157 used eyeglasses. New officers for 2011-2012 selected.



Jefferson Lions Club = ACTIVITIES: April 6: Lions Club plan fundraiser (White Cane Day, Saturday, April 30), April 20: Lions Club Honors Food Staff (includes a picture of the Jefferson High School Principal and three members of the food staff, and co-chairpersons of Pancake Supper, Lions Bob and Sandra Friedlander, and Mack Cates, President of Jefferson Lions Club. **Awards:** Lion Larry Briggs received a certificate and chevron for 15 years of service. **MEETINGS:** April 11 - 2011-2012 Officers were elected and the PU-101 has been completed and distributed. Following are the new officers: President, Jim Smith; Secretary, Mark Bradley; Treasurer, Dwayne Ansley. The club voted to donate \$500.00 to the Jackson County Boys and Girls Club to be used for the Jefferson location. The club raised enough money to be able to bestow a Melvin Jones Fellowship and the money will be for aid to Japan. Collection of used eyeglasses this month totaled 46; also 3 lenses, and 38 cell phones. April 25- Family Picnic was combined with the charter night for the Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club at the Jackson EMC Auditorium with approximately 65 attending including visiting Lions and local dignitaries. District Governor Ron Bennetti joined us and installed the officers and presented the Certificate of Organization. MD18 Leo Chair Steve Helwig and Angela were present; Lion Steve told about the history of the Leo Club. Region III Zone 1 Chair Bob Long gave encouragement to the Leos. Jefferson Lions proudly presented a banner to the KBMS Leo Club.



The most important thing we did this month was the organization of the Kings Bridge Middle School. We had charter night on April 25 at the Jackson EMC Auditorium. Don Lohmeier made a picture--and I have attached it-- of the Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club accepting their banner, a gift from the Jefferson Lions Club.

Loganville Lions Club = The Loganville Lions hosted Betsy Grenevitich (accompanied by her daughter), blind Lion from Social Circle Lions Club, who spoke on her life experiences as a blind person and leader dog user. Her accomplishments include obtaining a music degree, serving as a missionary in Africa for 19 months and raising 4 kids as a single divorced mother. Pictured are Lion VP Wendell Geiger, D. J. and Betsy Grenevitich, Lion VP Dan Curry and Lion President Wayne White. Guide dog Lassen is pictured as well. Loganville Lions Club members conducted bucket brigade efforts throughout the city accepting donations to support activities of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse during "White Cane" month. To date over \$ 1400.00 has been raised locally. The Lighthouse provides eye exams, glasses and surgeries as well as hearing aids for those in need in Georgia.



Norcross Lions Club = Lion Bob Hermann was honored with a 25 year chevron. We honored our long-time (over 20 years) caterer Linda Rhodes with a turned wooden bowl made from the historic oak tree recently felled on the property of the Norcross Garden Club. The bowl was turned by Lion John Rudert and engraved especially for Linda. Honored Norcross High School Student of the Month Ashley Oliver with \$100 and a framable certificate. She and her parents attended our meeting. Our speaker was forester Pete Black who explained about prescribed fires and suggested ways that a homeowner can protect his home from wildfires. 5 members spent a total of 10 hours collecting funds for White Cane. We have also submitted requests for funds for the GA Lions Lighthouse at two Wal-Marts in the area. Lion John Spencer attended the movie Going Blind. Lion Trudy Rudert and the Girl Scouts in her troop made paper cranes and messages of encouragement to be sent with socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair clips, crayons, coloring books, notepads, and small toys to the children of Japan who are in shelters. The packages will be sent to the Girl Scouts of Japan and distributed by them.



Ashleigh Oliver

Oconee Lions Club = Lions Club Donates Sensory "Den" to Malcom Bridge Elementary The addition enables students with multiple disabilities to learn in engaging ways.

Malcom Bridge Elementary School students with multiple disabilities are benefiting from a new sensory "den" that allows them to explore a variety of objects and textures. Ginger Schmidt, of Northeast Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency and a teacher of the visually impaired, and Wendy Harrison, speech and language pathologist for the Oconee County Schools, recently met with the Oconee Lions Club to discuss needs for students with disabilities, a news release stated.

The teachers explained there was a need for a wheelchair accessible sensory den-- a space large enough to fill with items of varying textures that stimulate tactile learning.

"The items are attached from above with elastic," Schmidt said in an interview with Oconee Patch. "The students can grasp them and release and the items return back to the same spot. This develops **mental mapping**." She went on to explain how else students may benefit from the new learning tool.

"Because of the level of disabilities, these kids rarely initiate reaching out on their own, and instead usually have a lot of things handed to them," she said. "This offers them an experience to initiate that movement themselves." Research shows that students benefit more from this type of environment rather than hand-over-hand contact, Schmidt said.

Teacher Ashley Down's classroom was already equipped with a "Little Room" -- a smaller version that students can only access when lying down-- but not all 5 students could use it, she said.

The newly-donated sensory den will encourage exploration and development of early orientation and mobility skills while students remain in their wheelchairs. Lion Bob Davis volunteered his carpentry skills to construct the den, she said. "He did a beautiful job of responding to the space in the classroom," Schmidt remarked. "It was built in 3 pieces with special bolts."

The best part is, she said, the sensory den may be moved, so that students with multiple disabilities who attend other Oconee schools or those in nearby counties may share it.

"We can take it on the road eventually," Schmidt said. "I'm proud that Oconee has made this happen."



Snellville Lions Club = Fund Raisers: White Cane collection approximately \$1,470.00 **Meeting:** Charles Craig with the Gwinnet County Habitat for Humanity gave a good program. **Membership:** No report. **Service Projects:** Food items still being taken at all meetings for Lilburn and Snellville Food Banks. 9 club members worked at the Diabetes Expo in Atlanta for total of 72 hours of community service hours

Toccoa Lions Club = Lions vision screened twenty people at the show. We distributed information about various vision impairments to the public. We also sold lots of brooms and walking sticks. **NEW BUSINESS: Golf tournament:**

TOCCOA LIONS CLUB

THE CHILLY OPEN

Golf Tournament

Friday, May 20, 2011

Highland Walk / Victoria Bryant Royston, GA

Shot Gun Start at 9:00 AM

Come out to support Toccoa Lions Club – “Gift of Sight Tournament “

Four Person Lauderdale

\$400 First Place Prize

Longest Drive Prize - Closest To The Pin Prize

Hole-In-One – Win a New Car

(sponsored by Toccoa Ford Motor Company)

Team - \$250.00 Hole Sponsor - \$100.00

Team Fees must be prepaid by April 30th

Make Checks Payable To : Toccoa Lions Club

Remit To: Dave Stancil, P.O. Drawer 40, Toccoa, GA 30577

706-886-2111 office or 706-491-8440 cell phone

Please select all that apply:

CORPORATE / HOLE SPONSORSHIP - \$100.00

4 PERSON TEAM - \$250.00

Company Information Below:

Company: _____ Contact Person: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Phone # : _____

Amount Received: _____ Date Received: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #2 _____ Golfer #4 _____

Make Checks Payable To : Toccoa Lions Club

Union County Lions Club = Lion Mints: Replaced 283 rolls of mints and made a deposit of \$115.30. **Social Concerns:** We had several social concerns for the month and several Birthday and Anniversary cards were mailed to club members. **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours: April 9 & 10** was White Cane day for the club with over 120 hours for members and friends collecting donations. Total for month 267 hours. **Membership:** No applications. **Donations:** Canine Companions for Independence \$100.00. **Sight /Hearing Conservation:** 2 requests for eye glasses approved for April. **Meetings: April 14** - Speaker for the evening was Lion Thoïs Masters, Vice President of Camp for the Blind, PDG and President of his local club of Clayton 3 different times. Lion Thoïs reported that the camp is doing well financially. It received a large grant for a Capital Improvement donation. He discussed the campers' experiences and told a story of a first time camper's mom that was touching. He asked for volunteers from our club and reminded everyone of Lions day at camp on July 23. **April 23** - Lion Gene and Louise Little attended the 25th anniversary at the Forsyth County Lions Club. **April 28** - Gig Wilkowsky with Castaway Critters, a Pet Rescue for Union County, Towns County and Clay County NC. Gig has volunteers for 3 ½ years with Castaway and consider himself the "Chief Dog Walker". On a monthly basis, if animals aren't adopted locally, they take approximately 20-30 dogs to New Jersey where all the animals are adopted. They are a very caring animal shelter and are a no kill shelter. **Volunteers Hours:** 324



Winder Noon Lions Club = LCIF – Club will be 100% when all members contribute their \$20.00 to the Contributing Member for the Foundation. **Programs:** Barrow County Sheriff's Office to give Home Safety; Rhonda Whiting give program on Bethlehem Christian Academy. **Quarterly Outstanding Juniors:** AHS Haley Hastings and WBHS Shelby Carlyle.



Quarterly Outstanding Juniors:
AHS Haley Hastings
WBHS Shelby Carlyle



GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
jmhpdg@windstream.net

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



FIRST CLIENTS AT THE NEW LIGHTHOUSE CLINIC,
January 19, 2011

The Lighthouse brought music back into Sarah's life. After playing the piano for 47 years, she was forced to give up her sheet music when bifocals made it difficult to read from one line to another. Unable to afford a new pair of glasses, for two years, Sarah could only play songs she knew by heart. Then, thankfully, she found the Lighthouse. Receiving a pair of single prescription glasses from the Lighthouse's Brunswick clinic finally allowed Sarah to read her music clearly and return to playing the piano she loves.

When Lakeena, a single mother of three, learned that her 13-year old daughter Shayla was having trouble seeing in school, it upset her. Employed as a cosmetologist, Lakeena had no insurance and could not afford an eye exam and eyeglasses for Shayla. Shayla had been having difficulty for 6 months, but they weren't sure where to turn for help.



Lakeena learned about the Lighthouse Foundation's Savannah eye clinic through a relative. Soon after seeking an appointment, Shayla was seen by volunteer Dr. Henry Croci in July of this year.

Since beginning the school year with her new glasses, Shayla's eyes no longer hurt from strain and her grades have improved. Shayla wants to be either a nurse or follow in her Mom's footsteps as a hair stylist when she grows up. With her improved vision, she can now choose whatever path she'd like.



Our new address:
 5582 Peachtree Road
 Chamblee, GA 30341
 (404) 325-3630

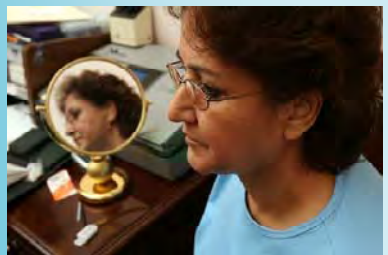


Service Numbers
 From July to December 2010

2,214 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** at a \$135,559.73.
137 recipients were from 18-D

180 eye surgeries were performed. at a cost of \$1,196,724.06 – **Lighthouse cost - \$217,578.22.**
24 were from 18-D

568 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 1040 hearing aids.
74 were from 18-D



Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses
18 D District Chair:
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 eskiemom@bellsouth.net

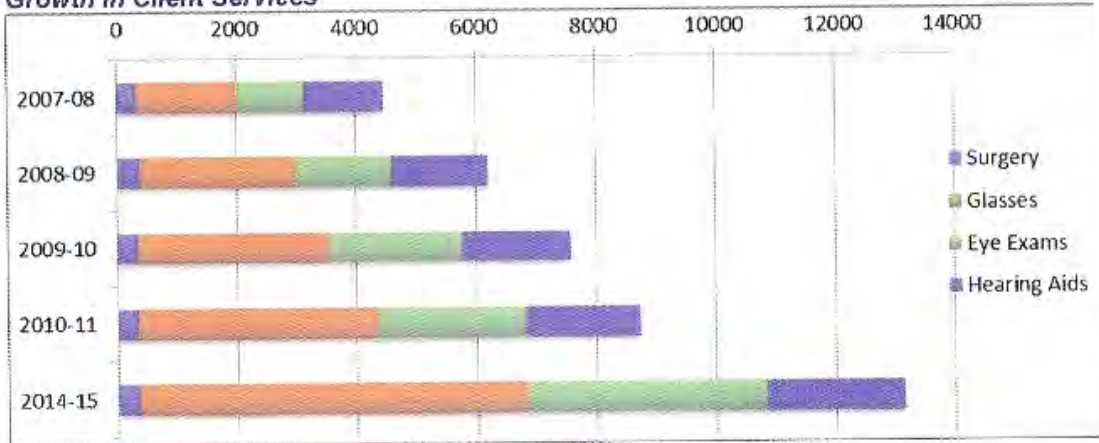
Lighthouse Awards Deadline:
April 30, 2011

The Lighthouse by the Numbers

Each year the Lighthouse Provides:

- 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses
- 2,800 eye exams
- 8,000 vision screenings at Health Fairs and community festivals
- 350 sight saving surgeries
- 1,700 digital hearing aids to Georgians on fixed incomes
- 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses for medical mission trips to developing countries

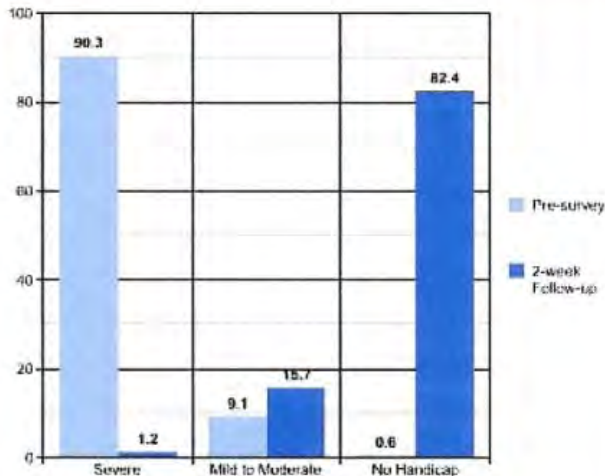
Growth in Client Services



"Now our little girl is able to learn and play and enjoy life as a 2 year old should." Jolly's Mom

The Lighthouse Changes Lives

Improvement in Hearing



90% of the Lighthouse's clients had a "severe" handicap. With hearing aids, over 80% were within the "no handicap" range.

Calendar Year 2010 (People by County)

County	Surgeries	Clinics	Hearing
Banks	0	4	2
Barrow	3	12	5
Clarks	2	65	7
Clayton	7	95	14
Dawson	0	5	2
Elbert	0	7	2
Forsyth	3	6	5
Franklin	0	5	9
Gwinnett	18	155	29
Habersham	5	3	6
Hall	5	12	16
Hart	0	2	5
Jefferson	1	0	2
Lumpkin	3	30	5
Oconee	0	5	1
Oglethorpe	3	2	1
Rabun	0	0	7
Stephens	4	1	2
Towns	1	1	3
Union	0	0	9
White	6	19	3



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
Thois Masters, PDG
tstmasters@windstream.net



To Our Fellow Lions:



50 DAYS!!!

In 50 days, all of our camp staff will be here. In 58 days, our first campers will descend upon this beautiful facility; many coming for the first time, all coming labeled. Labeled by what society, parents, friends, religion, and self have defined them. Some will come with the knowledge that they can and will do more than they have ever imagined. Most will come just the opposite. They will come feeling alone, scared, defeated, and destined for boredom.

I don't care what label they come in wearing; I only care about how they leave. Here, we begin to heal the heart; we begin to enrich the soul and to empower the spirit. Here, lives are changed. Mediocrity in life is not an option. Life is meant to be lived out to its fullest, not merely existed. This is what they will hear here, and hopefully begin to believe.

My spirit is moved as I write this because I wish so badly I could convey to you what a life altering place this has been and will continue to be in the future. May I be so bold as to say if you have never been here, you probably have not captured how much this place really means to some. Hope is given for a quality of life that some only dreamed of having. All because you as Lions have chosen to invest in such an amazing service project.

Ascending,
Kristen



Dear Georgia Lions,

Your Camp needs you to spread the word about what is going on and the good works being done. If you receive this newsletter by email, make sure the information is shared with your fellow Club members. Also, email it to prospective Lions, teachers of the visually impaired in your local school districts, groups who might be looking for a place to rent for a special function, and anyone you think might be interested in supporting the Camp, whether with money, materials or labor. If you don't have their email, copy and print it to them with a personal note. The Camp is a tremendous asset and resourced to the visually impaired and YOU can play a major part in its growth and success by spreading the news far and wide.

Another item of importance – the Camp has been registered as a charitable organization on www.igive.com. Anyone who sets up a free account on this website and selects the Camp as their designated charity can earn money for the Camp on every purchase made through any of the thousands of participating companies, as long as the shopping is done by going through the iGive website to access the company for shopping. The Camp is already reaping the rewards from those who have enrolled and shopped, but we need *everyone* to participate to maximize the donations. Currently there is a BONUS of \$5.00 being offered to the Camp for every new member to enroll with iGive. This can really translate into bei bucks, so sign up now and tell all your friends and family to participate and name the Camp as their charity. Simply click on this link to register and earn the \$5.00 for the Camp. The process is very easy. Even if you are not much of an on-line shopper, the \$5.00 bonus will be a great help to YOUR CAMP: <http://www.igive.com/welcome/index4.cfm> .

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary

Dates to Remember:

- Pre Camp June 3-12, 2011
- State Convention/Board Meeting June 10-12, 2011
- Family Camp June 13-18, 2011
- Pre-Teen Camp June 20-25, 2011
- Older Adult Camp June 27-July 3, 2011
- Young Adults Camp July 9-15, 2011
- Teenage Camp July 18-29, 2011

Lions Day July 23, 2011 – Lion Day at the Camp, 35th Anniversary Celebration!

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I hope this letter finds you doing well on all fronts and ready to finish out our Lion's Year with a sprint to the finish line. This time of year always seems like a sprint to me as every weekend for the next two months I'm on the road representing our Camp at one function or another. It is a tiring process but at the same time it is a very exciting time.

Dear Friends of the Camp,

I hope that you're doing well and are rested. If you need something to do, we are ready to continue work at our Camp. After all - it never gets done completely. On the weekend of April 29 - May 1, the last of two Work Weekends we will be making our Camp shine. There is still plenty to do and I look forward to seeing many of you there. As I said last month, we will work you hard, feed you well and provide a place for you to lay your head at night. Good work, good food and good company - How can you beat that? I hope to see you there...

The upgrade of our Camp's Facilities are about done. The contract work is almost complete and I have never seen our Camp look this good. We are indeed blessed! Here are a couple shots of the improvements made.

The Awards Year at your Camp is almost over with as well. April 30th is the deadline to have donations post marked so that they count toward this year's totals. After that, we start another year of service and donations to our worthy cause. Please keep those donations coming!

On March 26th we kicked off the 2011 Grand Tour of Georgia in Augusta. The theme of Georgia Firsts was well received by more than 100 Bikers from all over the South Eastern United States. Some of these riders joined our Grand Tour at the event in Augusta and many more were excited to take the Ride back to their Riding Clubs. I think this is going to be a great year for our Grand Tour!

Take Care and God Bless!

Frank

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A TISKET, A TASKET, PART II:

That's right, Lions! The extremely popular Silent Auction of themed baskets, which first debuted at the 2010 State Convention in Tifton, will once again take place at the 2011 Convention. Now is the time for your club to begin planning what theme and contents your basket will have. We need your club's support to make this another successful fundraiser for your Camp. Let your imagination run wild and the creative juices flow. We'll have a room for displaying and bidding. We ask that you attach a card listing the title or theme and the contents, as well as an estimated retail value of the basket. Try to bring them to that room on Friday, or as early on Saturday as possible. Bidding will go until late Saturday afternoon. Winners will be posted and baskets should be picked up that evening. Please let Lion Doy Barks know if your club will be sending a basket so we can be sure to have sufficient display tables ready. She can be contacted at hankbarks@msn.com or 478-923-5649.

Hello Lions,



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated during our March work weekend. A great deal was accomplished.

There was some painting done around the camp, the office and conference rooms were switched, and a new door was installed. Electrical power for the new commercial size water heater was installed. The exhaust fan was installed and the new lights for the office were also installed. Oh yeah, we also ran power to the bleachers at the horse arena and installed a fan out there. "Ain't no gnats a hang'n around there now!!"

The nature trail was cleaned up so good that you just might want to take a little stroll through the woods. (Take some insect repellent with you!)

There was a lot accomplished that weekend and hopefully we can finish up the work list on our April 29th-May 1st work weekend. See you then! **Make your reservations now!!**

I do extend a special thanks to all the Leos that came down and helped out. They did some painting and painting and actually got some on the task they were assigned to. Good thing it was water based latex paint! Thank you all for helping clean up around the camp. I know that picking up pine cones and limbs is not a glorious job but it is an important part of keeping this camp safe and clean for the campers when they get here in the summer.

If you were not able to participate in either work weekend or the Leo gathering this year, please try to come next year. Come see what's going on at your Georgia Lions Camp. I guaranty you will be **BLESSED!**

Well, the grass is growing and I'd better get to mowing or I won't be able to find my Easter eggs until they start smelling funny!!

*See you soon,
Mike Williams*

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A **nonrefundable** entry fee is payable by personal check or money order. The entry fee is \$25.00 if riding solo or \$40.00 if riding two up on a motorcycle. The same fee is offered if you are riding in a car; \$25.00 if only one person enters or \$40.00 if you have a passenger enter the ride. Please make your check or money order payable to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

All entrants must read this application, fill it out completely, sign it and mail it with fees enclosed to:

**The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind
5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31503**



**2011
Grand Tour Of
Georgia
Entry Form
Ride Safe – Ride to
Help Others!**

Name(s) _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____
Make/model of motorcycle or auto: _____

(We understand this may change)

This is a release. Read carefully before signing!

I understand that the 2011 Grand Tour of Georgia ("2011 GTG") is a motorcycle touring event. I further understand that motorcycling is an inherently dangerous activity which should only be undertaken by competent experienced individuals. I hereby accept the risks, which I may incur, or which I may cause to another, as a condition of participation in the 2011GTG. I hereby waive all claims I have or may have against the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc., the 2011 GTG organizers, volunteers and participants as a result of my participation in the 2011 GTG. I will obey all traffic rules and regulations during my participation in the 2011 GTG. I understand that my entry fee is non-refundable.

Signature(s) _____
Date(s) _____

ARE YOU READY?!!

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND WILL BE THE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT OF THE NIGHT!

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011

ATLANTA DREAM VS SAN ANTONIO SILVER STARS

PHILIPS ARENA

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND AND THE ATLANTA LIONS CLUB.....AND ENJOY A GREAT GAME AT THE SAME TIME!

50% OF ALL TICKET SALES PURCHASED THROUGH THE SPECIAL LINK BELOW WILL BE DONATED TO THE LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND!



CLICK ON THE LOGO ABOVE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE GAME!

PROMO CODE: Leader Dogs

YOUR \$20 PURCHASE INCLUDES A TICKET TO THE ATLANTA DREAM VS SAN ANTONIO MATCHUP AT PHILIPS ARENA

WITH \$10 GOING BACK TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND!

(TICKETS CAN BE HELD AT WILL CALL ON GAME DAY OR PRINTED ONLINE)

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND SPREAD THE WORD!

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA MADISON AT 678-510-7467 OR JESSICA.MADISON@ATLANTADREAM.NET





Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

Thank you for everything you do to support our mission to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.



o **Traveling Together - Side by Side**



Tom received Fernie as a "home delivery." This is when an instructor takes a dog to the client's home for training instead of the client coming to Leader Dog.

In the days prior to receiving his first Leader Dog, Fernie, Tom Moritz admits to feelings of anxiousness, uncertainty and inadequacy. After just six months of working together, his fears have faded away and the team has become well-seasoned travelers.

Tom Moritz travels quite a bit for his job as a medical research biostatistician. Trains, airports, hotels and restaurants are very much a part of his life. Luckily, Leader Dog Fernie has quickly proven herself to be a polite, competent traveler.

"When we fly," says Tom, "if we enter the plane first, Fernie feels obligated to greet every passenger as they pass by our seat. She sits politely with her tail wagging waiting for a comment regarding how beautiful she is and for a pat on the head. If we enter the plane last, she just lies down and goes to sleep as soon as I take my seat."

Fernie's good behavior does not go unnoticed. Once, in an upscale restaurant, her politeness earned her a silver tray of ice cubes. Yet another time when Tom attended a Great Leaders Training meeting, Fernie was acknowledged during a strength-finding

exercise. "During the final session, the presenters gave Fernie an ID badge that included her top five strengths," Tom recalls proudly. They were: 1. Includer: Being accepting of others; 2. WOO (Winning Others Over): Loving the challenge of meeting new people and winning them over; 3. Adaptability: Going with the flow and taking life one day at a time; 4. Empathy: Sensing the feelings of others; 5. Responsibility: Being committed to stable values such as loyalty.

To date, Tom and Fernie have traveled to Washington DC, Boston, Milwaukee and Omaha. "When we went to Omaha," Tom admits, "we walked over a pedestrian bridge to Iowa—just so Fernie could say she'd been there too."



Mission Moment
Brittany Sikorski and Leader Dog Tarbah

"Leader Dog Tarbah and I are bonding as if we were meant to be together. She has helped me get around with much less effort and anxiety! I never realized that would be possible. Tarbah is my new best friend and companion who is also dedicated to being my eyes for me. God bless you all for giving us this opportunity at a second chance of becoming independent and confident."

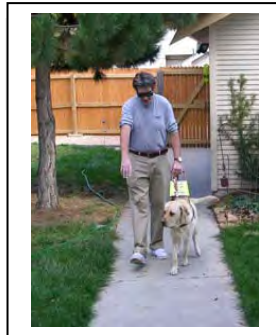
Dear Leader Dog,

We are having such a happy life together and have become a team. Danae and I do so well together. Jessica (my Leader Dog instructor) did a great job teaching us and giving us a life of joy and independence. All of you who work there have certainly touched my life, even if you were in the background doing what you are supposed to be doing. Be proud of who you are and what you are doing.



Bobbie Poling and Leader Dog Danae

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Dear Leader Dog,

I want to share with you an adventure that Scout and I had last week. I went on my usual retreat in the mountains at St. Benedict's Monastery. Scout actually went right to the same room that we have spent our time in the last three years—pretty cool, eh? He remembered the trail to the Monastery, which was no easy task. We recently practiced the route for getting to my classes for Micro Window Eyes Training in Littleton. This is south of Denver, so I need to take a combination of buses and light rail. One practice trip was all it took [for Scout to learn the route]. I was so nervous, but I have learned to follow him—unless he stops to smell the flowers. He did great!

There are five people with guide dogs in my class. Scout was the best behaved inside the classroom. I was really proud of my boy. We have certainly come a long way.

Daniel Sweeney and Leader Dog Scout

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Dear Leader Dog,

I was reading your newsletter and loved the story about the teacher and her guide dog making such a difference with her students [Issue 3 – 2010]. I have a cool story about Jake, who also works in a school.



There was a kid yesterday who gets upset easily in the middle school. He's still very young and has some learning challenges. He loves Jake and earns special time with us if he behaves and acts his age. I was coming down the hall and he was banging lockers. I said, "Oh, you're scaring Jake. You don't want to upset him, do you?" This boy ran over, buried his head in Jake's neck and sobbed all over him. Jake just licked him and even though Jake was in harness, we didn't care. I said, "Great job! You are doing the right thing. Now, we're going to call this a tiny disappointment, and you're going to go back to class and sit in an empty seat and be like all the other sixth graders, right?" He mumbled, "Right." I reminded him that if he could do that, he could have lunch with Jake and I, and that's all it took. I feel schools need to hire service animals just to calm the kids down.

These dogs typically end up doing far more than guiding. I know between the two of us, Jake probably does more social work than I do. I'm a social worker in five schools; three elementary, one middle school and one high school. No matter the age of the student, Jake can always break through to them, every single time.

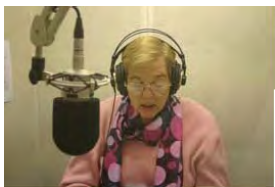
Jake and I thank Leader Dog for all the great work they do.

Geri Taeckens and Leader Dog Jake

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HOT – NEWS FLASH = I am happy to announce that we will soon be launching our new pedestrian GPS device—the Kaptan PLUS. We first heard about the Kaptan in December of 2009 and in January 2010 we met with Kapsys, the manufacturer of Kaptan, to discuss modifying the device for people who are blind. Just 14 months later, in March 2011, our first guide dog and AMP classes received free Kaptan PLUS devices! The PLUS added to the Kaptan name designates the modified version of the device and is exclusive to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

As part of our plan, later this month we will ship Kaptan PLUS devices to key influencers. These are people who will understand the significance of the technology, be motivated to tell others about the device, our GPS program and be excited about our goal of getting an affordable GPS into the hands of our clients and ultimately making it available to everyone who is visually impaired and blind. "The Kaptan is awesome. I put it in free nav mode and go for a walk. Just knowing where I am makes my travel more relaxing. I can focus on what my Leader Dog is telling me, where the traffic is and not worry about figuring out where I am because the Kaptan tells me."



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Dear Friend,

RFB&D® is now Learning Ally: Making reading accessible for all. Changing the name of a long-established,



national institution such as RFB&D is not something we entered into lightly. Over the past year, we conducted research and focus groups with hundreds of students, parents, educators, volunteers and funders - to define the direction of the organization and identify a name reflecting our expanded mission for the future. Our new name represents our commitment to the broader scope of individuals we serve, honoring their request not to be labeled by their disability, and their wish to be empowered with equal opportunities to learn.



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Now members can play Downloadable DAISY books on iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch devices! Our new app is available for \$19.99 at the [Apple iTunes store](#).



[PRWeb: RFB&D Audiobooks are Now Accessible on Apple iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch Devices](#)



"A new assistive technology application dramatically widens accessibility of educational content for people with learning differences. 'Our members have asked for our content on devices they enjoy using in everyday life,' says Andrew Friedman, RFB&D President and CEO."

9 TH ANNUAL ATHENS RUN FOR THE DOGS

This year's Athens Run For The Dogs is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th.

We have changed the venue where the Run/Walk will be held. This year it will be held at Oconee Veterans Park in Watkinsville, Ga.; the Park's address is 3500 A Hog Mountain Rd Watkinsville, Ga. 30677. The OCP'S internet address is: www.ocprd.com .

The 2011 event will be the same GREAT event, to support CCI, held at a new venue; check out the venue on their web site posted above.

Monica, Donna the dogs and I hope to see you on September 24th at the OVP!

Registration go here:

<http://www.athensrunforthedogs.org/site/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Wwgo1410yF8=&tabid=36&mid=367>

Thank You.
Jim Mohs



Don't Miss Out 2011 Tales & Tails Gala Saturday, November 12, 2011

The Tales & Tails Gala celebrates Canine Companions' work and mission and is the largest fundraising event for the Southeast Region.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 12th at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our work as you hear courageous stories from our graduates. You will also have the chance to bid on fantastic auction items, enjoy a delicious dinner and be entertained with "animal surprises."

We hope to see you at the 2011 Tales & Tails Gala, the event you PAWS-itively don't want to miss!



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MISSION D.A.D.

A Diabetic Alert Dog Fund

The Mission of Mission: D.A.D.:

To raise awareness of diabetes and funding for families in need of diabetic alert service dogs - highly trained to recognize oncoming changes in blood glucose levels of Type 1 diabetics; to pay our blessings forward; to share our struggle transparently.



Our home is like many others. We have a Mom and a Dad, three kids (a teen and 2 pre-teens), a cat and a guinea pig.

We live in the suburbs. We go to church, we go to school, we go to the grocery store. Just like you, our days are measured by moments of joy, yawns of tedious boredom and photographic events like vacations or soccer games. Added to the mix are endless loads of laundry and sometimes hours of homework. We have jobs, we have friends, we have relatives, we have bills.

Sound familiar?

Where we differ - as a family - is that nearly every day we face our own mortality. My husband, our Dad, has Type I Diabetes. And more than once, he has almost died. Every day, whether we talk about it, whether we ignore it, we are living - as a family - with a disease that could change all of our lives in the blink of an eye.

In January of 2010, we stepped out of our "home" with this disease. We never imagined the blessings this journey would bring. Trust me. NEVER.

Although this started as a desire to be transparent about living with diabetes and to secure a Diabetic Alert Dog for Trevor, we have come to believe that there is a larger purpose for Mission: D.A.D. In fact, we believe Trevor's situation, the tremendous response of those around us and continuing affirmation have resulted in a journey that is far bigger than "the Jordan's."

Mission: D.A.D., A Diabetic Alert Dog Fund has grown into a full fledge non-profit. Our purpose? To raise awareness of diabetes, diabetic alert dogs and transparent living.

How do we plan to do that? If it would be pleasing, we'd like to secure educational and testimonial opportunities that would allow us to share our experiences and raise funds so that we can provide financial assistance to families experiencing the hardship of diabetes and for whom a D.A.D. would be life-changing. We also hope to (someday) become involved in legislative measures that will protect families from unscrupulous breeders and/or trainers. How About That?

There are over 20-million diabetics in the United States today. Of those, there are approximately 4-5 million Type 1 diabetics. To date, there are a handful of reputable D.A.D. trainers. Over the long run, creating opportunities to help both families who need a Diabetic Alert Dog AND trainers who can train them just makes sense.



We are excited to see where God will direct us next on this journey. And we want to be transparent with you every step of the way. We don't exactly know what the future will hold. It is our focus, right now, to just keep "walking through open doors." We desire to be available for His purpose and for the first time in our lives, believe that Trevor's 27 years of struggle with diabetes could have been all about This Moment.

Learn MORE - Continued in next Bulletin.....



Youth Exchange & Youth Camp
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Dear Current and Past YCE Chairpersons,

The Lions Youth Exchange Program began in 1961 as a channel for fulfilling the Lions objective, "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." This year, we proudly celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lions Youth Exchange as it brings together generations from distant lands, establishing long-lasting friendships and strengthening the hope for peaceful relations among countries.

For this year's golden anniversary celebration, the Youth Programs Department at LCI plans to highlight YCE Chairpersons who have made a significant impact on the program. To help us mark this important milestone, please send us suggestions of current or former YCE Chairpersons that have made an outstanding contribution to Lions Youth Exchange during the past 50 years.

We are also interested in hearing about successful youth exchanges in your Lions district. Did you participate in a youth exchange years ago, and are now a Lion? How does your exchange experience really stand out? We're interested in sharing your stories with the world, so please share them with us. Email us at youthexchange@lionsclubs.org or give us a call at (630)468-6713.

Thank you for your continued support of Lions Youth Exchange!

Youth Programs Department
 Lions Clubs International



FOR EVERY LEO WHO HAS EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A TEACHER: CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT TEACHER

- *You want to strangle the next person who says "It must be nice to work from 8:00 to 3:00 and have summers off."**
- *You can tell it's a full moon without looking outside or checking the charts. You know by the behavior of the kids.**
- *You feel the urge to talk to strange children and correct their behavior when you are out in public.**



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

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

**"Children Know Peace"
 Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest – "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies.



LEO

MD18 Leo Council meeting start time to 1:00 p.m. at the State Convention

Cleveland J. (C.J.) Jackson, 18

Have any of you checked out the latest issue of the Lion Magazine – May 2011 issue. You can turn to page 22 and read about LEOS we LOVE – and if you read a bit further on you come to page 28 and find that we have a LEO from the State of Georgia.

At times, a pays to pay attention – might learn something that is going on in Georgia. We do have some great kids. You have to work with them and get to know them. Just imagine the help you can get from them also. Their always around when you ask – so – have you any thoughts about having a LEO Club in your community? Here again, it's that ASKING thing again.

GOOD LUCK and let's see what YOU can do next year.....



Lions Quest

Lions Quest in AfterSchool Programs

LQ has developed a *Skills for Adolescence* (SFA) afterschool guide. Implementation models focus on three approaches - Positive Youth Development, Extended Learning Opportunities and evidence-based Drug and Alcohol Prevention. Delivery options range from 12-32 weeks. Webinars offer training and support for program facilitators. SFA for afterschool is being piloted in two locations and focus groups are providing additional feedback to help complete the product for availability in August 2011. *Skills for Growing* for afterschool is currently in development. Email info@lions-quest.org for more information.



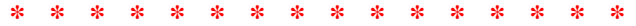
Lions Quest Pre-Forum Seminar

The annual Lions Quest USA/Canada Pre-Forum Seminar will be held Thursday, September 22, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage. All Lions are welcome to attend. The registration form can be found on the [Lions Quest Web site](#). Forum information can be found at the [USA/Canada Forum Web site](#).



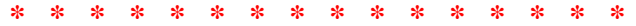
Arkansas Lions bring Lions Quest to Youth across the State

In January the Lions Quest Advisory Committee approved a \$50,000 Core 4 Grant for MD-7 Arkansas. Lead by LQ Chair Toni Shockey, a steering committee was created including members from the Department of Education and Arkansas Service Commission. Matching funds will be provided by the Arkansas Lions Foundation with clubs seeking additional grants from county drug education funds. Teacher training workshops will begin in June. Fifteen schools and/or school districts have already committed to implement Lions Quest, and Lions are meeting with new schools in the weeks to come.



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Lions Quest

Global Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2011 is the only day of service focused on recognizing the role that young people, ages 5-25, play in improving their communities! Tell us about your project.



[Global Youth Service Day - April 15-17, 2011](#)



SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs, YOUTH, and CHILDREN (and these will help adults as well) * In 2008, the National Youth Leadership Council released the K-12 Service-Learning Standards for Quality Practice that used research in the field to determine eight standards of quality service-learning practice.**

The standards are: 1. Meaningful Service 2. Link to Curriculum 3. Reflection 4. Diversity 5. Youth Voice 6. Partnerships 7. Progress Monitoring 8. Duration and Intensity. Service Learning!

(Check back each month for the 411.)



Volunteer Initiatives

Throughout our 14 years teaching young Americans about the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, Liberty Day has partnered with a number of service clubs and organizations to recruit Americans across the country to visit 5th and 6th grade classes and teach the kids about the contents of the Constitution.



The beauty of Liberty Day's Volunteer Initiatives lies in the fact that these students do not typically experience visits from outside speakers. By an attorney, elected official, service club member, or anyone else taking the time to talk to the kids, it spices things up for their learning experience and really underscores for the kids the importance of the documents they're learning about.



Here it's not just their teachers telling them about something from 230 years ago—it's someone else who cares enough to come in and engage them in the learning process. Want to open up the hearts and minds of young people to what it means to be an American? This is how you do it.



Improving Local Communities and the World



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Welcome to Wellspring Camp!

We are excited to have you join us!

Established in 2006, Wellspring Camp is growing, and we are thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead!

Wellspring Camp is a Christian camp designed for children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Located in Jackson County, Georgia, Wellspring Camp is becoming a permanent part of a vibrant, growing community. Our camps encourage participants to have a safe, enjoyable experience making friends and lasting memories.

Mission Statement

Wellspring Camp exists to enrich the lives of persons with disabilities, and their families, by creating an atmosphere of fun and acceptance that will deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Founded by Josh & Tammy Griffin, Wellspring Camp is designed with special needs individuals in mind. In fact, Wellspring Camp is completely devoted to enhancing the lives of those with disabilities in the Southeast.

Wellspring Camp is now a non-profit organization, governed by a board of directors and staffed by quality volunteers each summer.

Sterling Lions Club Recycles 91,556 Pairs of Eyeglasses.

Each year during May, we celebrate [Lions Recycle for Sight](#) month. We found this week's photo at [The Journal Advocate](#).



This photo shows members of the Sterling Lions Club taking a break after packing thousands of recycled eyeglasses. In 2010, the club partnered with the Sterling Correctional Facility and Logan Industries to recycle 91,556 pairs of eyeglasses that will give the gift of sight to those in need.

**LIONS OF GEORGIA
2011 MD 18 STATE CONVENTION
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUNE 10 – 11 – 12, 2011**

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Hospitality Book	Melvin Jones	Stone Mtn Night	LION	LEO	Guest	Dietary Restrictions

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

**Hospitality Book includes two district breakfasts and District Governors' Banquet Saturday Night.
Cost of Hospitality Book = Cost is \$120.00.
New LIONS joining after May 31, 2011: Cost \$85.00**

Hospitality Books	#	@	/each	Total Amt. \$
Melvin Jones Luncheon	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
Night Out at Stone Mountain – Thursday Night June 9 th w/ International President Sid Scruggs Dinner, Laser Show, Transportation	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
			TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Check No. /Cash	Date Paid	AMOUNT PAID		\$

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Included is a reservation web-link for your June conference for those who prefer to make their guestroom reservations online. The below website will take you to the Marriott Reservations website with your conference dates, group code and rate already entered. The dates can then be modified to fit the individual's needs.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlgp?groupCode=lioliaa&app=resvlink&fromDate=6/6/11&toDate=6/12/11>

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