



We Serve



18-D

District Bulletin



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

This is Recycle for Sight Month and Kids Month.

We have reached the time of the year when we begin to take stock in what we have accomplished during the past ten months and what lies ahead of us. We can ask:

- Is my club better now compared to last year?
- Will the next President look at this past year and see ways to improve?
- Did we make a difference in the community?
- What can we do in the new Lion year?
- Have the needs of local sight impaired citizens been met?
- Has your club worked to advance the total International Lions programs and projects?

If you have answered no or maybe to some questions, then as Lions, we must take corrective actions.

Certain elements go into the success of any organization, including the Lions. People admire meaningful service that makes the local community a better place in which to live. We can attract Lions to be engaged in worthwhile activities and help perpetuate the club as a valuable community asset. If I might quote a Past District Governor – “If each club will be its best, its impact will bubble up.” I believe we must constantly remain RELEVANT, at all times, not only for the present but for the future of lions. In so doing, all clubs working together may mold our image to be the most admired. There is more! In our growth this past year, localism was paramount, and we were closer to our Lions OBJECTS. The objective that we are to “take an active interest in civic, cultural, and social and moral welfare of the community.”

I am a firm believer that both the past and present can be molded to SERVE better in the future. We must look at our membership. We have lost many and also gained many. The members that we did gain – we must now look at their RETENTION. As long as I have been a Lion – I can look back and remember the FUN times that I had. Can you remember? If so, do we still have those fun times the new members will also remember?

We also must take more interest within our District and step-up to Chairmanships. We do need volunteers to volunteer. And you also know that I am always available to provide any assistance that you need. I made a commitment to serve this District and the new District for a three year period. My goal was and is to gain membership and then TRAIN as many members as possible. I will be working with Lion Grace Clower in the new Lions year and find those who are willing to climb the ladder. If you are one who would like to climb – make it easy and ASK one of us. We can DO MORE.....

I will repeat what I said in the last Bulletin = “We do have a promising future and I am proud of the Clubs who have added to their membership rolls. I am proud of all the Clubs within the District. We are family.”

Tanx for being who you are - LIONS

Publicity and Communication are the KEYS – use them.

Yours in Lionism, Ed Hasbarger

Quote of the month: Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible. Tony Robbins

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May is Recycle for Sight Month

1 June – Helen Keller Day

5 June – World Environment Day

Place year-end awards and gift presentation order with Club Supplies NOW you can go to this web site:

<https://www2.lionsclubs.org/> also you can check out their Digital Catalog



Planning Ahead

The Lions of Georgia State Office now has a new telephone number. Please make the change in your directory. The new number is 706-363-6692. The fax line has been discontinued for the present time.

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

June – Installation of Club Officers

MAY – DUE BY 10 May = PU-101 forms PLEASE DO THIS EARLY.

2012 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



May 25-27, 2012
Savannah, Georgia

Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early): We will have “Night Out with Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden” at The Historic Charles H. Morris Center, located across from the Marriott Hotel. The meal will be catered by Paula Deen’s The Lady and Sons Restaurant. The Deen’s will be on hand to welcome the Lions!

The cost will be \$35.00 – This includes a buffet meal and a talk with the Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden. Other activities are also planned for this exciting evening!

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

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.

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:

Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2012

Hotel Info:

Savannah Marriott Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, Georgia 31401
912-233-7722 or 1-800-285-0398



Check out pages 31 and 32

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



Where in the World

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

- [Lions News Network](#)
- [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#)

I Believe in You



**Wing-Kun Tam,
International
President**

I Believe Resources

Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us.

As Lions we are all droplets of water that together form the world’s mightiest ocean of service.

The Yellow River is the seventh-longest river in the world, stretching 3,395 miles long. It is often called the cradle of Chinese civilization, serving as the birthplace of northern Chinese civilizations and giving prosperity to millions.

And yet, at its source, high in the Bayan Har Mountains, it all begins very humbly with trickles of water. It gains its power and strength as it flows northwest, then northeast, turning southward, and finally east flowing through seven provinces along the way and nourishing over 120 million people.

It’s astonishing that such a mighty force starts out so small.

Lions Clubs International also had a humble beginning. Our founder, Melvin Jones, and a few of his colleagues, were the first beginning droplets of water that today, 94 years later, have changed the world and touched millions of lives.

Download this booklet and see all the details:

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

LCIF Using US\$21 Million Donated by Lions to Help Japan

Following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, we've mobilized more than US\$21 million to provide disaster relief in Japan. This includes generous donations from Lions around the world and LCIF grants.

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Projects

With more than 100,000 Lions in Japan, relief efforts are well underway.

- US\$1 million is providing 2,000 high pressure cleaners to reduce radiation levels. The cleaners will help remove or clean the surfaces of private buildings and households, which will assist an estimated 20,000 people.
- US\$1.2 million will provide kitchen supplies and equipment for three locations along the coast of Tohoku to help revitalize the seafood industry. The local government will provide the land and buildings for this project, which will help an estimated 20,000 people.
- US\$1.5 million is creating a special victims’ assistance fund and Lions command and operation centers. This project will enable Lions in Japan to plan for long-term needs and assist with ongoing earthquake and tsunami relief and recovery efforts.

- US\$397,403 will help construct coin laundries in heavily damaged areas to help thousands of people who do not have access to washers and dryers. Lions are also working with the government to obtain land donations for this project. Each location will also include a community meeting space to help reestablish regular Lion clubs' meetings.
- US\$311,688 will provide emergency radio equipment for temporary housing areas, where radio broadcasts are currently not available. This project will provide thousands of units that will help an estimated 30,000 people.

Lions are also working with the Tasuki Project – an organization that delivers bags of personal care items to disaster victims – to help fund the delivery of these bags. In addition, Lions continue to meet with Japan Red Cross to formulate mid- to long-term joint relief solutions, including blood drives to address the severe shortage of blood.

One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative



Measles is one of the deadliest vaccine-preventable diseases, taking the lives of 450 children each day. In developing countries, nearly one third of children who contract measles suffer complications, including corneal scarring. The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to raise US\$10 million through LCIF to help save children across the world. You can find information about the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative on the [new LCIF blog](#) see page 6.

LEHP Promotes Healthy Vision

Did you know that vision loss is not a normal part of aging? But, as you get older, you're at higher risk of developing eye diseases and conditions leading to vision loss or blindness. [The Lions Eye Health Program \(LEHP\)](#) can help your club promote healthy vision in your community. The LEHP "Making Vision a Health Priority" and "Age-Related Eye Diseases and Conditions" toolkits are user-friendly resources you can distribute at community events. LEHP also provides PowerPoint presentations and Speaker's Guides you can use to host an educational workshop in your community or at your next Lions club meeting.

Club Excellence Process Feedback Needed

The [Club Excellence Process \(CEP\)](#) is a four step workshop designed to help clubs evaluate the needs of the club and the community. A trained facilitator and workbook guide the discussion focusing on service, communication, growth and involvement. Has your club or district held a CEP Workshop? We want to hear from you. [Send an e-mail and tell us about your club or district success in setting and accomplishing CEP goals.](#)

President's Service Blog: Royal Peace Poster Presentation, England

Helping young people reach their full potential is both a heavy burden and joyous process that all Lions must undertake. When I visited London and met the MD105 [Peace Poster Contest](#) winner, it was clear to me that when we ask children to draw their vision of peace, we're

encouraging them to imagine a better world.



Kate Saunders, 12, shared her poster with me and explained that her brother, Tom, served as the model for the drawing. We were joined by Her Royal Highness Sophie the Countess of Wessex, who is Patron of the Lions of the British Isles, who is in my right in the photograph.

Kate's artistic ability is stunning. It fills me with pride to know that she's just one of 350,000 kids around the globe who participate in the contest each year. Through the [Peace Poster Contest](#), which is now in its 25th year, Lions Clubs International encourages countless children to take a moment and think about what a world of peace would look like. [I believe](#) that when we urge children to think about a better world, we help the next generation's leaders develop a pathway to peace.

New Videos

- [Global Impact](#)
Running Time 2:41
- [Seeing Better, Reading More in Arizona](#)
Running Time 2:11
- [Mothers' Milk Saves Premies in Uruguay](#)
Running Time 2:55
- [Folsom Inmates Help the Blind](#)
Running Time 3:05

- Meaningful Activities for the Disabled in Japan

Running Time 2:14

Download the LQ podcast and subscribe to it from [iTunes](#), [e-mail this edition of LQ to a friend](#) and [order a DVD](#). Submit story ideas and photos for consideration for LQ to lq@lionsclubs.org or contact the Public Relations Department at 630-468-6845.



LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions in Arizona help parents see so kids can read.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs App](#)

Download our Android App to stay in touch with us.

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

Enter your Newsletter, Trading Pin, Banner or Web Site today.

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest in your community.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

In March, Judy and I attended Lions Day at the United Nations headquarters in New York along with more than 400 Lions from 23 countries. While discussing global challenges and Lions' service



Chairperson Scruggs and his wife Judy visit a Lions Quest program in Nepal

opportunities for others, [Lions Quest](#) was featured as the best social - emotional learning school program available.

As a grandparent of 16, it gives me great pride to see what the Lions Quest program is accomplishing. Lions Quest has given over 12 million youth in 72 countries the social and emotional skills to make good decisions and have respect for others.

Through LCIF, Lions Quest continues to [partner](#) with well-regarded and recognized organizations, including the U.S. State Department and the NoVo Foundation. During Lions Day with the United Nations, Lions Quest officially partnered with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. This new partnership provides an opportunity to reach even more students. Supporting Lions Quest, LCIF and Lions are supporting youth by teaching them good values and to be a better citizen.

Even before reaching school age, Lions are ensuring that children have the opportunity to lead a healthy life through the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). By vaccinating children against measles for the cost of US\$1 per shot, we are preventing many possible health complications that could occur if a child contracts measles. These complications can include blindness, pneumonia, hearing loss from ear infections and death.

Over 450 children still die each day from measles.

This is another great opportunity for Lions to come together and make an impact in the world by helping to save the life of a child. LCIF has already mobilized US\$2 million toward our goal of raising US \$10 million to meet the matching funds challenge provided by the Gates Foundation. [Donating](#) is easy, and every dollar counts. I thank you for joining the fight against measles.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Fighting Diabetes through the Core 4 Program



Lions have a long-standing commitment to improving health. Through the [LCIF Core 4 diabetes program](#), multi-year grants are awarded to large-scale Lions' efforts to support diabetes education, prevention and treatment programs. Diabetes is a chronic disease, with the number of people affected expected to almost double in the

next 20 years. Recent successful Core 4 diabetes projects include expanding an education program for young people by the Lions in District 118-U (Turkey), and the development of an early detection and education program for low-income senior citizens by the Lions in District 354-B (Korea).

Measles Donor Recognition Opportunities

LCIF has several ways to recognize your individual or club donations to the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). All donations made for measles are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible. Club banner patches are available for clubs with donations of US\$50 per member, US\$100 per member and US\$250 per member. Clubs with donations of US\$100 per member or higher will be listed on the donor wall at the International Convention in Busan, South Korea this year. Individuals or clubs who have donated US\$10,000 and above will also be listed on the donor wall at the International Convention, along with being [recognized on the LCIF Web site](#).

You can [make a donation today](#), and follow the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates.

Friendship City Provides Ongoing Japan Relief

The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (JASDFW) has [donated an additional US\\$85,500 to LCIF](#) to aid ongoing earthquake and tsunami recovery efforts in Sendai, Japan. The donation marks the one-year anniversary of the disaster, and is the result of ongoing fundraising from the Dallas/Fort Worth community. For the last year, JASDFW has continued to raise funds to support recovery needs in Sendai, which is the city of Dallas's International Friendship City.



LCIF Blog

LCIF has launched a blog to keep Lions up-to-date on Foundation activities. This will include information on the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, other LCIF-related Lions' stories, interesting photos and messages from LCIF and the Chairperson.

You can visit the blog at: <http://www.lcif.org/blog/>.



Happy World Immunization Week to all of you!

To help you spread the word, both about the importance of vaccinations and about Lions efforts to raise support for global immunization campaigns through *One Shot, One Life*, please use the press release that can be found at the link below with your local media contacts:

http://www.lcif.org/EN/news/release_15.php

Measles has been in the news recently. Here is a list of links to recent coverage that you can share with Lions in your districts as well:

From MSN Health (thank you to FVDG Skip Hoffman and PCC Rowe Haywood for sharing this link): This report summarizes the historic public health victory of measles control efforts, but notes the work that remains to be done.

<http://health.msn.com/health-topics/infectious-diseases/articlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100289313>

NBC Nightly News:

<http://vitals.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/19/11288194-us-measles-cases-highest-in-15-years?lite>

NBC Today Show:

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/47113939#47113939>

Five Facts about Measles

1. Measles is caused by a virus.

The measles virus is a member of the paramyxovirus family, which causes respiratory illnesses. The measles virus typically grows in the cells that line the back of the throat and lungs.

2. Measles is highly contagious.

When a person has measles, 90 percent of the people he or she comes into close contact with will become infected, if those people are not already immune because they have either been vaccinated or had measles previously. The measles virus spreads easily by coughing and sneezing, and remains active and contagious in the air or on infected surfaces for up to two hours.

3. Measles is deadly.

Measles remains one of the leading causes of death among young children globally. An estimated 139,300 people died from measles in 2010 — mostly children under the age of five. That equals nearly 380 deaths a day, or 15 deaths each hour. More than 95 percent of measles deaths happen in low-income countries with weak health infrastructures.

4. Measles can cause serious complications.

About 30 percent of reported measles cases have one or more complications. The most serious complications are blindness, encephalitis (an infection that causes brain swelling), severe diarrhea and dehydration, and severe respiratory infections like pneumonia.

Severe measles is more likely among poorly nourished young children, especially those with insufficient vitamin A, or whose immune systems have been weakened by other diseases.

5. Measles is entirely preventable.

A safe, effective and inexpensive measles vaccine has been in use for over 40 years.





Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

DUES ---- *To begin - I would HIGHLY suggest that you collect your District/State and LCI dues for the six month period and be able to pay once you get an invoice in January and July. In fact, it would be terrific if you were able to have a credit on file with LCI – in other words pay six months in advance. We do have a few clubs that are in that status.*

NEW MEMBERS: International per capita on a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters your club. It is pro-rated at US \$3.21 per month for the remaining months in the semi-annual period, plus US \$.25 for the International Convention Fund, which is not pro-rated.

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Per Capita Starts	Dues total Includes \$0.25 For Intl. conv. fund plus Lion Magazine Fee	Total monthly Family Member Pro-rated dues with entrance fee waived.
July	July 1 st	\$19.50	\$9.75
August	August 1 st	16.30	8.15
September	September 1 st	13.09	6.55
October	October 1 st	9.88	4.94
November	November 1 st	6.67	3.34
December	December 1 st	3.46	1.73
January	January 1 st	19.50	9.75
February	February 1 st	16.30	8.15
March	March 1 st	13.09	6.55
April	April 1 st	9.88	4.94
May	May 1 st	6.67	3.34
June	June 1 st	3.46	1.73

New Member entrance fee (not pro-rated) \$25.00

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



LEADERSHIP

Leadership information – Lion Beverly Roberts made up the following for general info:

LEADERSHIP 101:

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.

Are you registered online yet?

New LCI payment options are available online! Now you can go green and opt out of receiving mailed statements.

My Club, My Family,



We all know that maintaining the positive membership momentum that Lions Clubs International has achieved over the past few years will require bringing more women into our Lions clubs. But doubling the number of women in your club this year - is that possible?

Yes, it is and in the latest edition of [Family and Women's News](#), First Vice District Governor Karen Sell, District 21 B, Tucson, Arizona, USA, offers no fewer than 50 dynamic and effective strategies for

doing just that. Number one on her list may be the simplest and most effective:

"Ask every woman to bring in one more woman. They already know women - sisters, friends, neighbors, co-workers, daughters - who would be great Lions."

Doubling the number of women in your club is not only possible, it is desirable. The women of your club bring a level of talent, dedication and compassion available from no other source. Adding to their numbers can propel your club toward a new level of service toward your community and the world - and that is what a Lions club is all about.



I am strongly encouraged by the infusion of female talent and enthusiasm that women Lions of District 411A, Nairobi, Kenya, are bringing to bear on the needs of their communities. At a ceremony in October, 2011, it was my privilege to personally accept the charter applications from two new Lions clubs to be made up entirely of women and to formally induct 15 new women members into existing Lions clubs, for a total of 65

new, dynamic women members joining our family.

Increasing the number of women in our clubs is a part of the larger [My Club, My Family](#) effort. When members invite spouses, sons and daughters living in the same household to join their Lions club, those family members will pay no entrance fee and pay only half of the international dues. Clubs can get the youngest family members involved and develop future Lion leaders by sponsoring a [Lions Family Cub Program](#) or [Leo club](#).

Thank you for all you do for your fellow Lions, your community and the world.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
International President



Tree Planting Challenge

After reaching the year's goal of planting [one million trees](#) in just two months, Lions around the world have gone on to plant an additional million trees and more!

Working in concert with many local community groups, 3,472 Lions clubs in 82 countries account for a total of 7,016,296 new trees cooling the planet and renewing its atmosphere.

Recruit Young Adults

Young adult members bring new energy and diverse skills into your club and ensure your club will be in existence in 40 years. By recruiting young adults into your club, you can:

- *Gain fresh ideas for service projects and activities
- *Increase hands to do more service
- *Promote membership that better reflects the community
- *Mirror current times
- *Breathe life into your club
- *Sustain your club

Contrary to popular belief, young adults want to volunteer and are volunteering at a higher rate than normal. We've made it easier to get them involved by providing you with the tools you need.

Check next page below:
Tools for Recruiting
Young Adults -

April is the beginning of the growing season in many parts of the world and a perfect time to add to our spectacular success in the Million Tree Planting Campaign. Checking the [map](#) at the LCI Web site will show that Lions in 98 countries have contributed to the campaign's great success. I am always inspired by the ingenuity and dedication on display in the [photos and stories](#) accessible there.

Planting saplings that will grow into sturdy trees is also a reminder that no living thing thrives without proper nurturing. Be sure to nurture the new members of your club by providing an effective orientation and involving them in the [Lions Mentoring Program](#) as soon as possible.

April 22 is also the worldwide celebration of Earth Day and the scheduled date for the [Protecting Our Environment](#) Global Service Action Campaign. It is not too late to join this global effort! The LCI Web site offers a [planning guide](#) and [project ideas](#) to help get your club involved. Many of these ideas can be implemented quickly but will pay big rewards for your community. They may also pay big rewards for your club through the [positive media attention](#) they may attract.

Measles

Lions Clubs International has established itself as one of the world's leading non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the ongoing effort to promote health for all and to eradicate preventable diseases. In the past two decades, SightFirst projects have preserved or restored healthy vision for hundreds of millions of people in all parts of the world. Lions diabetes awareness and screening programs have helped keep millions of adults healthy and active.

Now, LCI is engaged in another epic campaign that, this year alone, will safeguard the health of 157 million children by providing vaccines against measles. Measles, nearly eradicated in some parts of the world, remains a serious and widespread threat in places where there are few doctors and little medicine. In fact, 450 children die each day from its effects including pneumonia and encephalitis.

Lions commitment to health for all and especially our traditional concern for the well-being of young people make it imperative that we act. Through the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#) Lions have joined the worldwide Measles Initiative, a collaborative effort of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Foundation, UNICEF, American Red Cross and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Lions mission in this powerful alliance is to raise US\$10 million for LCIF to fund vaccinations that cost approximately US\$1 each. We are fortunate to have a powerful partner in this effort. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged US\$1 to Lions Clubs International Foundation for every US\$2 raised by Lions, up to US\$5 million. Therefore success in reaching our US\$10 million goal will result in US\$15 million for this life-saving effort. I cannot think of an effort more consistent with our organization's position as a leader in world health preservation and with our traditional concern for young people. It has my enthusiastic support. With more than US\$1.2 million raised, we are making headway toward our goal and I thank all who have made this possible. I also ask Lions clubs everywhere to make One Shot, One Life a part of your fund raising plans and ask individual Lions to give generously to this important Lions effort.

You can make a donation online at [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Donation](#).

Lions Day with the United Nations

It was a special honor for me to participate with over 400 Lions, ambassadors and United Nations representatives from 23 countries in the 34th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations. The event, held on March 16 in New York, was a celebration of the longstanding partnership between LCI and the UN.

The addresses and dialogue focused on how the two organizations can work more closely on the UN Millennium Development goals while creating a brighter future for our children and youth.

The event also included the presentation of the 2012 Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest winners and a discussion on how Lions can take a more active role in international development.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Go to this web site and sign up = http://lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/Webinars/Webinars.html

More Great Lions Club Webinars: [LCI is hosting regular webinars on all kinds of topics.](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php)
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>

*All of these training opportunities are designed to make our members, clubs, and leadership stronger.
We hope you will join us in this effort to make ours the best district in Georgia.*



Fellow Lions Leaders,

PCC Polly Voon, General Chairperson of the 2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum along with the entire Planning Committee are working hard to put together a Forum you are sure to remember for many years to come. PCC Jackie Cameron, Host Committee Chairperson and the entire host committee want to show you what southern hospitality is all about. Even 1st Vice President, Wayne Madden, Honorary Chairperson will be looking for you, so plan on coming early and staying late!

Great Video to show at you club meetings and at zone and district meetings. Please share with those in your address book. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cODAcXanpXQ&feature=youtu.be>

GLT UPDATE

This Lions year is swiftly coming to a close. I hope you have been able to take advantage of the many training opportunities we have offered. Some of you may think we have tried to offer too much training. The intent of the training has been to better equip our Lion volunteers to serve as leaders. Hopefully, the training has been helpful.

I have just participated in a webinar for Club Presidents. There will be Club Secretary and Treasurer webinars in April and May. If you are a club officer now or will be an incoming club officer, you are encouraged to join this training. Because of the economy and the price of gas, we have tried to hold training in conjunction with district meetings. These webinars can help also.

I will be working with District Governor Elect Bill Holley and First Vice District Governor Ed Hashbarger to update our District Leadership Development Plan for the next Lions year. We will post the schedule as soon as the plan is complete. We are still planning Club Officer Training at the first Cabinet Meeting July 14th. We will continue to offer training in many areas. If there is an area in which you feel we need to offer training, please let me know.

I would like to encourage all Lions to get involved in some way in a leadership role. Our clubs need committee chairs and club officers, and we need Zone Chairs, Vice District Governors, and District Governors. With strong leadership, our clubs will grow; and we can better serve our communities. If I can help your club in any way, please let me know.

Remember, we cannot have strong clubs without strong leaders! WE SERVE!!!

PCC Grace Clower
18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator



Have you heard the news? WMMR and LeoMMR, the online membership and service activity reporting systems, are being updated to better serve you. The new Web site is called "MyLCI". The updates will be phased in gradually. In June 2012, club officers will see:

- **Single site for Lions and Leos** - Lions officers and Leo officers will use the same site.
- **Your Home Page** - a home page that includes a snapshot of information tailored to your club.
- **Your Tasks** - we know you have a lot to do, so we've organized a "to do" list for you.
- **Officer mailing address** - update the mailing address used for your officer correspondence.
- **Club Statements going "green"** - option to suppress the printing of monthly club statements.
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In August 2012 new features will be introduced for region, zone and district officers.

Training

Club presidents and secretaries can register to attend one of five web-based training sessions (May 2).

Club treasurers can register to attend one of five web-based training sessions (May 2, May 15, May 18).

Go to this web site https://extranet.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew/wmmr/WhatsNew_EN.aspx and to register for the training sessions

Sincerely yours,

Joe Schrepfer
Information Systems Department, Lions Clubs International

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Club Excellence Process



*PCC Kembra Smith, MD-18
GLT Coordinator is
leading my club in this
training.*



OFFICER TRAINING

Lions Clubs International has also scheduled the following Club Officer Training webinars:

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| <i>Club Secretary Training</i> | <i>May 2nd-8:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Club Treasurer Training</i> | <i>May 9th-8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>May 15th-11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>May 18th-8:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Club Officers Teamwork</i> | <i>June 6th-8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 12th-11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>June 15th-8:00 p.m.</i> |

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UGA Lions Club already making a difference

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OnlineAthens/Athens Banner-Herald Richard Hamm/Staff Amelia Hasbun, left, and Jaquantas Printup dig a hole for a new tree as volunteers from the UGA Lions Club plant trees in front of the Veterinary Medicine Building off of D.W. Brooks Drive on Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Athens, Ga.



OnlineAthens/Athens Banner-Herald Richard Hamm/Staff Erik Krumins, left, holds a freshly planted tree up as Adam Goren spreads fresh dirt around the roots as volunteers from the UGA Lions Club plant trees in front of the Veterinary Medicine Building off of D.W. Brooks Drive on Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Athens, Ga.

Service groups abound on the University of Georgia's campus, but one of the newest additions has a name that's more often thought of as a civic organization for retirees than college-age students: the Lions Club.

"We just founded the club at the end of last semester," said UGA student Erik Krumins. Krumins helped found the Athens Campus Lions as a way to give back to the community.

Krumins knows a lot about the Lions Club; his grandfather is a past president of the Lions Club International, the umbrella organization for the Lions that has more than 1.3 million members in more than 200 countries.

Athens Campus Lions members helped plant 50 trees throughout UGA's campus last week as a part of the Lions Club International's goal of planting 1 million trees this year. Members already have pledged to plant more than 8 million.

The university's landscape design team picked the best spots to root down new trees, and club members provided the muscle for digging holes and securing the saplings, Krumins said.

"It's definitely taking a lot of work," he said.

Athens Campus Lions planted trees outside of the College of Veterinary Medicine on D.W. Brooks Drive, the new Health Sciences Campus on Prince Avenue, the Animal Health Research Center on Carlton Street and the Hugh Hodgson School of Music on River Road.

The Athens Campus Lions also plan on becoming a part of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, a program supported and staffed by volunteers from the Oconee Lions Club and the Classic City Lions Club. The foundation gives eye exams to needy Athens-area residents who don't have health insurance and provides glasses and other eye care through a mobile unit that comes monthly to the Mercy Health Center.

"That's something that we're going to get involved with next semester," Krumins said.

The club already has about 62 members, but club leaders plan to grow larger next semester, said Dhruv Bhavsar, an Athens Campus Lions member.

"We're trying to get up there as a club," Bhavsar said. "We're aiming for 150 members next semester."

The Classic City Lions Club sponsored the campus group when they started a few months ago, said Harold Brown, a member of the Classic City organization and this year's program chairman. "I was surprised when this club formed," Brown said. "It is unusual, too, for a young club to be that large and to form so quickly."

Although the campus club has about 40 more members than Classic City, many students will move from Athens after graduation, and retention could be a problem for the young club, he said. But even if Athens Campus Lions members move, they'll still know the Lions Club's message of charity that speaks to people of all ages, across the world, he said.



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	6502L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Household Deck Mop	6	\$17.10	\$
	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
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Fundraising Projects (Don't forget your Lion vests)

Let's get some ideas out there – seems we do the same old thing –
now maybe we can do something different.

- 1. Community Flags:** Club puts up and takes down American flags on all major holidays. Solicit \$25 or \$50 donation from businesses by letter each September following 9/11 or veterans day. **Manpower Needs** – Varies club members and/or LEO's, Scouts. **Potential Revenue:** \$1,000 or more. **Costs:** Cost of flags and holders.
- 2. Christmas Tree recycling:** Christmas trees and wreaths are accepted for recycling on the first weekend following New Year's day. Donations of \$5 per tree and \$3 wreath are accepted for trees drop off at the recycling locations. A donation of \$20/tree is requested if the tree is picked up from a home or business. **Manpower** – Varies. **Costs:** Members donate vehicle costs.
- 3. Coffee and Tea Sales:** Five lb. bags of coffee and 2lb. bags of tea are purchased at wholesale prices from Coffee Bean International and then resold for \$1/lb over wholesale costs. Coffee and Tea sales are done all year round. **Manpower** – Club members. **Costs:** Wholesale purchase price. **Minimum order:** 20 lbs per order.
- 4. Run/Walk for Sight:** Club conducts a 5k run/walk each fall. Sell ads to local businesses and publish the ads in a booklet that is distributed 5-6 weeks prior to the event encouraging people to patronize the business. Charge an entrance fee and provide a t-shirt with entry fee. Ribbons and plaques are awarded. In-kind donations are solicited and a drawing is conducted for gifts with a grand prize. **Manpower** – varies. **Costs:** \$200. **Potential Revenue:** \$4000 or more.
- 5. Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus:** Breakfast with eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, hot chocolate. Event also includes selling baked goods, holiday wreaths, local arts and crafts, cookie decorating for children and a children's bike raffle. **Manpower** – varies. **Potential Revenue:** \$1,500 or more.
- 6. Golf Ball Drop:** Lions sell 2,500 numbered golf balls for \$25. The balls are released by airplane over a golf course. The **winner of the ball that comes closest to the hole receives \$10,000.** **Manpower** – varies.
- 7. Supermarket Sweep:** Club and supermarket sells tickets for \$5 – quantity 500-1,000 tickets. Winner has 5 minutes to fill grocery cart(s) of food. **Manpower** – varies.
- 8. 50/50 Raffle:** This is one of the best cheap fundraising ideas, because the only cost to the club is a roll of raffle tickets. Sell raffle tickets to donors and split the money evenly with the winner. Positive cash flow is immediate.
- 9. Pet pageants:** For a small entry fee, local pet owners can enter their pets in a pet pageant. Don't be afraid to make up your own categories; the "Furriest Pet" or the "Most Unusual Pet" or "Best Dressed Pet". This will certainly add to the entertainment value of this fundraising event.
- 10. Chili cook-offs:** Many families have a favorite chili recipe. By organizing a friendly competition, you can help determine which chili really deserves bragging rights as the best overall. For the cost of a trophy, your club can raise a sizable amount of money.
- 11. Buckets for Donations:** EASY- This fundraiser is perfect to collect the change given at countless stores in your town. Gather old coffee cans and cover them with your cover sheet. Approach store manager and have a professional cover sheet that explains your charity and your goals of fundraising. Send a member to the store once a week to empty cans. Make sure to update the store manager on your club's progress.

More ideas to follow next month – if you have an idea – please let me know.

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.

Athens Campus Lions Club - Here's the info for you and your friends for volunteering on Wednesday. We are going to meet on Wednesday at 3:15pm on River Road across the street from parking lot E07 (really close to ECV dorms). We will be planting 24 trees there and then as a group moving to the next location to plant 14 trees. Whatever we don't finish, we will pick up and finish the next day (Thursday), same time. We have cars to take people, but if either you or your friends could bring a car that would be really helpful. And you can park in lot E11 behind the music school at 3:15 if you do. On Wednesday and Thursday they planted 30 trees on UGA's campus, and they have another 20 to plant next week. As you can see they had a pretty good turn out and they had their t-shirts done on time, so most of the members were already wearing them at the event.

Erik tells me that on Thursday a person from Banner-Herald came (one of my club members contacted them and arranged for them to come) and did a piece on them. They are also contacting Red and Black to come over to the tree planting next week. During the last general meeting they reelected the officers for next year. There were no changes, except for their VP who stepped down and their communication chair stepped up as the new VP and was replaced by one of the members. They have also reelected directors. During the rest of April there will only be one or two officers meetings, during which they want to plan ahead for the next semester. I will get an update from Erik once those happen.



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = At our first meeting of the month a former United States Marshall told us of the duties and responsibilities of marshals. During the month we continued our efforts on the trail at Anna Ruby Falls Park and parked cars at a function at the Georgia Mountains Center. We also worked on plans for the installation of our officers for the new Lions year. Volunteer Hours 135

We serve!

Dahlonega Lions Club = Last Saturday, April 14th the Senior Center held their 3rd Annual "Senior Wellness Expo" here in Dahlonega. Dahlonega Lions Club participated in the event and provided Vision Screening. All total we had 8 Lions represented, who spent about 5 hours each helping screen individuals for vision. In the hours that the event was held roughly 40 some people were screened, by Lions.

Wellness EXPO
3rd Annual

Event Schedule
VENDOR EXPO in Gym
FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS - (PROVIDED BY):
CHESTATE HOSPITAL - Blood Pressure, Oxygen Level, & more
NORTH EAST GEORGIA HEART CENTER - Carotid Screening
LIONS CLUB - Vision
DAHLONEGA HEARING AID CENTER - Hearing Screening
TUGALOO HOME HEALTH
DOOR PRIZES
SPECIAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS - NOON
PEEK UP BIG G CARD TO PARTICIPATE
Watch for your Name
Written on Board on the Stage
Drawings at 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12:15 till 1:00

Special Thanks to:
All of our Volunteers
Planning Committee
Friends of Seniors, Inc.
Chamber of Commerce
Dahlonega Woman's Club (Home Life)
Gold Diggers Garden Club
Lumpkin County Lions Club

Saturday, April 14, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Presented by: Lumpkin County Senior Center

Dacula Lions Club = The Dacula Lions assisted the media center staff at Fort Daniel Elementary School, with their upcoming library book inventory. Strong schools make strong communities – the entire staff at Fort Daniel Elementary helps to illustrate the strength of Dacula! The Dacula Lion's Club participated at bucket brigades at the Dacula Kroger and Hamilton Wal-Mart. We went to Hebron Church and set the Going Blind movie. We collected \$600 for only two days – one day at Kroger and one at Wal-Mart. We were to do all weekend at Wal-Mart but they told us at the last minute we could not do all weekend again, so it was only Friday 4-9pm. I think we still did good.



Also on Memorial Day we have the honor to participate in a Ceremony with the Mayor of Dacula at the opening of a new park in the Town of Dacula that we will be donating a tree to the park and assisting to plant it. This will be good publicity for the club. The Media should be there so now I am not sure about attending the convention.

Jefferson Lions Club = **Committee Reports:** White Cane - Lion Gay Bradley reported that, as of tonight, the club has raised approximately \$1500.00 from our White Cane Day efforts. Lion Gay thanked everyone that participated. Lion President Jim extended a special thank you to Lions Gay and Sandra Friedlander for stepping in and coordinating this project.

Eyeglass Collection Committee - Eyeglass Collection – Lion Jerry Legg reported that he has collected 16 eyeglasses and I pair of sunglasses. **Calendar** – Lion Jim Smith asked that all monies and updates be turned in to his office no later than May 28, 2012. **Sickness, Distress and Praise** - Lion Jack Rushton needs our prayers. Lion Bill Rosenberg had surgery. Harvie Lance's wife has gotten worse. Lion Herman Buffington is in a rehabilitation center in Baldwin and not doing well. **MEETINGS:** Lion Bob Friedlander introduced Jeff Killip, City of Jefferson Public Works Director. Mr. Killip shared with our club all that is going on with public utilizes in and around Jefferson. The Street Department has been busy repairing roads and installing new signage. The Water Department is expanding with a new reservoir and updated facilities in the future.

Lavonia Lions Club =



Lawrenceville Lions Club - We donated \$240.00 for a co-pay for a man to get new hearing aids through the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. We had 6 members collecting donations for White Cane Day. Wal-Mart gave us a grant of \$250.00 for White Cane Day that went toward our \$600.00 donation to Georgia Lions Lighthouse. We did 31 vision screenings at a Senior Center Health Fair with 4 of our members and a Korean Lions Club member volunteering. We donated 106 used eyeglasses. We had 162 volunteer hours.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = CONTINUE TO BRING FOOD DONATIONS FOR SHEPHERDS STAFF !

Shepherds Staff BBQ - Ann Jones has tickets. Thank you for supporting Shepherd Staff! 4/30 deadline for early registration for state convention in Savannah, dg contest input, golden chain awards. As for the photo, since we're observing "White Cane Month," I wanted to share with you a picture of a very sweet little 4 year old, totally blind student, at our school who just got his first cane. You would be amazed at how well he did on his first day using it! Please call if you have any questions or concerns. 3 White Cane bucket drive's were a great success. Thank you to all in Loganville who donated and a HUGH thanks to the LLLC volunteers for holding that bucket with a smile. Beverly Hollis collecting donations on this beautiful Saturday morning! Thank you to those who were able to help, Wayne White and Chuck Lynch, who wake with the roosters and spent many hours on their feet today, not sure how much they raise...d! Billie Jean Burch and Mandi Logan raised over \$100, Beverly Hollis and Kim Moore raised over \$100. Thanks to all who donated, even while getting beeped at for holding up traffic, we appreciate you!!!



Norcross Lions Club = We voted to keep the same officers for next year. We delivered 15 eyeglasses, 7 cases, 3 cell phones, and 5 sunglasses to the GA Lions Lighthouse. PDG John Rudert spent 20 hours and 45 minutes grinding lenses this month at the GA Lions Lighthouse. We donated \$500 for White Cane. We enjoyed looking at some archival club pictures and guessing the names of the members who were a lot younger when the pictures were taken.

Snellville Lions Club = The Snellville Lions Club is currently participating in the Club Excellence Process (CEP). We are being guided by Kembra Smith (pictured), Past Council Chair & MD-18 Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator. District 18-F District Governor June Phillips (pictured) was in attendance to support PCC Smith.

Our goal is to understand how the CEP can benefit the Club as a whole, making us a stronger and more effective service group within our community. We started the process by sending out a "Needs Assessment Questionnaire" to key leaders within the community, asking for their feedback on how they see the Snellville Lions Club making an impact in conjunction with their efforts. We polled all of the local schools, police, key city leaders, and department heads. The responses we have received so far will begin to guide us in our efforts, as this is one part of the Club Excellence Process.

Our next steps are to work with PCC Kembra Smith on determining where we need to improve internally as well as know what we already do very well within the club and the community. As our journey is now underway, we are sure to have a roadmap that will help us to determine goals and create an action plan in order to achieve those goals.



Toccoa Lions Club = Programs: 23Feb – Speaker Danny Yearwood talked about the campaign to fight drug abuse in Stephens County. 8Mar – Speaker Al Vulcano of the Toccoa Food Bank talked about the start of the Food Bank in 1992. 22Mar – Speaker Toni Childress of Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Stephens County, Inc. She talked about many programs which are carried on including Read at Home, Welcome Bags for Newborns and many other areas – good program. **Calendar:** White Cane will be held 27 and 28 April. A yard sale to take place at the Vanderhoef’s office to be held on 12 May. Chilly Open Golf Tournament to be held 18 May. **Sight Conservation:** No report. **Membership:** Two applications were presented and approved for two new members. **Pancake Breakfast:** Lion Russ Paxton reported on the Pancake Breakfast. He said that it went well although attendance was off. The JROTC was a great help both in ticket sales and at the breakfast. We should make the budgeted amount. **Zone Meeting:** Many Lions believe they attended the best Lions meeting ever on Tuesday, April 3rd at the Lavonia Community Center. Farrell Matthews, demonstrated the used of adaptive devices for the blind. Toccoa Lion Sheila Rousey, demonstrated commands and talked about Leader Dog School for the Blind. This was the first Lions meeting that her Leader Dog Grandt has attended.

Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Board of Directors approved 5 applications for exam and glasses. **Glasses Collected:** 208 pairs, Lens- 155, Dark Glasses – 46 pair, dark lenses - 24, Hearing aids- 4, Cell phones -19. **Activities: Membership:** Lion Gene Little presented 2 new applications for membership - Joan Shaw and Darell Doyen - Both were approved. **Donations:** Board approved a \$100 donation to Christian Love Ministries and a \$50 donation to Local Boy Scouts. **Programs: 12 April** - President Mildred Thompson introduced our speaker Shamae Crosswhite. Shamae is native of New Jersey & has BA degree in Accounting from Georgia Southern. Working with GA. Lions Lighthouse since 2007 where she is in charge of Clinic Programs & Accounting. First of all, she thanked Union County Lions Club for all they do in funding for the Lighthouse including White Cane. She then spoke on White Cane and the importance of several different kinds of eye surgery that would cost from \$400 to thousands of dollars. Currently for every one dollar donated the Lighthouse is able to receive \$5.00 in reduced cost & donated services. She also touched on the Hearing Aid Program. She reminded us that April 30th is last day to get funds in to count for 2011/2012 Lion year. Lion President Mildred Thompson read letter of thanks from Mary Sorrentino, who has had surgery on one eye recently via the Lighthouse & her other eye to be done soon. **26 April** – No program thus report was submitted - Lion Gray Williams discussed the White Cane Drive. Total collections from April 20 and 21 were approximately \$2326, donations from local businesses were \$1969 for a total of \$4295. 25 Lions and 6 non-Lions worked approximately 180 hours collecting funds for White Cane.

WORKING LIONS - 456 hours

NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS – 40 hours

Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS Articles:* 4 submitted.

Union County Lions Club is very active in local causes that include providing 40 local residents with glasses within the period of January 2011 through January of 2012. Other local causes Lions contribute to are Relay for Life, Wilderness Scouts, local Boy Scout Troup, \$500.00 scholarship each year to a High School graduate, Georgia Mtn. Research & Education Center, Peace Poster winners, Masons Christmas food boxes & baskets, Towns/Union Counties Volunteers for Handicap, to name a few; that usually amounts to between 5 and 6 thousand dollars.[sometimes little more, sometimes little less] Also, last year a male resident had eye surgery through the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and a female resident is in process of having eye surgery. Note: eye surgeries are paid for through State wide specified White Cane donations.

Union County Lions also contribute to the following Georgia Lions projects: Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Learning Ally, [formally known as Recording for Blind & Dyslexic] and Canine Companions. Two other Lion projects are Leader Dogs for Blind in Rochester, Michigan and LICIF [Lions Clubs International Foundation] all of these come to about \$2,000. As you can well see much more funds raised through you, the public, [called Activities Account] goes back to local causes. By the way, yearly dues to District, State, & International come from our Administration Account, which is separate from our Activities Account. Administrative Account is strictly monies raised within the Club membership.

Yes, Union County Lions Club is ALIVE and ACTIVE! Want to know more? See a Lion or contact current Membership Chairman, Lion Gene Little at 706-374-6638. Once again, a big WELCOME to new Lion members Joan Shaw and Darell Doyen and remember the Lions Motto: We Serve.



White County Lions Club - We have plans for the Free Clinic Event on Saturday April 28th. We will have brooms (two kinds) and mops for sale. New collection boxes are on the way for donated glasses. This past month, our speaker was from the Georgia Lighthouse. He was a very informative speaker. For the April 19th meeting our speaker will be Lion Steve Hart, District Chair of Lions Clubs International Foundation who will give a history of Lions International. Things are really looking up for our club. All the officers are very dedicated; our concentration at this time is getting our club going and then building membership. I think we are on track for the first part. Need to work on membership. Would you help us out with this part? Our next meeting is at Ma Gooch's on April 19th. We eat at 6:30 P.M. and start the meeting at 7:00 P.M. We in conjunction with North Hall Lions Club are in the early stages of updating a trail for the blind at Anna Ruby Falls. Should be a good project reaping a lot of satisfaction for all and providing a needed service to those that give the Lions purpose. We welcome Tommy and Charlotte Miller to our club. Tommy has agreed to become Tail Twister. Should be fun.



Winder Noon Lions Club = The Golf Tournament turned out great – had a good turnout and lots of fun. Lion Bob Norton has collected 121 pairs of eyeglasses. Donations made to LCIF, Camp for the Blind, Leader Dog, Lighthouse, Learning Ally, and White Cane. Also contributed to Adult Literacy Center, Boys & Girls Club, Light Shelter, Peace Place, Relay for Life, WBHS Band Award and Friends of Scouting. Also purchase eyeglasses for one recipient. Total Lion hours – 82

Future Programs/Events –

Tim Sweat from Jackson EMC – grow houses-how to spot one.
Juniors of the Year Presentation



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It is official. Thanks to you the Lighthouse is one of 12 charities nationwide to win \$5,000 of gas in the "Fueling Good" contest. We especially thank those who encouraged all of their friends, family and co-workers to vote. We could not have done this without you.

The Blessings of Vision - Ruby's story



Ruby has a lot to be grateful for. She lives with her daughter's family and gets the opportunity to watch her grandchildren grow. She's very active in her community and sings in the church choir. Recently, she received the chance to see again.

Ruby's vision deteriorated over a period of a year due to cataracts that resulted from diabetes. She drove from doctor's office to doctor's office looking for help, having to take more caution on the road as her vision deteriorated. "Reading the street signs was really tough," she says.

After being denied by Medicaid, she was referred to the Lighthouse Foundation, which worked with the Georgia Eye Institute to provide sight-saving cataract surgeries on both of her eyes. "After you have cataract surgery, the results are miraculous," she beams. Everything felt new. Even the different colors of her kitchen tile jumped out at her.

Ruby received two of the 350 surgeries the Lighthouse provided in 2011. Stories like Ruby's are made possible through partnerships with ophthalmologists, who discount their services up to 75%. Every dollar raised through the April White Cane fundraising month goes directly into the surgery budget. Since the Lighthouse partners with medical providers throughout the state, you might know someone like Ruby in your own town. Your tireless work with White Cane ensures that people like Ruby have a place to turn to in need. Thank you for all of your tireless work for the Lighthouse!



Service Numbers

From July to December 2011

People having eye exams
147 were from 18-D

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
41 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation
156 were from 18-D

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

Monday,	Tuesday,
21 May	5 June
Athens	Athens

Contact Judith at
JKerr@lionslighthouse.org
for more information about volunteer opportunities.

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274
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Recycle your hearing aids and meet a huge need!



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is in need of used hearing aids to help raise money to meet the on-going growing demand of the hard of hearing that can't afford the high cost of new hearing aids. The Lighthouse provided over 1,800 hearing aids in 2011. This year, the goal is to every day provide three Georgians the opportunity to hear again.

There are thousands of used hearing aids lying around in drawers, boxes, on shelves, etc. You might have run across an old pair during spring cleaning. Those hearing aids are valuable! Recycling centers pay money for used hearing aids, and money that the Lighthouse receives from recycling goes right back into the program.

Recycling isn't just for eyeglasses. So if you have hearing aids that you can't use anymore, consider making a donation to the Lighthouse. Your contribution can help someone hear again.

For more information, please contact Sharifa Peart at 404-325-3630 ext. 305 or speart@lionslighthouse.org.

Healthy Vision Month

May is Healthy Vision Month, a national eye health observation in the United States. Millions of people living in the United States have undetected vision problems, eye diseases, and conditions. HVM is designed to elevate vision as a health priority for the Nation by promoting the importance of early detection and treatment, as well as the use of proper eye safety practices, in preventing vision loss and blindness. Go to <http://www.nei.nih.gov/hvm/about/> for more information.

Lions Recycle for Sight Month

May is Lions Recycle for Sight Month. Take this opportunity to start an eyeglass collection project or raise awareness for your clubs ongoing effort by placing collection boxes in highly visible locations.

Go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sight-hearing/sight/eyeglass-recycling/vision-eyeglass-resources.php> for more information.



WHITE CANE CAN BE DONE ALL YEAR ROUND, start planning your club's next event. A few clubs report they are too small, or they are rebuilding, or not sure how to hold a White Cane Drive. NO club is too small (or too large) to participate. A White Cane Drive can be a terrific incentive for a rebuilding club. So, how about some ideas on how to begin or improve your club's efforts.



Here are some ideas:

- * Place plastic jars on check-out counters of convenience and fast food stores. This could be done 4-6 weeks in April and can be handled by 1 or 2 Lions. Special jar lids and decals are available through White Cane Days, Inc.
- * Write letters to businesses of your community soliciting donations. Then follow up with a personal visit.
- * Hold a pancake breakfast, chili supper, chicken BBQ, or other project designated for White Cane.
- * Get publicity through having a community leader (mayor, administrator, or commissioner) sign a proclamation declaring your club's White Cane Drive and publishing it in your local newspaper.
- * If you have a Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Kroger's, or some other large retail outlet, approach management about a matching grant for White Cane.
- * Utilize your White Cane efforts to educate your community about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in general, and your club in particular. You may be able to recruit a few new members.



White Cane Butter Mints 45.00 per 1000	Miniature Plastic White Cane 65.00 per 500	Punched Card 14.00 per 500
Order from Lions of Michigan (517) 887-6640		



Help bring hearing loss education to your community!
Contact Sharifa at SPeart@lionslighthouse.org for more information.



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



" Its Spring Fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want-oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

Mark Twain

40 DAYS!!!

In 40 days, all of our camp staff will be here. In 47 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.

"Defying
Kristen



Dear Lions of Georgia,

We need your help with sponsoring a camper for camp. This summer is quickly approaching and each year we look for individual/club sponsors, if you are interested please let us know. Thank you so much to all of you that have already sent in your sponsorship money. Also, remember that **April 30th, 2012** is the last day to get credit for this year's donations to be considered for awards at the State Convention.

Kristen, Mike and I get such joy being here daily and working for our Camper's return. After only one summer I am already attached and can't wait for their return. There is something so peaceful about being here. So far the youngest camper I have coming is only 5years old! This will be her first year and I pray that her experience is nothing but positive so she will come for years to come.

As mentioned in Mike's letter, please get in your work weekend applications. We need those, so I can give Kristen a count. Since you're coming, why don't you bring some people with you that may have never come before? It will be fun!

Please call me or email me if you need any assistance.

Merri Blount, Camp Secretary, 912-283-4320
glcblindsec@accessatc.net

My Fellow Lions,

I am now off the road for a while after 9 straight weeks of traveling and representing our Camp at District Conventions and the like. We are Lions of service and service to our Camp is what I love to talk about. Let's do that....



A couple weekends ago we were at our Camp for our first 2012 Work Weekend. WOW – we got a bunch done. Here are a few highlights of what was accomplished:

- Hung and mudded sheet rock in the Bunkhouse.
- Sanded sheetrock in the Bunkhouse.
- Hung doors in the Bunkhouse.
- Formed wheel chair ramps for the Bunkhouse.
- Sanding furniture for the Bunkhouse.
- Started replacing a damaged dock at the Fishing Pond.
- Plus many more tasks were performed to make our Camp better

Thank you to all that came down to the Camp that weekend and did so much. We have another opportunity to do it again. On the weekend of April 27-29, 2012 we will have our second Work Weekend and we still have much to get done. I hope to see many of you there. I promise that we will work you hard, feed you well and the fellowship of your peers will be the best.

Kristen has been busy prepping for the upcoming Camping Season as well. It takes months of work up front to ensure a successful Camping Session. Those “We Serve” deserve nothing less. Thanks to Kristen and her staff, the Camper’s experience this Summer will be the very best!

The Organization Assessment Action Committee is active as well, their next scheduled meeting will be on May, 12, 2012 at the Centerville Lions Club House starting at 10:00AM. We still have a lot of work to do there to make our Board of Directors more effective, but we are working to do just that!

Your President Elect. Lion Doy and I are working very closely to ensure that we have a smooth transition come July 1, 2012. She is going to be a great Leader for us!

Just a reminder - Any Camp Awards you wish to apply for must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2012. Please get those sent in if you would like to apply.

It is my hope that you enjoy these Newsletters from your Camp and that we are keeping you up to date on all that is happening at your Georgia Lions Camp. If there is something else you would like to see, please let Kristen, Doy or I know.

As always – Thank You for all you do for our Camp and those “We Serve”.

May 25, 2012 - Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention in Savannah, GA.

June 3, 2012 - Summer Camping Season starts.

July 21, 2012 - Lions Day at Our Camp!

Take Care and God Bless!

*Frank Spinney
President, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.*



Just thought I would give you an update on what has been happening since the last time I wrote you. As you know the Leo gathering has come and gone and I would like to send out an enormous thank you to all of the Leos that came to the camp this year. I saw some familiar faces, some new faces and some I did not see. Most likely the ones that were not here graduated high school last year, maybe we will see them in the near future as LIONS!!

One of the projects I had for them to help me with was the very important task of cleaning up the grounds. I have been told that young people do not like to do this task but all of them jumped in to help and you did a great job. Not one complaint from the young people! There is one young adult that really went above and beyond whatever he or she was asked to do. If you were here you know who I am talking about. This young adult will achieve great things in life with their servants heart. Another task was the sanding of the old cabinets that were in the former nurses quarters. As most of you know this building is being converted in to what I like to call The Bunk House Dorm. It is really starting to take shape. You need to come and check it out.

We do have one more work weekend before camp season starts. The date just in case you have forgotten is April 27th-29th.

On the previous work weekend the attendance was down from last year. We did get a few of the buildings pressure washed before the rain came and we also tore down the old wagon, going to turn the foundation into a herb garden, (new project).

Our primary task this year is to have the Bunk House Dorm ready for camp season. All of the drywall has been hung but it still needs a little more taping and mudding done so we can have it textured and ready to paint. Here are some of the items that we most desperately need help with.

Trim work, paint, some concrete floor preparation, doors and cabinets need to be stained, doors to be hung after walls are painted. All electrical lights, fans, outlets and other items to be completed and we have to have all the plumbing fixtures installed, Oh yes, I also need a room built on the back of the building where the water heater will be placed. VCT flooring installed and bunk beds to be put together and installed in the rooms. So you see we have a LOT to do before camp. This is just the bunk house project. I also have a fishing dock out the pond that did not just need a partial repair it has to be completely rebuilt. All materials are on site.

So if you can and are able please try to come to the next work weekend, we really need your help! Send in your reservation papers - Today! I want ask you to clean up the walking trail but I may give you a paint brush, (the kitchen still needs painting).





Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall-O'Shields liondianewall@bellsouth.net

Dear Lions and Friends:

Learning about Leader Dogs for the Blind



It is hard to believe it, but April has arrived. With less than ten weeks until the departure date, it is sometimes hard to imagine how everything is going to get done. All of the preparations have been enjoyable, but one so far has risen above all the rest... Our visit last week to Leader Dog headquarters in Michigan.

In order to be better Ambassadors for LDB, we were asked to fly out to their headquarters in Rochester Hills, Michigan for an up close and personal tour. Quite simply it was a life changing experience for both Debbie (my wife) and me. The complexity of the combined

effort of all the clients, their families, staff and volunteers to support and train the team (the client and the Leader Dog) is both comprehensive and extensive. Some people might think that you simply teach a dog some basic habits, give the blind or visually impaired person a few pointers, connect the two with a harness and call it good. This couldn't be further from the truth.

The effort to breed, whelp, raise and train a healthy and skilled dog is just one half of a complex process, but complicated none-the-less. Teams of dog breeders work with LDB staff to bring the puppies into the world. Once born and ready to leave their mother, the puppies get a full wellness check so they can move on to the next phase of their training.



Teams of volunteer puppy raisers spend about a year raising these future Leader Dogs and work tirelessly to prepare them for their formal training back at Leader Dog headquarters. Twenty percent of all puppies are actually raised by convicts as part of a rehabilitation process. No convict involved in this program has ever been sent back to prison for committing a crime upon release. This says a lot to me about the power of this work and the impact it can have on people. Twenty percent of all puppies are actually raised by convicts as part of a rehabilitation process. No convict involved in this program has ever been sent back to prison for committing a crime upon release. This says a lot to me about the power of this work and the impact it can have on people.

The next stage in the process is where teams of professional trainers on the Leader Dog staff now take the young dogs (around 14 months of age) and begin an intense five month training regimen to teach each future Leader Dog the skills necessary to complete the rigors of being a working dog. This is a challenging process where about half of the dogs show to be incapable of meeting the standards LDB has for a Leader Dog. The dogs judged to not meet expectations often times go back to the volunteer(s) who raised them or given to a good home from a long waiting list. Those dogs who make it through each round of review receives more and more specific training relative to the person they will eventually team up with. The expertise of the instructor and extensive application materials (i.e. written descriptions, video documentation and client specific information) are critical to the Leader Dogs ultimate success in their service. The years of dedicated service and experience by the staff is incredible and we were extremely impressed by their knowledge and passion for their work.





All the while the Leader Dog is going through its process, the client is preparing for their role as a member of the pending team (the Leader Dog and the client). Each person has different needs and unique conditions (i.e. locale, work and travel requirements, etc.) that are all considered in the matching process. This work requires the client to make some adjustments and to learn to take care of the Leader Dog that will work for and with them for many years. As anyone who has raised a dog knows, each dog is different and no matter how well they are trained by the professionals, the knowledge and skill of the human are key to working successfully together. This preparation, whether it is the client's first or one of many Leader Dogs takes a lot of work.

Once the team (client and Leader Dog) come together on what is known as "Issue Day", it takes weeks of hard work and training to help the team grow stronger. It all starts with what is known as a "first walk" where the Leader Dog and client (with the support of their instructor) begins the team building process. These walks become increasingly more challenging and include trips away from campus to expose the team to as many different situations as possible. This effort not only allows the team to learn how to work together, but it is part of the process to build trust between the two.



Once the team leaves campus, the Leader Dogs team continues to provide all the necessary problem solving support necessary and on-going training through instructors who are out in the field working with clients. What results are strong team of Leader Dogs and Clients who are able to travel freely and safely through their K-9, human partnership. We had the chance to experience many aspects of this process first hand over a three day tour and were deeply moved by what we learned. Both Debbie and I believe more than ever that this life-changing experience has allowed us to see Leader Dogs through an entirely new lens. Cycling for Leader Dogs has become much more to us than a one-time effort in support this incredibly important work, but rather it is the first of many efforts we plan on working on to support Leader Dogs for the Blind and all those this wonderful organization serves.

Each Leader Dog gets a unique tag back at the beginning of its formal training at around the age of fourteen months. The tag is worn until it dies, whereby it is returned to Leader Dogs for the Blind. This tag was worn by a Leader Dog named Lacey (a yellow lab) who served her owner nine days short of twelve years (average working life of a Leader Dog is seven to ten years). Lacey lived with her owner for another six months after retirement before her health sharply declined. She lived a productive and dedicated life as a working dog. Leader Dogs for the Blind has asked that I carry Lacey's tag with me while I prepare for and during this trip and I accepted this request with great honor. I feel that even though Lacey is no longer with us, she will be with me in spirit and serving as my Leader Dog. I hope that I get to meet all those who read this blog post at some point in this trip so I can share with you my Leader Dog named Lacey. Please don't be shy to ask me about her.



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Cycling for Leader Dogs
A solo cross-country bicycle tour




Trans-America Bicycle Tour June 16–August 4, 2012

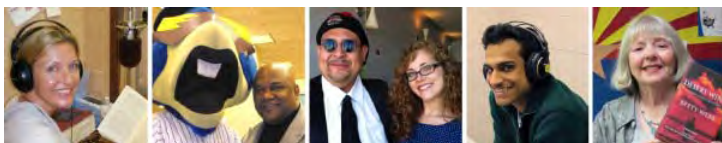
Cycling for Leader Dogs is a 3,500 mile, trans-America solo bicycle tour from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine to increase awareness and raise funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Lion Mark Mansell is a member of the La Center Lions Club (pictured at right. Mark is top middle in white T-shirt) in La Center, WA. The tour is being done in partnership with Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions Clubs along the trip route.

You can help those who are blind increase their travel independence through partnership with a Leader Dog by joining the "Penny Per Mile" club. The goal is to raise at least \$35,000, or 1,000 sponsors pledging one penny per mile for every mile of the trip.

Visit www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org
Connect with Mark on [Facebook](#)



From the desk of State RFB&D
Chair Lion Fred Smith
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Thank You to the Lions Clubs of Georgia

New on our Website for even Faster Service!

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In continuing our dedication to providing enhanced customer service, Learning Ally has added a Live Chat function to our website! There are now links on key pages of our website that allow you to open up a window to chat directly with a customer support representative, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. EST. We look forward to chatting with you!



Learning Ally Volunteer on *The Young Icons*

17-year-old Candice Coll was recently featured on nationally televised "The Young Icons." The enterprising teen is a star volunteer at Learning Ally's studio in Los Angeles, California. **Watch her 5-minute episode now!**



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJy43WPI0BY&context=C4c4f269ADvjVQa1PpcFOUqTuijDyLMAxr4uWslInQEXsJj95dqis=>



Member Support and General information: 800-221-4792

To learn about **volunteering opportunities**, contact: Eleanor Cotton, ecotton@LearningAlly.org, 706-549-1313

For information about **getting Learning Ally in your school**, contact: Patrick Flynn, pflynn@LearningAlly.org

To **donate locally** or **volunteer for a fundraising event**, contact: Lenora Dyer, ldyer@LearningAlly.org, 706-202-8386



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiermom@bellsouth.net



The Four Types of Dogs

Service Dogs assist adults with physical disabilities by performing daily tasks.
cci.org/servicedogs

Hearing Dogs alert the deaf and hard of hearing to important sounds.
cci.org/hearingdogs

Skilled Companion Dogs enhance independence for adults with cognitive disabilities.
cci.org/skilledcompaniondogs

Facility Dogs work with a professional in a visitation, education or healthcare setting.
cci.org/facilitydogs

All Canine Companions assistance dogs go through an intensive training process where they learn to master more than forty commands, such as:

- Retrieve dropped or out of reach items
- Open and close doors and drawers
- Pull a lightweight manual wheelchair
- Turn lights on and off
- Alert the hard of hearing to environmental sounds
- Show partners the source of the sounds

Dogs and people are matched to form a team, and together they attend a two-week training program at one of five training centers where they learn how to work together.



Lion Kathryn Higgins
 Diabetes Awareness Chair
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Register.

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

Join the Atlanta Tour de Cure!



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 Event Manager: Aimee Yrlas Simpson
 Email: asimpson@diabetes.org
 For more information,
 call 1-888-DIABETES x3034 or
 404-320-7100 x3034 or [Contact Us](#).

GOAL: \$775,000.00
 ACHIEVED: \$240,987.29

Are You A Red Rider?



A Red Rider lives with diabetes every day, type 1 or type 2. A Red Rider lives with diabetes every day, type 1 or type 2.

You are why we ride and we want to celebrate you at the Tour de Cure.

With hundreds of riders who may share a similar story, and hundreds more to support you, being a Red Rider can help with your first step or your millionth—in your fight to live a healthier life!

Register and learn more about the Red Rider program on the Red Rider page on this site and from your local coordinator at 1-888-DIABETES.



Diabetes in the News



We are the authoritative source of information about diabetes in the United States. Below are links to current news stories. The information contained in the articles below does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the American Diabetes Association.

For more information on recent research, our [Access: Diabetes Research](#) provides summaries of articles published in respected medical journals on diabetes and related conditions. The summaries contain links to the original research paper and to other resources. View our most recent [press releases](#).

Recent News

- [Physician incentives may not boost diabetes care](#)
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- [Report: Physician adoption of Web-based EMRs grows](#)
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Go to this web site and check out the stories above:
<http://www.diabetes.org/news-research/news/diabetes-in-the-news/?loc=DropDownNR-diabetesnews>



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

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

"Imagine Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

For more than 25 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 2012-2013 Contest – "Imagine Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. 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 15 January 2012 from Club Supplies.



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY
CONTEST RULES**

Dear Lions,

Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest is "Imagine Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on 15 November 2012, are eligible to participate. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

Lions Children First

Why Organize a *Lions Children First* Project?

As a member of the world's largest service organization, your Lions club has an amazing opportunity to make a significant impact on the children you serve. You can develop effective service projects that:

- benefit needy children in your community.
- increase awareness about children's essential needs.
- build a community network of support.
- provide rewarding experiences for your members.
- attract new members to your club.

Lions Children First provides you with resources to develop hands-on service projects in the following areas:

- **Food/shelter:** to ensure that children have safe and healthy places in which to live and receive adequate nutrition to fight off illness and develop healthy minds and bodies.
- **Health:** to provide children in need with adequate health care, to ensure their future growth and development.
- **Education/Literacy:** to ensure that children receive their right to education. Education transforms lives and breaks the cycle of poverty.

Lions Children First Information Kit

The kit includes essential information to help you organize a Lions Children First project:

- This Activity Guide
- Program Brochure
- 25 Project Ideas to Serve Children
- Project Idea Sheet: Organize a Food Drive to Alleviate Hunger
- Project Idea Sheet: Organize a Children's Clothing Drive
- Project Idea Sheet: Collect Suitcases for Foster Care Children
- Project Idea Sheet: Organize a Hearing Screening for Preschool and School Age Children
- Community Poster
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Sample News Release
- Materials Order Form

The cost of the *Lions Children First* Information Kit is US\$5 and can be ordered from the Health and Children's Services Department. More information about the kit is on the association's Web site at www.lionsclubs.org

GETTING STARTED

Step One: Community Needs Assessment

1. Discuss Assessment with the Board
2. Appoint a Committee
3. Identify Key Individuals in the Community to Contact

Contact

4. Conduct a Survey
5. Analyze Survey Responses

- 6. Share the Results with Club Members
- 7. Follow up with the Survey Participants

Step Two: Plan Your Project

Step Three: Publicize Your Project

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*SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs and YOUTH (and these will help adults as well) *** What are the characteristics of Service-Learning?*

Service-learning combines experiential learning and community service opportunities. It can be distinguished in the following way:

Curricular Connections—Integrating learning into a service project is key to successful service-learning.

Academic ties should be clear and build upon existing disciplinary skills.

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Skills for Adolescence

Skills for Adolescence (SFA) is based on highly targeted research of students in grades 6-8. Included are "Making Healthy Choices" units covering drug, alcohol and tobacco use; interactive, student-focused lessons; sessions on anger, conflict and stress management; and cross-curricular activities to encourage team-teaching. This extensive curriculum has been expanded to help students manage conflict and anger and to help teachers and administrators deal with the critical issue of bullying. Supplemental bullying prevention lessons, developed in 2009, can be found in the [Curriculum Updates](#) section of this Web site.

Our 40-session "Introduction to Skills" implementation model was proven effective by a rigorous evaluation study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). However, we recommend the school-wide model as the optimum implementation model because the entire school community creates and sustains a shared vision for positive youth development. Similarly, we recommend the three-year models as our ideal models because they provide "booster lessons" and continuous practice that reinforce the skill-building potential throughout the middle school experience. When the three-year model is not possible, we have seen much success with the two- and one-year models as well.

All options, from one to three years, include one lesson per week taught as a 45-minute class or split into two 20-30 minutes classes. Three lessons per month are scheduled for a total of 30 lessons per school year. Unit coverage varies according to time frame. Visit [Program Resources](#) to view a

variety of curriculum maps and state learning standards correlation guides.

Skills for Adolescence for Out-of-School Time - New!

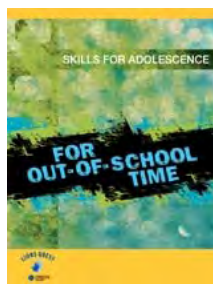
Skills for Adolescence for Out-of-School Time (SFA for OST) was created to meet the unique demands of afterschool programs and community centers working with middle school youth. SFA for OST is comprised of 33 social and emotional learning lessons, five service-learning lessons, three online bullying prevention lessons, 116 reinforcement activities, and numerous relationship-centered learning community strategies and activities. These selections, from the Skills for Adolescence (SFA) curriculum, combined with newly-created implementation tools, provide OST staff with a positive youth development program that aligns with six common elements of high-quality OST programming, recognized by researchers and practitioners as having the most influence on positive outcomes for young people. The SFA for OST program manual comes with the Changes and Challenges student book. An SFA for OST program supplement is available for those who already have the full SFA curriculum, and includes just the program guide and implementation tools. On-site, experiential training and a supportive [webinar series](#) complete the SFA for OST program options.

Lions Quest on the Web



Social and emotional learning just got more "social." Now you can follow [Lions Quest on G+](#), Google's social networking site. And check out our new [Timeline Facebook Fan Page](#).

Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School Time Curriculum



Are your local schools or youth centers looking for a quality SEL summer program? If so, tell them about Lions Quest's [SFA for OST](#). Our out-of-school-time program combines SEL skill building and service-learning to create a meaningful middle school program that enriches students and summer. [Click here to place an order](#).

Visit us on the road at: [USA/Canada Forum](#), pre-Forum LQ session, **September 12, Tampa**

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2012 MD 18 CONVENTION

SAVANNAH, GA

MAY 25-26-27, 2012

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Cost of Hospitality Book is:

Before Sept. 30, 2011	\$90.00	Oct. 1, 2011- Dec. 31, 2011	\$100.00
Jan 1, 2012-April 30, 2012	\$120.00	After April 30, 2012	\$130.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	#	@	\$35.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash:		Date Paid:		Amount Paid:	\$

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

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During this year's state convention, we are again offering a number of training sessions. As of now, it looks like the line-up will be as follows:

*zone chairs
*CEP facilitators

*club presidents and vice-presidents
*membership orientation

*club secretaries
*club extension

Fellow Lions:

The State Convention is just around the corner! We would like your help in order to make it a complete success. This year's featured highlights are -

*A professional photographer on Saturday- free online photos

*Dynamic hands on training sessions

*A special dinner catered by Paula Deen & Sons

*Beautiful Savannah location

*Friday night well known Entertainment

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