



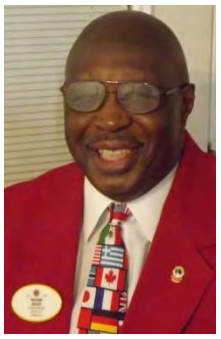
We Serve

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# District Bulletin



## Good Lions Come From All Walks Of Life



District Governor  
Bill Holley

The April edition of “Making A Difference,” a magazine published by Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, focuses on disabilities and relationships. All of the couples featured in the article are individuals with significant disabilities. The article stressed how love, sexual relationships and marriage are common, everyday, ordinary life experiences that most look forward to and some may even take for granted, but when it comes to people with developmental disabilities, these matters have often been viewed and considered off limits.



One of the couples featured in the article is Jamie and Michael Teal who have been Lions for 8 years. They experience all of the challenges of functioning in a society not geared toward acceptance of individuals with significant disabilities. This couple is a fine example of what Lionism is all about. They serve as treasurer and vice president in the Athens Heritage Lion’s Club. They attend all meetings and participate as volunteers in most lion activities.

When was the last time you invited a differently-abled individual from your community to become a Lion? Maybe it’s time to have some open dialogue about inclusion and acceptance of the differently-abled population into Lionism.

Leading by example: Together we serve

District Governor  
Bill Holley

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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## 2013 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



**BOB CORLEW**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Robert E. Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 4 to July 8, 2011. Director Corlew is chancellor for the State of Tennessee. A member of the Murfreesboro Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chair. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

**Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):**  
Fish Fry

**Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance (TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!  
**Saturday:** 6 District Breakfasts; General Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor's Banquet  
**Sunday:** 4 District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session.

**HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:**  
Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2013

*Hotel Info:*

[Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center](#)  
Two Tenth Street · Augusta, Georgia 30901 USA

**Presidential Certificate of Appreciation**  
District 18-I presentations to:  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Vicki Hubbard  
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Angela Helwig 18-D  
Bonnie Linscott Golden Chain Chair 18-D  
Frank Jensen Nomination Chair 18-F



**March – Prepare Club Elections and PU-101 forms**  
**YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY.**

**Planning Ahead**

## CHANGE

**Saturday**  
**4 May 2013 ---- 12 Noon**

**4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic/Outing**  
**Fairgrounds, Comer, GA.**  
Mark this on your calendar and be prepared – this is **FOR ALL.**



**POT LUCK** Bring your favorite  
so everyone can enjoy  
**Rain or Shine we'll be there.....**

# 2013 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



Fellow Lions,

The 92<sup>nd</sup> MD-18 Georgia Lions State Convention is fast approaching and will be here sooner than you think! It's only 9 weeks away – May 31 through June 2, 2013. The convention this year is being held at the Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites, downtown on the riverfront. All meetings, meals and rooms will be in one convenient location at this large convention hotel.

The Committee has been working diligently to plan the BEST convention ever. I know that every convention committee says this, but we really are going to give you the best convention you've ever attended. For those who play golf, welcome to the golf capital of the world! There will be a golf outing on Friday morning at one of the most beautiful, luxurious courses in the area. Please contact Lion Frank Spinney right now ([LionSpinney@aol.com](mailto:LionSpinney@aol.com)) for info & to sign up! There will be exceptional entertainment on Friday evening following the opening ceremonies. On Saturday you will have ample opportunities to go sight-seeing and experience all of the special treats that Augusta has to offer. There truly is something for everyone: the history buff, the antique collector, the connoisseur of fine foods, the discerning shopper, etc.

There will be a couple of things done differently this year. On Saturday morning we will have our traditional six district breakfasts. However, on Sunday morning – in recognition of MD-18 being redrawn from six to four districts – there will be FOUR district breakfasts. This will give everyone a final opportunity to come together as one before the new Lions year begins. Also, there will only be ONE hospitality room. However, it will be big enough to accommodate about 100 people at a time. Again, this will give everyone the chance to mix & mingle and get to know one another better.

Hospitality books are still available. The current price is \$125.00 per person, and that rate will be good through April 30, 2013. On May 1<sup>st</sup> the price goes to \$140.00 per person. So, please, get your reservations in now! The Melvin Jones Luncheon is still only \$30.00 per person; this will be a plated meal that we guarantee you will enjoy. If you have already signed up for the convention but didn't sign up for the luncheon just send in another registration form for the MJF Luncheon only along with payment. **You DO NOT have to be a MJF to attend this luncheon!**

You must contact the hotel to make your reservations. The price is \$110.00 per night (plus tax) and will be good through May 3, 2013. After that, the block on the rooms will be removed and the price will go up to whatever the hotel is charging at that time. If you want to come in early, this rate is effective from Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1. Call the hotel at (706) 722-8900 (local number) and tell them you're with the Lions Convention to get this special rate. Rooms are going quickly so don't wait, call today to make your reservation!

The convention registration form has been published in your district newsletters and is available on the state website. One is also being attached with this email. If you have any questions about the Convention please contact Lion Jon Winters at (706) 833-0458 or [wint4778@bellsouth.net](mailto:wint4778@bellsouth.net). We look forward to seeing you in Augusta!

Yours in Service,

Jon Winters  
Home/Fax: (706) 592-9622  
Cell: (706) 833-0458

**You and your spouse (or guest) are cordially invited to join the Council of Governors and the Host Committee for a Fish Fry on Thursday evening, May 30<sup>th</sup>, in Augusta at 6 pm. Our special guests will be ID Bob Corlew and his wife. The Fish Fry will be held at the Fleming Lions Clubhouse and the meal will be catered by T's Restaurant, a local tradition since 1952. The menu will consist of fish, chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, hushpuppies, tea, and dessert. Many of you have eaten at T's before - the Council ate there last August - so you know I am talking about GREAT food!**

**This will be a casual affair; no coats or ties, please. We will not be having a program of any sort. This is just an opportunity for us all to relax, eat a delicious meal and enjoy one another's company.**

**Please RSVP me, Jon Winters, by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** to let me know if you will attend. The cost of the meal is \$20.00 per person. You can pay in advance (make checks payable to "Lions of Georgia MD Convention") or pay at the door. I will send out a map and directions to everyone who signs up. Please make note of the following: if you sign up to attend and don't show you will still be asked to pay, unless you are Providentially hindered from attending.**

**See you in Augusta!**

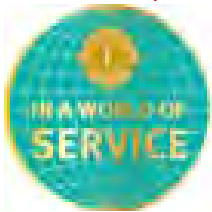


## Where in the World

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

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**International President**  
**Wayne A. Madden**



## **A New Way to Welcome New Members**



New members who are properly welcomed and orientated are more likely to remain Lions. That’s why, beginning next fiscal year, new Lions clubs will receive a welcome email from the international president. LCI will also start sending an email to new-member sponsors to thank them for their support and remind them of their responsibilities. For members and sponsors with no email address, an email will be sent to their respective club secretary. Continue to grow your Lions club by [inviting new members!](#) Go to - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/index.php>

## **Resources for Success**

Are you a Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator or Specialist? If so, you’ll want to access the [GMT Resource Center](#) and [GMT Specialist](#) Web pages to access the tools and materials needed for a successful term – including guidebooks, forms and templates, and other useful information. And don’t forget [Membership and New Clubs resources](#) to help start a new club, invite members, strengthen membership and increase membership communication.

## **New Member Induction Kits Coming to a DG Near You**

Beginning fiscal year 2013-14, district governors will receive a supply of New Member Induction Kits at the beginning of the year so they are readily available to present to new members. To make the kits easy to distribute, New Member Induction Kits will contain a membership lapel pin, new member certificate and sponsor certificate. Additional information and links will be provided in welcome emails to new members and club sponsors. Kits will continue to be available by request from [Club Supplies](#).



## **Go Mobile: Connect with Lions**

Now you can stay connected with Lions clubs wherever you go through your smart phone or mobile device! We’ve gathered our websites, blog and social media channels all in one place, so with just a tap of the finger, you can see and share how Lions everywhere are making an impact through [local volunteer opportunities](#). Simply visit [lionsclubs.org/web](http://www.lionsclubs.org/web) on your device, and follow the instructions below.

**For Apple devices, such as an iPhone or iPad:**

1. Tap the link above on your device, which will open the page in Safari.
2. In Safari, tap the Save To button (the middle icon at the bottom of the screen).
3. Choose “Add to Home Screen.”
4. Enter a title (ex: Lions Clubs), tap Add, and a Lions Clubs icon will appear as a bookmark on your Home Screen.

**For other smart phones:** Tap the link above and bookmark the page.



## **Lions Clubs International**

### **LIONS QUARTERLY**



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions helped a village out of poverty.

## **CONTESTS**

### **2013-14 Peace Poster Contest**

Purchase a kit for next year's theme, "Our World, Our Future."

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Lions Clubs Blog**

Read our blog for stories, news, photos and videos.

### **Digital Lion Magazine**

The entire Lion Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos

### **Lions Club iPhone App**

Download our iPhone app to stay up-to-date with Lions news.

## **EVENTS**

### **Calendar of Events**

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

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## **CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**





Dear Lion,

In my 32 years as a Lion, I have long been involved with efforts to save sight around the world. It is important work. Did you know that globally, 80 percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured? We have already helped millions of people through our [sight-saving efforts](#) and Foundation, and I know we can reach millions more.



I recently attended the 13th International Congress of Ophthalmology and Optometry in China. There, I had the honor of speaking about our Lions and our work. Our efforts to provide vision care for all, including vulnerable populations like children, people in developing countries and people with intellectual disabilities, are making a lasting impact. We are able to accomplish so much with our partners and with our clubs around the world.



According to the World Health Organization, visual impairment has decreased in the last twenty years. This is largely a result of combating infectious diseases, such as river blindness and trachoma. LCIF's [SightFirst](#) program addresses these diseases, and also screens vision, provides cataract surgeries, researches ways to make our efforts more efficient, and so much more, helping us realize our dream of vision for all.

Melvin Jones once said that "dreams are the simple ideas of yesterday that become the important miracles of today." Through our work to save sight and prevent blindness, we are helping the dream of vision for all to become an important miracle, every day, everywhere. Thank you, Lions. We would not be able to save sight around the world without your service and contributions.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

### Pediatric Cataract Initiative Changes

#### Lives

"For the last year, Pradip's study was affected, he was unable to see properly," said the mother of seven-year-old Pradip Tigga. She and her family live in West Bengal, India.



"My husband works in the tea gardens as a daily wage worker, so it was really hard to take Pradip to private hospital because of the financial problems. But now, he is back to school and now he can play, read and walk without anybody's support. It's our wish that he is a good student and literate,

successful person."

In 2012, Pradip received a pediatric-cataract surgery and free treatment as a result of LCIF and Bausch + Lomb's [Pediatric Cataract Initiative](#) (PCI) grant to Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in West Bengal. Through the PCI, the hospital is the recipient of one of six projects awarded around the world since 2010 to improve their local capacities to detect, treat and follow-up with the often complex pediatric cataract cases.

### Lions Quest Expands

Lions Quest has expanded to reach a new total of 80 countries, thanks to the recent program implementation in St. Maarten.

Working with the Ministry of Education, the St. Maarten Lions Club held a two day [Lions Quest](#) workshop in February that trained 72 teachers. At this time last year, LCIF's positive youth development program was present in just 72 countries. Lions Quest is also working with local Ministries of Education in the Dominican Republic, Malawi, Peru and Uganda to expand the program further in those countries.





# Editor's Note



## SPAM ALERT

If anyone gets the following email – it is SPAM – do not do anything at all and erase it immediately:

Hello my fellow Lion

I hope this email meets you in good condition of health. My name is Lion SIMON PRINGLE, I am the President MORPETH LIONS CLUB, Club Number: 20095; District: 105NE; ENGLAND. I am the Marketing officer for VAN MILDERT STORES LIMITED. We are into fabric sales. I want to employ you as our agent if you're still looking for job. We have been selling our products for the past few years and we're lately facing serious difficulties when it comes to selling our products to Americans because they are always offering to pay with U.S MONEY ORDER/CHECKS, which is difficult for us to cash here. We are looking for representatives in the states who will be working for us as a part-time worker and be willing to pay 10% for every transaction, WHICH WOULDNT AFFECT YOUR PRESENT STATE OF WORK. We need someone who would be helping in receiving payments from our clients in the States. An agent who is responsible and reliable that will be handling the payment aspect. The payment will be addressed and sent to you and all you need do is to get it cashed, deduct your percentage and send the balance back to any of our accountants/lawyers in our regional warehouses. The problem we have is getting someone that is really capable and trustworthy and i believe that it is only a fellow Lion can be trusted 100%. This offer is not going to cost you any amount because all you need to do is to receive payments which will be sent to you via delivery courier , which would come in form of a money order/check get it cashed and send the cash to our accountants/lawyers via MONEY GRAM, WESTERN UNION MONEY TRANSFER and required charges for all transfer should be deducted from the money. If you're interested, kindly get back to me ASAP with the information below. Please note any transaction carried out by our staff on behalf of this organization will be insured against risk.

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**Follow Your Dream:** During 2013-14, Lions are challenged to follow their dream to reach new heights. As we strive to achieve our dreams, we need **responsible** leaders who provide timely feedback, share accountability and work in teams. Our overall dream as an organization is to serve those in need in every community in the world. To achieve this dream, we must expand our **reach by** strengthening existing clubs, adding new clubs and recruiting new members.

Watch historic newsreel footage and other rare films of Helen Keller with Anne Sullivan in the digital May **LION Magazine**.



View these videos in the **LION Magazine** to see Helen speak about her greatest disappointment and meet with Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Frank Sinatra and other legendary figures. Also, a 1950s documentary presents Helen's daily life. Go to this web site: <http://mydiqimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=154477>

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## MEMBERSHIP



We have to stop the loss of members within our clubs.

Close the back door – retain your members by improving your programs – keeping everyone busy with projects – try new ideas – visit other clubs

We cannot continue in the wrong direction.

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

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



**Reading  
Action  
Program**

For nearly 100 years, Lions have greatly contributed to preventing blindness, restoring eyesight, and improving eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. The Reading Action Program allows Lions to provide additional assistance to individuals with visual impairments, particularly by focusing on [Braille literacy](#) and [access to assistive technology](#). The following organizations offer many opportunities for Lions to get involved:

[American Foundation for the Blind](#)

[Perkins School for the Blind](#)

[The Hadley School for the Blind](#)

[National Federation of the Blind](#)



# Message from President Madden



Dear Lion,



*"The mistake I really learned from was in 2005, leading the Indianapolis 500. I had a decision whether or not to save enough fuel to finish the race - which meant slowing down - or going all-out for the win. I went conservative and saved enough fuel to go to the end but finished fourth."*

**-Danica Patrick, Indianapolis 500 Driver**

It's April. That means we are now three quarters of the way through this Lions year. Only three more months to go. Are you going to save enough fuel to finish the race, or are you going to accelerate toward the finish line? How you answer that question will really define your year.

I want you all to accelerate!!! With three months to go, there is still so much we can accomplish – like chartering new clubs and inviting new members.

As we approach our 4<sup>th</sup> and final pit stop, district governors should be encouraging clubs to participate in our global action campaign "[Protecting our Environment](#)," and striving for at least 50% club participation in our Reading Action Program. This is also the time to end the year on a high note by chartering a new club and a net increase in membership (a requirement for the [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#))

Club presidents should ensure that their club is in good standing and has a net growth at the close of the year (a requirement for the [Club Excellence Award](#)). Currently, more than one-third of our clubs have not invited a new member this year. That represents an opportunity to add at least 15,000 additional members by the end of the year.

I'm very pleased to report as of the end of March, we have surpassed 60,000 [Reading Action Program](#) activities, serving over 6 million people worldwide. That's an amazing accomplishment, and indicative of the Lions spirit to serve the underserved. For clubs that have not yet participated in the program, there is still time. It's easy, and a great way to make a real difference in your community.

Finish strong! Make sure every bit of fuel in your tank is used by the end of the year.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden, International President

# 35th Annual Lions Day with the UN



On Friday, February 1, Lions Clubs International and the United Nations (UN) celebrated their 68-year partnership during the 35th Annual Lions Day with the UN held in New York City.

Highlights of the event included:

- Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, Under-Secretary General for Communications and Public Information at the UN, welcomed Lions and guests and discussed the [Millennium Development Goals](#).
- Lions International President Wayne Madden highlighted the collaboration between Lions and the UN, as well as the Lions global campaigns and [Reading Action Program](#).
- Carl Augusto, president and CEO of the American Foundation for the Blind, spoke about the needs of the blind in the U.S. and around the world, as well as Braille education and misconceptions about the blind.
- Keynoter Nicholas Alipui, Director of UNICEF Programs, discussed the importance of literacy and education.
- Lions participated in a panel discussion that touched on topics including youth, hunger, poverty, education and literacy.
- Two past Peace Poster Contest winners reflected on how the contest impacted their lives.
- The [2013 Peace Poster Contest grand prize winner](#) was announced.

Thank you to all the Lions, UN ambassadors, speakers and friends who attended this year's Lions Day with the UN and helped make it a fun, engaging and successful day!

## ***Pit Stop Four (April – June)***

### *Service*

- ***Participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Protecting Our Environment](#).***
- ***Make a contribution to [LCIF](#) (a requirement for the Excellence Award).***
- ***Continue to support and report [Reading Action Programs](#) in your community. Recognize members who led the effort.***
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### *Membership and Public Relations*

- ***Continue to [mentor](#) new members and reach out to inactive members.***
- ***Participate in [Lions Worldwide Induction Day](#) in April.***
- ***Publicize your club's service to local media outlets using LCI's [sample news release](#) and your club's social media.***
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### *Operations*

- ***Hold club officer elections and submit [Club Officers Report](#) (PU101) by May 1st.***
- ***Host an Appreciation Dinner or event to recognize outstanding service.***
- ***Make sure the club is in good standing and has a net growth at the close of the year (Requirement for the Excellence Award).***
- ***[Transition](#) to the new officers by providing records, helping them set goals and providing the status of on-going projects.***
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## ***Finish Line! Apply for the [Club Excellence Award](#)***



## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

### District I Club Officer Training

WHEN: Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Comer Fairground, Highway 22, Comer, GA

Join us for this important training to get our clubs off to a great start in the new Lions year. This training is for returning officers, new incoming officers, and any Lion who is interested in a leadership role. Even if you have served in an office for several years, there is something new for everyone.

Our next training event will occur at the MD-18 Lions Convention on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Augusta. There will be Certified Guiding Lion and Mentoring training, along with a panel for Zone Chairs.

If you want your club to excel in 2013-2014, please take advantage of these training events. Your club is only as strong as its leadership. There are continued opportunities to take advantage of webinars and on-line courses also.

Thanks for all you do!

*PCC Grace Clower  
18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

### ***Training Materials/Resources***

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



| Date  | Topic  |
|---|--|
| <b>May 22, 2013</b><br><b>7 p.m. – 8 p.m. (CST)</b><br><br><a href="#">Register</a> | <b>Inviting, Inducting, and Involving New Members</b><br>Tips on how to invite, induct and involve new members into your Lions club. |

### ***How to Use a Microsoft Office PowerPoint Presentation***

Would you like to deliver effective and visually interesting presentations and training? If so, the online tutorial, [How to use a Microsoft Office PowerPoint Presentation](#) can help! This interactive tutorial demonstrates how to open and save a PowerPoint presentation from the Leadership Resource Center, and how to copy and insert new slides into a presentation to adapt it for your audience. You will also learn how to view a presentation as a slide show, and how to print speaking notes for your presentation. Click here for the [tutorial reference guide](#).

***Club Officers Orientation*** - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php> This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses.

***Club Officer Individual Training*** - Online courses reviewing the roles, responsibilities, tasks and resources of each club officer position.

[Club President](#)  
[Club Secretary](#)  
[Club Treasurer](#)



## Global Membership Team

The following article was a part of a Leadership presentation at a recent USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum

**Reasons members leave Lions:** The top three reasons members resign are due to club cliques and politics, lack of meaningful involvement and lengthy/boring meetings. With effective meetings all three of these can be eliminated.

**What you have to do:** Look closely at your club meetings— do the members seem interested, enthusiastic or bored and impatient? Listen to input from your club members. After the meetings, are they inspired and motivated? Learn where problems exist. Good club meetings still have hick-ups - club atmosphere, is it friendly or tense and boring? Respond and implement appropriate changes. Good meetings do not just happen; they are because someone planned a good meeting. How well you prepare will be reflected at your meeting.

**Pre-planning:** One of the rights of a volunteer is the right to be involved in the planning and evaluation. The President should pre-plan with a brief personal survey, either one on one or by telephone. It should include: What do you like about our meetings? What don't you like about our meetings? What type of guest speakers do you wish to hear? How often do you wish to hear a guest speaker? Are you comfortable in leading the national anthem or invocation? How do you rate the meeting room facilities? How do you rate the food? Summarize and make changes that reflect the majority of the members.

**Meeting room and equipment:** Is it private – some clubs have meetings in the open space of a restaurant – no privacy. PA system – as we get older, our hearing is not as good. Invest in a basic PA system if your meeting place does not have one and most of all use it! For presentations, are there a screen, overhead and projector for presentations? Paraphernalia – is it displayed properly and prior to the majority of members arriving?

**Agenda's:** Requires pre-planning. At the meeting, do not prepare the agenda and open the mail. Either the President or Secretary can prepare the agenda but both should have input. Give out a brief agenda to the members so they know what is coming up and if they have to speak, when their turn is. Ensure the mail is picked up a few days prior to the meeting, paraphrase the reading of correspondence and do not read it if it needs to go to the Board of Directors first. There are numerous formats used by clubs and most fit their particular needs. The key is to ensure it is followed. All new business requests should be referred to the Board of Directors prior to being discussed at the regular meeting. Do not do committee work on projects during the meeting; the reports should only be a summary. Please ensure all guests are made welcome, introduced and not left on their own.

**Time Management:** Start and close on time. Do not hold the start of the meeting for late members. They will soon learn the meetings start at the posted time. Advise the members five minutes prior to the start to allow them to get back to their seats and finish with any conversations they are having.

**President/Secretary Communication:** The president and secretary need to be a strong team. They need to have very good communication, whether it is one on one or by telephone, email or text messaging. It is important NOT to connect just prior to the meeting to set up the meeting – very unprofessional and it shows. Read out the Thank You letters and highlight invitations and upcoming events from other clubs. Pick one item members might be interested in from the Zone Chair, District Governor and Multiple District bulletins and Lions Clubs International Magazine. Remember most do not read the aforementioned in detail and some might not even see it. The key is that you want to keep your members attention.

**Speaking Mannerisms:** Stand up when addressing the membership. Speak clearly and project to the back of the room. Inject enthusiasm into your speaking – better interaction. Remember, when talking only 15-20% of what you said is received by the Lion in words. 80-85% is through body language and voice. Do not hide behind the head table, stand up and talk. Do not lecture the members as they do not have to be there. Do not go off on tangents that do not apply. Do not rattle your change or keys in your pockets, very distracting.

**Appearance:** How are you and your members dressed? Do you see members with torn jeans, dirty shirts, some unshaven, hair not combed or do you see clean slacks/skirts, nice shirt or blouse, club shirt, uniform? What impression do you wish to leave?

This covers club members, visiting Lions, community guests and potential new Lions. Image is so important and the image you portray has a large impact on the community as well as all visitors and members. How can you change this? Discuss at a board meeting and get the executive onside. Have them improve their image and it will rub off.

**Tail twisting:** A very important position in the club. This person needs to be enthusiastic, have a positive attitude and be an idea person. They have the ability to create the club atmosphere at a meeting. The tail twister has to be flexible as they may be called upon to change their time due to a late meal or delayed speaker. Depending on the agenda, they may only have a short time to create an atmosphere of fun and fellowship with the Lions. Times have changed, eliminate the concept of fines. You can still collect a dollar or two from the members but do it through a group or small group activities, happy bucks, social mixers or raffle. Some group activities are a Lions quiz, Halloween balloon decorating and individual or group table activity. The key is to have FUN.

**Guest Speaker/Programs:** Why have a program? It can be an informative learning experience, an enjoyable way to fill the agenda. Have a group you donated to speak on their use of funds. It is a good way to find out if your club would like to support a specific organization. It should be held minimum once a month. How to choose a program? It should be interesting to the majority of members and if the President did his pre-planning survey, they already know what the members are interested in. It should fit the allotted time frame – maximum 20 minutes including the question period. It should be applicable to the local community or current Lions interests. Some examples of Lions Based programs: Lions Clubs International Foundation, District and Multiple District Foundations, youth and special needs camps, Lions Quest, Lions Youth Exchange, Diabetes Awareness, Leader Dogs, Hearing Awareness and the list goes on. Some examples of non-Lion based programs: Parks and Recreation, local Search and Rescue, community policing, wild life rescue organization or a local current event.

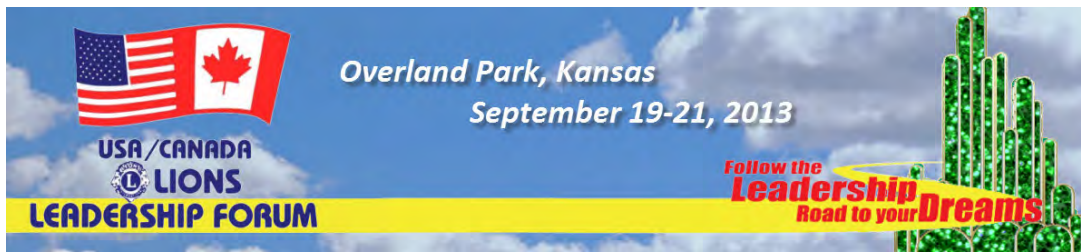
**Lions Orientation:** It should be once a month and on the same meeting date each month. The President should know the topics through the pre-planning surveys. Suggest after the meal for no more than 5/10 minutes. Choose a good club speaker. There are lots of topics through LCI programs. It is great for new members as well as the longer tenured members.

**Control of Meeting:** How to make or break the meeting! The President is the control person. When people are talking out of turn, don't be afraid to stop talking and wait until you have their afternoon or use the gong to say: quiet please. If they continue to talk out of turn, say something after the meeting. If that fails, talk to them again. Sometimes one person overshadows a meeting. A suggestion is to say —Peter we appreciate your comments, however, we would like to get the opinion of a few others prior to the vote or discussion ends|| or —Peter, we would like some other Lions comments then we will come back to you for one more if you wish to speak again. Not a Committee meeting!! Do not allow the meeting to be used to put the specifics of a project together. If a chairperson needs volunteers, obtain the names after the meeting is adjourned or by phoning/email/text messaging. Do not spring items on members just before the meeting. If you wish them to speak, request prior to the meeting. Give speakers a time frame prior to arriving at a meeting. Give out recognition throughout the year. It is one of the Rights of a Volunteer.

**Cliques:** Definition: a small exclusive group of people within a large group. Good cliques are fellow Lions who have common interests, fellow Lions of a certain age/era and fellow Lions working a specific project/activity. Bad cliques are Lions unwilling to mix with members, talking throughout the meeting amongst each other, ignoring the meeting or always sitting at the back of the meeting room. Some suggestions to overcome: give a table number when all Lions arrive, occasionally sit at their table and join in, ask them if they would not mind mixing once a month or give out raffle ticket with a duplicate number, find a match and exchange three points of interest about each other.

**The Change Curve:** It is very important to remember that not all people adapt to change at the same rate. Some are called quick starts that jump at change as a positive development; some are analyzers who require a lot of information prior to giving a commitment and some think everything should be left just as is. Remember, when you bring in a new idea or concept, you have already bought into the idea. You now have the members buy into your idea and be ready to adapt your concept with their input. The first reactions to a new idea/change are shock, denial then anger or fear. With sufficient information and input from the group, it will lead to acceptance and finally commitment or buy-in. Without buy-in, the changes you wish to make to ensure an effective meeting will not be successful.

**S.W.O.T Analysis:** is used to analyze the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to having an effective meeting. As you progress through change in your meeting structure, you should sit down and write down the specifics under the four categories mentioned above. You can build on strengths and opportunities. You can work with the club on weaknesses and threats to eventually make these strengths and opportunities. Remember to reevaluate and adjust as necessary. To succeed, you need pre-planning, open communication and follow-up.



Lions from all over the United States and Canada will converge on this corporate headquarters city that is a south suburb of Kansas City, Kansas for 3 days of leadership, motivation, and inspiration. The planning committee is diligently working to make this a grand event and we always try to top the previous forums.

You might be wondering, "Why should I go to Overland Park?" I will admit that there are no mountains, oceans, or sand beaches. With that in mind, the planning committee and the Overland Park host committee are even more committed to providing a memorable experience for you. Also, we have been challenged to refresh and "change-up" the Forum. While some aspects are previously contracted, we are seriously incorporating suggestions made in evaluations, taking advantage of new technology in presentations, shorter seminars and keynotes, and a new look with the new Forum logo. An explanation of the new logo design will appear in the next newsletter.

Another reason that Overland Park is so attractive as a Forum host city is how easy it is to get there. Since Overland Park is in the center of the United States, many attendees will simply drive there. It is only an 8-hour drive from Indianapolis or a 3-hour drive from Des Moines. Plus, FREE parking at all hotels and at the Convention Center. FREE in-room internet access at all Forum hotels. If you fly, you will want to fly into Kansas City International Airport. Southwest Airlines has direct flights from many cities around the country. The Forum official travel agency, Suzi Davis Travel, will be pleased to make those arrangements for you. Information on the airport shuttle arrangements will be coming in a future newsletter.

As an attendee of 26 previous Forums since 1986, I attend to "recharge my batteries". I always leave the Forum refreshed and with leadership ideas that I can use in my professional work, with my co-workers, with my fellow Lions, and with my family. I leave motivated to accomplish more. And I become inspired to be a better person and a better Lion.

Over sixty seminars will be presented including the usual club officer seminars and the "President meeting the Club Presidents" session with 2013-2014 President Barry Palmer. Keynote speaker Ed Hearn will conduct a seminar on Friday morning about Conquering Life's Curves. Friday lunch keynote Speaker Dayna Steele will interview some Lion "Rock Stars" in a Friday afternoon session. A featured seminar on Saturday morning will be the Doctor Love's Traveling Sponsorship Show hosted by PID Doc Myers of Alaska.

Mark the dates of September 19-21, 2013 and register now to take advantage of the discounted early bird registration fee. You may want to come a day or two early or stay later and take advantage of the many sights and museums of the Overland Park-Kansas City area. No trip to Overland Park or Kansas City is complete without taking advantage of some of the many barbecue restaurants (and they do have barbecue chicken, turkey, and other items than just BBQ beef and pork).

The Host Committee under the leadership of Past District Governor Neal Nichols is excited about showcasing the best that Overland Park and Multiple District 17 have to offer Forum attendees. Come and enjoy their hospitality. They have laid out the yellow brick road for you to follow to the Emerald City. We will see you in Overland Park in September.

Doug Lozier, Past International Director  
General Chairperson  
2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



## An Invitation to the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Overland Park, Kansas



Dear Lion Leader,

As General Chairperson of the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, I want to personally invite you to this great learning event. Overland Park, Kansas will be the site for this fall's top North American Lions educational experience. September 19-21, Lions from all across the United States and Canada will converge on the "*Land of Oz*" to sharpen their leadership skills, renew old friendships and make new friends. As a leader in your area, this would be a great opportunity to learn more from accomplished presenters and visit with our International leaders.

Our 2013 Forum Theme "*Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams*" will be the backdrop for 63 seminars and workshops held over the three day event. In addition, four featured main speakers will grab your attention with their dynamic and motivational topics during each of the four meals. I promise you will not only learn something new, but you will also be moved, entertained, motivated, and will experience a renewed sense of pride in being a Lion!

You are encouraged to visit our website at [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org) and check out the January Newsletter which is loaded with information on the speakers, seminars and hotels, along with articles on the Kansas area. Also on the home page is a printable registration form and you can also register online with the online registration form. More newsletters will be forthcoming so keep checking back.

Please accept my invitation to join me in Overland Park, September 19-21 this year for the most memorable Forum ever, our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

**Doug Lozier**

PID Doug Lozier, General Chairperson

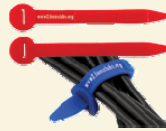
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Lynn Bob Watson  
District 116  
Columbus, Georgia

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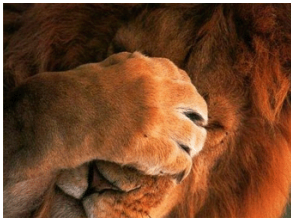
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# CLUB REPORTS



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 =** We raised over \$1500 for VisionWalk AC Lions Club

**Buford Lions Club =** Sue and Earl Benson spent most of the day at Learning Ally touring the facility and learning what they do and how they operate. Sue Benson spent 1.5 hours reading and recording part of a book. Earl Benson assisted by operating the computer. 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm - We had 8 members present at today's meeting where discussed our visit to Learning Ally and sent them a \$100.00 donation. We also sent LCIF, Leader Dog, Camp for the Blind and Ga. Lions Lighthouse a \$100.00 donation each. We turned in names and money for 26 people to attend the G-Braves game on May 18th. We also sent \$200.00 to Ga. Lions Lighthouse for White Cane Donations. 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm - Lunch was provided by Jackie Hutton. There also was a Guest Speaker. Steve Smith, who made a great presentation on Senior Security and Senior Protection such as wills and tax matters. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Steve's presentation and he also held a question and answer session after speaking. Sue Benson worked in nursery keeping children at First Baptist Church Buford, Ga. Sue and Earl Benson attended the Buford Business Alliance meeting at the local Sears Community store. We represented the Buford Lions Club where have the opportunity to meet and network with many Buford Business owners. Sue & Earl Benson cooked and served a meal for 65 seniors at the Abundant Life Fellowship meeting at First Baptist Church Buford. Sue Benson: Shopping for supplies for Abundant Life Fellowship meal.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club =** The month of April has been a busy month for the Lions Club of North Hall. We held our second bi-annual pancake breakfast and it turned out to be another successful event. The community came together, we served a great meal, introduced ourselves to the people surrounding area, told the story of the Lions Club, invitations to join and informed the community that we are here to serve. Special thanks to the White County Lions Club, Dahlonega Lions Club and to the Gainesville Lions Club members for coming and participate in our fund raising event. The PPI (announcement of officer selection for 2013- 2014) has been taken care for this year and looking forward to the new officers take over the leadership and guiding the club to another level.



The board has decided to keep stocking brooms and mops for us to sell. We will be at two community benefit yard sales this month to get more exposure and sale brooms / mops. We are still working of the plans for the 5K run in September at Clermont Days Centennials Festival on the weekend of September 20th and 21st. Please visit the web site [clermontdays.net] for more information. We are now on social media "Facebook" {North Hall Lions Club} visit the site look it over and "like" us so we can move up to another level of service. We will be using this for information about the Lions Clubs and about the things that are going on at our club. We have just started it up and have not put everything on the pages yet, so visit us regularly and often to see what is new. We approved 3 applications for sight services. The club will be at the District "I" Meeting and Rally on May 4 to hear what is happen across the new.

**Dacula Lions Club** - I am so please to announce my gratitude to the members who participated in our White Cane fund raiser this past weekend along with our Zone Chair Lion Wayne White ( who offered to assist when he heard we needed help). **ARE YOU READY !!!!!!! WAY TO GO DACULA LIONS !!!!!!! WE COLLECTED A TOTAL OF \$818.00 (working only two days).**



**Dahlonega Lions Club** = Dahlonega Lions Club held their 2nd Supermarket Sweep in cooperation with Fresh N' Frugal on Saturday March 29th, 2013. The winning ticket was Waypoint Center, a Christ-Centered drug and alcohol recovery program. For a three minute run Waypoint was able to secure \$624 in groceries. All proceeds of raffle sales support Lions Club Sight Conservation Program. Dahlonega Lions Club will be holding their annual May Pancake Breakfast on May 11, 2013. This is an annual event for the club, which brings awareness to the community of what Lions due. The event is held at the local Park and Rec Department, with the breakfast being an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" Pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and coffee. All proceeds help support Sight Conservation Programs. Dahlonega Lions Club speaker for the March 28th meeting was Lorraine Morris, Deputy Director Lumpkin County Emergency Management. Lorraine presented a program on CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). She provided an introduction and overview of the CERT Agenda and presented to each member a copy of "Do you know what to do When Disaster Strikes?" Currently Dahlonega Lions Club has a member that has been through the course and received CERT Certification. Dahlonega Lions Club had the privilege of having Freshman Representative Kevin Tanner speak to the club on April 25, 2013. Kevin is a resident and native of Dawsonville, Georgia, who provided to the club a wrap-up of the 2013 State Legislative. As a Freshman Representative, Kevin was proud to have passed 3 bills that he sponsored this session: HB 497 will streamline the boat registration process; HB 502 will establish a joint study commission to study our state's mental health system; and House Bill 122 will allow the Sex Offender Registration Review Board to have access to offender files maintained by the Parole Board.

**Dawsonville Lions Club** = White Cane Day at Dawsonville Chick-fil-A. Election of Officers. Results reported to LCI President; Katie Hulsebus 1st Vice President: Don Cargill 2nd Vice President: No candidate Secretary: Jim Buckley Treasurer: Martha Holbrook Tail Twister: Donna Hicks Lion Tamer: Bill Leonhardt 2nd year Directors: Joe Bosworth and Ken Bredden 1st year Directors: Sam Catanzano and Chuck Pierce Membership Director: David James. Guest speaker Alice Williamson, Ninth District Opportunities, Inc: They are a federally funded 5013 c whose screen clients for vision and other needs. They're trying to get a transitional shelter for the homeless. They do energy assistance programs, Medicaid, food stamps and child care assistance. They help their clients to become cell sufficient. <http://www.ndo.org/web/>.





**Decatur North Decatur Lions Club** = Held our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Officer of the Year Award. Officer Ryan E. Carrigan was the 44<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Police Officer of the Year. Officer Carrigan family watched as a Proclamation was made by Commissioner Stan Watson and Lion President Bill Lowe gave him the Award. Police Chief Cedric Alexander was Guest Speaker. District Governor Olin Newby also presented a few gifts to some of the Lions present. Music was provided by Mr. Timothy Jones.



**Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee:** Jerry Legg reported that We collected 268 pair of used eye-glasses and 28 lenses. had been collected. **Sickness, Distress and Praise:** Lion Larry Briggs is continuing his rehab at The Oaks at Limestone in Gainesville, Ga. Lion Ham Riddle is now recuperating at home. **Committee Reports:** – We collected 138 used eye-glasses. Pancake Supper: The Jefferson Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Jefferson High School Cafeteria, Jefferson, GA. Adult Tickets will be \$6.00, Children Tickets for age 2-12 will be \$3.00, and Children under the age of 2 will Eat Free.

**Old Business:**

Attended the District 18D District Convention at the Foundry Inn in Athens, GA on March 1-2, 2013: Lion Mark Bradley, Zone III Chairman, Lion Gay Bradley, 2nd Vice-President and Lion Jerry Legg, 1st Vice-President The **Programs:**

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We had 2 members attend the North Decatur Lions Club. We had 1 member attend a Lions Pancake Breakfast in Hawaii while he was on vacation. We collected 176 pair of used eyeglasses and 168 lenses. We donated \$100 to Foundation Fighting Blindness for Vision Walk We donated \$100 to Meals On Wheels

**Loganville Lions Club** = PRESIDENT CURRY CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 7PM. REV. STEARMAND OPENED IN PRAYER. LION JERRY GOWER LEAD PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. AFTER DINNER LION JUNIOR HALL TAIL TWISTER RECOGNIZED BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES. LION GALEN REEDER WHITE CANE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR ALL WHO COULD TO PARTICIPATE SATURDEY APRIL 6. OFFICERS FOR LION YEAR 1012 AND 2013 WERE ELECTED. CLUB VOTED TO HAVE A FAMILY PICNIC SATURDAY MAY 4TH. RECIPIENTS FOR TWO \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN SELECTED. CLUB ADJOURNED AT 8:20PM.

**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = If you would like to volunteer, we have this Sat. 4/20 & the next Sat. 4/27 between 7AM and 1PM. Just give us a call if you need more info. on time and place, then come out to join us with a smiling face! 4/2; two Legacy Lions visited rejuvenated Monroe Lions Club luncheon for the purpose of proposing joint golf tournament in October. Proposal was made to club membership and approved. A committee of two Monroe Lions and two Legacy Lions was established and will be chaired by Kathy Ivie.....Grace Clower was also present to induct two new members and update members on activities at the Light house. 4/2; 1 Legacy Lion visited Dacula Lions Club to share Legacy Lions experience with vision screenings, and answer questions from Dacula Lions members regarding procedures to screen applications to determine true need...Grace Clower was also present to provide history of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and services provided there. 4/6; four Legacy Lions volunteered for Shepherd Staff fund raising BBQ.. two members spent 11 hours "pulling pork" from 50 smoked boston butts, two members spent 6 hours assisting in preparing plates to be served for "eat in" . 4/20; 7 Legacy Lions conducted second of three scheduled "white cane bucket brigade" for benefit of Georgia Lions Lighthouse. 4/18 3 lions met at Monroe country club to begin plans for October golf tournament. 4/19; 11 Legacy Lions attended tree planting dedication at Walnut Grove library..ceremony overseen by Walnut Grove mayor and Lion John Pringle who is also a member of the Walnut Grove downtown development authority.



PSSST....ck out the picture above of the "Bucket Brigade Boyz" I found hanging out on the corner. 4/13; 7 Legacy Lions collected white cane donations at several locations in Loganville, collecting \$ 520.00 toward total goal of \$ 1500.00. Collection activity will continue for two more weekends.

**Norcross Lions Club** = PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the GA Lions Lighthouse Night of the Spectacles, a fundraising event for the Lighthouse. The Norcross Lions Club met at the GA Lions Lighthouse for their monthly meeting. Following dinner we toured the Lighthouse facility. The Norcross Lions Club donated \$500 to the White Cane fund at the GA Lions Lighthouse when they visited the facility this month. PDG John Rudert worked 48 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Wes Luster worked 6 hours in the Optics Lab. PDG John Rudert worked 48 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Wes Luster worked 6 hours in the Optics Lab.

**Snellville Lions Club** = Tuesday, April 23, Texas Roadhouse in Snellville (Kohl's shopping center) will donate 10% of food purchases from 4PM-10PM to the Ga. Lions Lighthouse. The Snellville Lions have been collecting donations for White Cane during April & this ties in directly with this event at Texas Roadhouse. Donations sent to the Lighthouse will be used for eye surgeries with a goal of PREVENTING white canes! We've had a terrific response from friends, family & the community for White Cane! Thanks to everyone who donated. 100% of your donation goes to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation & is specifically used for eye surgeries. Thanks to everyone! This photo is our last day of collecting donations. Lions Johnnie Collier, Patsy Spencer & Grace Clower. Thank you to Chick-fil-A on 78! And thank you to the Kroger stores and other Chick-fil-A locations that also allowed us to collect donations for White Cane!



**Toccoa Lions Club =** Toccoa Lions Club 2013 White Cane Day 1 = Lion Bill and young girl resized. The Absolute Highpoint of the Toccoa Lions Club 2013 White Cane Days came on Saturday afternoon when a young girl came back to make a second contribution to the White Cane Days. According to her Nana, the young girl first gave a dollar which her Nana had provided. When they got to their car the young girl wanted to give the money she had received as a birthday gift, which is today. She made a second gift of several dollars. The Toccoa Lions wish this young girl a very Happy Birthday and want to thank her for being so generous and willing to help those in need. Lion Bill Graham, Chair of the TLC White Cane Days, presented her with a White Cane Day Ribbon and said “this young girl is an inspiration for all of us and it gives me confidence for our future.” In recent years, the GA Lighthouse Foundation has provided residents of Stephens County with up to \$44,000.00 worth of eye medical services. Local Boy Scout of America Explorers Nick and Reece help the Toccoa Lions raise money for this very worthwhile organization. Toccoa Lions Club White Cane Committee Chair, Lion Bill Graham, relates “We really appreciate all of the help we get from the citizens of Stephens County, Wal-Mart and young folks such as Nick and Reece. We really could not do this without all of them.” Explorers Nick and Reece are members of the Law Enforcement Explorer Post 77 sponsored by the Stephens County Sheriff’s Office and the Stephens County School System. Toccoa Lions White Cane Committee Chair, Lion Bill, reports “everyone was enthusiastic but we will just have to wait and see if we can match last year’s record breaking results.” Lion Bill continues “We really appreciate the support we get from our youth. Law Enforcement Explorer Post members Explorer Nick and Reece were a great help.” Fourteen local Lions helped on the first day of White Cane Days. They worked a total of 45 hours raising funds for the GA Lighthouse Foundation. Lion Margo performed 22 eye screening the first day. The general consensus was that we had a successful day.



**LE Explorers Nick and Reece** Lion Bill and the young girl are pictured above/below. The slate of officers for the upcoming year was presented. Lion Dave Stancil talked about the upcoming Chili Open on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Lion Bryan Gordon reminded members of the memorial service for Nick Thomas. The speaker for the day was Kay Cox representing the Stephens County Hospital Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab Program. She recognized one graduate of the program, Dr. Edmunds. The program combines exercise, education, and socialization to achieve the patient’s highest possible level of health. The program was started in 2008. The current director is Dr. Mark Hancock, SCH hospitalist. To be admitted to the program one must have had a cardiac event or be diagnosed with COPD. The size of the facility has doubled with recent renovations giving room for various types of equipment. A short video was shown. President Ray Cornell said that he will be presenting an engraved plaque to Lion Emeritus Vernon Smith. Cups-N-Cones had their first two customers for the 2013 season. Lions Bill and Dale, pictured above/below, enjoyed an ice cream treat after a great lunch at BJ’s in downtown Toccoa. Lion Bill had a Dutch chocolate cone and Lion Dale had a Peaches and Cream cone. Bill and Dale relate, “the ice cream was great, this is going to be a great place to drop by on those warm Georgia Spring and Summer days”. Just for the record, Lion Dale holds the title of 1<sup>st</sup> Cone! All profits from Cups-N-Cones go towards the support of the Open Arms Clinic. Open Arms mission is to provide medical services to Stephens County residents who have no medical insurance and cannot afford medical care. The Toccoa Lions Club presented their Outstanding Community Service Award to the Stephens County High School JROTC at their Awards Ceremony on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Toccoa Lions Club President Elect, Bryan Gordon made the presentation. Lion Bryan, better known as Bryan the Lion, told the audience “we have worked with the JROTC for four years and this is a great program for our community. The cadets did a great job helping us in our community service projects again this year. We look forward to continue working with these young men and women.” Bryan the Lion presented Lt. Col. Priatko with an Appreciation Letter, a Certificate and a check for their Outstanding Community Service. Lt. Col. Priatko is the new Senior Army Instructor for the Stephens County High School JROTC. Lion Dave Stancil reported on the upcoming Golf Tournament. He said that we need Lions to be there before and after the tournament to show a presence to the golfers. Lion Bryan Gordon announced the speaker, State Leader Dog Chair Pam Schloemer, who had yet to arrive. She arrived just in time to tell the membership about an exciting Lions project, Lions Night at Turner Field, on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Some of the special activities will include guided tours and inspirational talks for sponsored high school teams and a tailgate party as well as admission to the game. They are expecting 25 sponsored teams and at least 2500 in attendance. This game will be nationally televised and promoted which will be excellent public relations for Lions. The cost for sponsoring a student from our Lions Little League team will be \$43.00. Eleven Lions volunteered to sponsor one team member each. Their sponsorship will appear on their next bill. After the meeting Lions were given the opportunity to purchase T-shirts to support the program.



**Towns County Lions Club** = The Leo Club Rummage Sale held on March 29-30, 2013 in the Anderson Music Hall with proceeds to benefit the Towns County Food Pantry was a huge success. The LEOs raised \$640 to donate to the Food Pantry. The LEO members want to thank all the Lions Club members who donated items to the rummage sale for this worthy cause to help eliminate childhood hunger. A check presentation to the Food Pantry was scheduled to deliver the funds to them. The LEOs also want to thank Ms. Laurie Main and Ms. Deborah Saylor for all of their support and guidance with this project.



**BMW State Rally**  
May 3rd & 4th, 2013



**Georgia Mountain EggFest**  
May 17 & 18, 2013



**Rhododendron Festival**  
Friday, April 19th - Sunday,  
May 12th  
(Each Weekend)



**Shriners Convention**  
June 14th & 15th,  
2013



**Rodney Atkins**  
May 17th, 2013  
7:00 PM

**Tickets - On Sale April 5th**  
Level 1: \$37.00 + Handling  
Level 2: \$27.00 +



**GABMA "Motorcycle"**  
June 21 & 22, 2013

**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing:** Approved 3 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected: Activities/Community Service Activities** - Lion Mildred Thompson reported that we have received 11 Scholarship essays from Union County High School. Lion Louise Little reported that we have received 1 Peace Poster Entry from Woody Gap School. Lion Joan Shaw reported on plans and gave instructions for this weekend's White Cane Drive. **Membership:** The Board approved membership applications for Donald Stevens and Annette Colwell-Stevens. **Programs: April 11** - First Vice President Mary Arnold introduced guest speaker, Sheriff Mack Mason of Union County. He has impressive background in law enforcement including State Patrol and came out of 13 year retirement to 'run' for sheriff position. Sheriff Mason then told of many updates and changes in how the department is operated including downsizing number of employees from 65 to 42. Worn out equipment is being replaced as well as vehicles. Sheriff Mason wants the image of the department to reflect that they are servants of the community with top quality leaders who treat all persons like they ARE somebody! Membership Chairman Lion Gray Williams inducted 2 new members: Donald & Annette Stevens. Lion Mary Arnold is their sponsor. **April 19 and 20** - Annual White Cane Drive- 18 Lions had 153 Hours collecting funds for the Georgia Lion's Lighthouse during our Annual White Cane Drive. **April 25** - Prior to the Meeting, Zone Chairman Louise Little held a Lions Orientation Session for 4 of our newest Lion members. Lion Mary Arnold introduced guest speaker, Chuck Honaker United States Army retired. He is disabled Veteran and has impressive military background, having served in Iraq, Desert Storm and Cold War. He was awarded a Purple Heart and is current Adjutant for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7394 as well as for Disabled American Veterans Chapter 11 and is very involved in various community projects. He spoke of his experience in 'road-side' bomb in which his friend and 'buddy' was killed. It was this event that put him in Walter Reed for many months of recovery and rehab. He also spoke of importance of being a volunteer and commended the Lions for 'serving others.'



WORKING LIONS - 295 hours  
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS  
 ASSISTING LIONS - 211 hours  
 Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by  
 Union County Lions *NEWS* Articles: 2 submitted.

**White County Lions Club** – Tail Twister Tommy Miller presented an application for glasses from Lynn Lambert with the motion that it be approved. The motion was seconded by Chuck Goetz, and after some discussion the motion was approved. Mr. Lambert will be notified to set up an appointment with Dr. Calvin Dalton for an exam. A second individual was given an application to be filled out, but has not submitted that paperwork as yet.

President Howard received information from National concerning are membership numbers. It appears that the amount of money owed to National has been corrected and will be paid. This will put our club back in good standing. The question came up about our future as a club. Charlotte Miller made a motion that this issue be considered by those present. The motion was seconded by Tommy Miller. The issue was opened for discussion. The options were (1) default on past dues and deactivate the club, (2) pay the past dues and deactivate the club in good standing, (3) pay the past dues and reactivate the club. After discussion, it was determined that it was best to break the vote into two parts. Charlotte withdrew her motion and restated it: She moved that we pay the past dues. The motion was seconded by Betty Goetz. The motions passed unanimously. Betty Goetz moved that, after payment of due, we reactivate the club. The motion was seconded by Charlotte. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, it was moved by Tommy that we adjourn. Seconded by Chuck and passed.

This brings the discussion that we have been fighting for the past three years. White County NEEDS a Lions Club. Why is it that we cannot get support? It appears that many of the Charter Members just wanted to have their name on the Charter. WELL SHAME ON YOU! You were willing to have this club started then just abandoned it??? We have tried to make the meetings accommodating and easy to attend. I realize that we are all busy, but surely you can make an effort to give us TWO HOURS, TWICE A MIONTH! Come on people. MAN UP! Help make this club the organization that it should and can be!

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = Donated \$1380 to LCIF. The club recognized a Junior Class Student from each of the two Barrow County High Schools as Juniors of the Year. They are selected by their principals for their outstanding achievements in academics and participation in service activities. 79 pairs of glasses were collected in April to be recycled. The Winder Noon Lions Club Golf Tournament was held in April to raise funds to support Lions Club services and local agencies. \$1200 were donated to the following local community agencies: Adult Literacy Center 100 Steak & Steak (fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club) 600 Light Shelter 100 Peace Place 100 Relay for Life 100 WBHS Band Award 100 Benevolent Ministries 100 \$1413 were donated to the following Lions Club Agencies: Lions' Camp for the Blind 300 Leader Dogs for the Blind 200 Lighthouse for the Blind 40 Recording for the Blind 200 White Cane 273 Canine Companions 200 Camp Kudzu 200

**Toccoa Lions Club** These are pictures I took at the zone meeting held at Ty Cobb Medical Center in Lavonia, GA on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The meeting was hosted by the Lavonia Lions club. Members from the Toccoa, Martin, Carnesville, Royston-Franklin Springs Lions clubs joined the meeting with Lavonia Lions. Pam Schloemer made an good presentation of why we need to get youth involved with Lions and the great opportunity Lions have with Lions Night at Turner Field in Atlanta on June 15th.



May 2013 (Recycle for Sight Month)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet – 6:30 pm – Gate Cottage – Speaker PCC Kembra Smith**

**10<sup>th</sup> – Chilly Open Golf Outing – 9:00 am – Highland Walk –Victoria Bryant SP**

**17<sup>th</sup> – Relay For Life – Lions Team – 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm – downtown Toccoa**

**23rd - Club Little League Picnic – Site TBA - 6:00 pm**

### Jefferson Lions

Monday, May 13, 2013 Spring Picnic Calendar work sheets due

Monday, June 24, 2013 Officer Installation



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

**Did you submit yours?**

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

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

# THE 2013 CHILLY OPEN

Golf Tournament

## FRIDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

SHOTGUN START 9:00 A.M.

HIGHLANDS WALK VICTORIA BRYANT  
ROYSTON, GEORGIA



TEAM FEES MUST BE  
PREPAID BY MAY 3RD

LONGEST DRIVE PRIZE  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN PRIZE

FOUR PERSON LAUDERDALE  
\$400 FIRST PLACE PRIZE




LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD  
IN SUPPORT OF LEAD DOGS FOR THE BLIND

ATLANTA BRAVES VS SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> | 4:00 p.m.



**DEAR LIONS AND SUPPORTERS,**  
 I'm pleased to announce that the Atlanta Braves and San Francisco Giants are joining forces to support the work of Lead Dogs for the Blind. This partnership will allow us to provide a special experience for our fans who are visually impaired. We will be offering a special seating area for our fans who are visually impaired. We will be offering a special seating area for our fans who are visually impaired. We will be offering a special seating area for our fans who are visually impaired.



PLEASE CONTACT US AT:  
[www.braves.com](http://www.braves.com) | [www.giants.com](http://www.giants.com)

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Payment will be made from your account. Please  
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 Thank you for your support of the Atlanta Braves and San Francisco Giants.



**GA. Lions Lighthouse**  
**VP Lion John Rudert, PDG**  
[JRudert@comcast.net](mailto:JRudert@comcast.net)

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

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

Dear Lions,

Together, over the last six decades, Lions Clubs across Georgia have saved the sight of thousands of Georgians through our White Cane Campaign. But it only takes one story to understand the impact of your gift. As we raise money for a cause, sometimes we can lose sight of the impact each dollar donated makes.

Almost 20 years ago, Shannon Dickey received sight-saving surgery from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Her story is powerful and speaks volumes to what we can do together.

She said, "I don't know any of the people who must have participated in the process at the Lions Club. The tireless fundraising, the administrative people who deal with the day to day realities of running a nonprofit that works. There must be many of them. If I could bake them all cookies I would. How do you thank people for helping you see your child's face, the road ahead, a way through? You can't really. They don't expect it. I'd like to say thank you anyway. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

For all of you who have held bucket drives, rain or shine, for decades, thank you. For all who have hand delivered letters to local businesses asking for donations, thank you. Your efforts have made a difference.

We receive a large part of our vision clinic funding through grants, our hearing aid program is funded primarily by the public service commission, but it is Lions Club funding that keeps the eye surgery program alive. Please read Shannon's full story, found below. Share her story at your next club meeting, forward it to people you know, and know that your continued efforts make a difference.

Sincerely,

Sarah Epting Gardner  
Partnership Director

Jim Adams  
Executive Director



### Service Numbers

From July to December 2012

People having eye exams  
**172 were from 18-D**

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

Eye surgeries were performed.  
**55 were from 18-D**

Hearing aids through the dispensation  
**179 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:*

**7 May**  
**Athens**

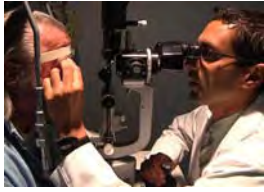
Contact Judith at 800-718-7483 or [JKerr@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:JKerr@lionslighthouse.org) for more information about volunteer opportunities.

### Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

#### 18 D District Chair:

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





Dear Lions,

After a very successful fundraiser last weekend that grossed over \$240,000, the Lighthouse is in full-planning mode for the state convention next month. We have decided to extend the awards deadline to May 10.

1) The deadline for submitting checks to the Lighthouse for the Overall Giving Award and the White Cane Award is now May 10 -- this is the date that checks must be postmarked by. Right now we have raised \$54,243.55 towards White Cane and our goal this year is \$120,000 so please ask your treasurer to send those checks soon. White Cane is a crucial funding source of our eye surgery program.

2) There are also service awards that you may nominate your club for annually. Awards include the Ken Massingale Award, the Hearing Award and more! To submit a nomination for one of these awards [please fill out this form](#). = Go to: [http://www.lionslighthouse.org/lions/donation\\_award](http://www.lionslighthouse.org/lions/donation_award)

3) If your club is planning on submitting a Tom Bingham Fellow these will be ordered by the Lighthouse in May, unless the club has specified that they need it sooner. Please submit all Tom Bingham Fellow award nominations by May 10. You may email nominations to Sarah Gardner at [sgardner@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:sgardner@lionslighthouse.org).

4) I encourage you all to consider joining the Luminary Society or 1949 club this year. We are hoping to have 30 new Luminary members before state convention. To make a donation to qualify for membership in these societies [click here](#). = Go to: <http://www.lionslighthouse.org/give/luminary>

**For more information about Lighthouse awards visit [our awards and recognition page](#).** = Go to: <http://www.lionslighthouse.org/lions/awards>

Thank you for all that you do support Georgians to provide vision and hearing services allowing the uninsured to lead normal and productive lives.

Sincerely,

Jim Adams  
Executive Director

**Questions?**

Your Lighthouse Awards contact is Sarah Epting Gardner. If you have questions you may contact her at: 770-738-4679, or <mailto:lzhou@lionslighthouse.org>.



**Students from St. Pius X High School volunteer in the recycling center.**



**Damaged, recycled glasses, ready for shipment!**



**Lighthouse Clinic Staff at Night of Spectacles**



**Alcon volunteers**



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Ken Fuller**  
[hiawasseken@yahoo.com](mailto:hiawasseken@yahoo.com)



We worked on the Memorial Gardens and got much accomplished — much more than I expected to get done — during the second work weekend. We had some really dedicated people that worked on it all weekend. I would like to thank Mrs. Peggy Chapman for the Monument that is shown in one of the pictures. She had a company that donated the monument and also donated lettering on the monument. The picture just shows one side of the monument but it is lettered on both sides. Lions that are interested in the Memorial Gardens need to come down and see what is being done. We are going to lay bricks that were purchased with the name on them on Lions Day, July 22, 2013.

I would also like to thank the people that worked with the Memorial Garden and those that have purchased bricks. I also want to thank Mike Williams, our Building and Grounds manager at the Camp for the work he has put in the Memorial Garden on his own time.

Hope to see all of you at Lions Day in July. Come and visit with other Lions and see what you Camp is doing. While there, you'll have a chance to interact with campers and to experience what they do at our Camp.



**THANKS Lions = Jeffrey Lawrence (a new member at Calvary), Johnny Ballentine (Camilla), Carey Van-Landingham (Calvary), Dave Forrest and Carl Forrest (Barnesville -Lamar).**



# Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction 2013 State Convention

The Silent Auction for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind is back! Lions Clubs are encouraged to donate a theme basket for the GLCB Silent Auction to be held during the 2013 State Convention in Augusta. This is a great opportunity to get your club members involved.

Theme baskets are only limited to the creativity of the club members. If your club selects to do a beach basket then members could bring items that remind them of their beach experiences. How about a chocolate basket for that chocolate lover? College football teams are always popular! Please remember to attach a list of items in the basket and the total value. The baskets will be on display during the State Convention and bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email Marty Connell, GLCB Fundraising Chair at [salto.one@cox.net](mailto:salto.one@cox.net) and/or your Camp for the Blind Vice President as follows:

Lion Ken Fuller, District 18D, [hiawasseeken@yahoo.com](mailto:hiawasseeken@yahoo.com)

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in Augusta.

The 2nd fundraiser that will be taking place is the 3rd Annual Gwinnett Braves/Lions Baseball game to support the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The game this year will be on Saturday, May 18th and the Gwinnett Braves will be playing the Louisville Bats. Tickets are still \$8 per person and if we sell over 200 tickets, \$3 will go to the Camp. Last year there were over 250 tickets sold throughout the District and at \$3 per ticket, the Camp realized over \$750 from the clubs that supported this fundraiser. Now, for the really super news = If you or anyone you know is a collector of "Bobblehead" figures, the GBraves will be "Freddy Freeman Bobblehead Night" and they will be giving away a *Freddy Freeman Bobblehead*. I know that the Bobbleheads will be limited, so put this date on your calendar now and start looking for friends, neighbors and business acquaintances that would like to attend. I will be getting you the forms with all the information.



**Join the Gwinnett Braves and  
the Lions Clubs of Georgia**

**Saturday May 18th, 7:05 PM  
vs. Louisville Bats**

Seats are located in the  
BASELINE BOX (\$8)

Order form and payment must be received FRIDAY, April 19TH

All checks payable to your local Lions Club  
Return order forms to your local Lions Club

WWW.GWINNETTBRAVES.COM

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## 2013 GWINNETT BRAVES ORDER FORM RETURN BY April 19th

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| Ticket Price                                 | Number of Tickets | Amount Due |
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| BASELINE BOX \$8                             |                   |            |
| Total Amount Due:                            |                   |            |
| MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB |                   |            |

\*Children 2 and under do not require a ticket if they will not be sitting in their own seat \*



Return order forms and payment to your local  
Lions Club by April 19th

Tickets will be available at the Gwinnett Lions  
Club private will call table at the game on May  
18th, 2013

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Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey

# Motorcycling for Leader Dogs Trans-America Motorcycle Tour June 15–July 8, 2013



Last summer, Lion Mark Mansell rode his bicycle from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine for Leader Dogs. With tremendous support from across the country, he raised over \$100,000. This summer he will be joined by his wife, Debbie, as they travel again on two wheels, but this time with a motor added so they can cover more ground in less time. Join the adventure as they take on this challenge.

That's right! The man who rode 3,500 on his bicycle last year is at it again— but with a twist!

This time Lion Mark Mansell will be on a motorcycle instead of a bicycle and he won't be alone! His wife, Lion Debbie Mansell, is going along for the ride. The duo will be riding 9,349 miles through all 48 contiguous states in 24 days. Their journey to raise awareness of Leader Dogs for the Blind begins in LaCenter, Washington (Mark and Debbie's home town) on June 15 and ends in Bakersfield, California on July 8.

Along the way Mark and Debbie will be meeting with Lions Clubs, talking about Leader Dog's programs and raising funds to support those programs.

You can learn more about their trip, follow their progress or donate at [leaderdog.org/cyclingforleaderdogs](http://leaderdog.org/cyclingforleaderdogs) or see pictures and get updates on the Motorcycling for Leader Dogs page at [facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs](https://facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs).

**PDG Lion Len Quinn from Leader Dogs for the Blind and his Leader Dog Ginger visited an elementary school in La Center. What a tremendous gift of knowledge and wisdom he gave our students. Thank you Len! Also thanks to Kay Quinn for being such a great partner in service with Len.**

**YOU CAN ASK LION SHEILA TO DO THE SAME.....**







From the desk of State Chair Lion Fred Smith  
[lionfredsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lionfredsmith@gmail.com)

### What is Learning Ally?

- Learning Ally is a national nonprofit founded in 1948, originally called Recording for the Blind, initially established to help blinded soldiers returning from World War II go to school and re-enter society.
- Since then, the organization has expanded its mission to support people with a wide range of reading disabilities, including blindness, visual impairment, dyslexia, and other learning differences.
- Learning Ally provides an online library of 75,000 accessible audio textbooks and literature titles – the largest of its kind in the world.

### Who uses Learning Ally?

- K-12, college and graduate students, as well as veterans and lifelong learners.
- A documented disability like dyslexia, visual impairment or physical disability is required for membership.
- Approximately 80 percent of Learning Ally’s members have dyslexia or a learning disability of some kind; the remainder have a physical disability or are blind or visually impaired.

### How does it work?

- More than 5,000 trained volunteers work with Learning Ally staff to record and produce accessible audiobooks.
- Students can browse the library, order and download audiobooks, and listen/study on PCs and Mac computers, mainstream devices like iPad and iPhone, as well as on specialized assistive technology devices.

### Who can volunteer?

- Volunteers are always welcome to fill out an online application form at [LearningAlly.org](http://LearningAlly.org) to apply for volunteer opportunities.
- Specialty readers with subject-area expertise in math and science are especially needed.
- Volunteers can also help with various tasks such as fundraising, awareness, and other audiobook production needs.

### How do Learning Ally audiobooks differ from conventional audiobooks?

- Conventional audiobooks are not fully accessible for students with reading disabilities.
- Learning Ally audiobooks have built-in functionality enabling students to efficiently navigate through the material – they can easily find a certain chapter or page, set multiple bookmarks, do their class reading and study effectively like any other student.
- Of critical importance for blind readers, Learning Ally audiobooks are read by human narrators who include teachers, doctors, mathematicians, scientists and specialists in every subject—people who can describe in correct language and detail every chart, graph, diagram and illustration.
- More than 65 percent of Learning Ally’s library includes core-curriculum textbooks for K-12 and college – with extensive collections in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
- For blind students, one Braille textbook can fill an entire bookshelf. A Learning Ally audiobook can fit on a small device.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair  
[eskiermom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiermom@bellsouth.net)

### Marvelous Mardene

Luke will be 18 in just a few weeks. And like most 18 year olds, he craves independence. But, his disability limits his independence. His illness is progressive, weakening all his muscles.

Thanks to his highly trained assistance dog Mardene, Luke is getting some of that independence he craves.

“Mardene allows me to be more independent because she opens doors for me and picks things up off the floor for me,” Luke explains.



As Luke prepares to leave for college in the Fall, the tasks that Mardene performs for him are increasingly important. For instance, Mardene can get the phone for Luke when he wants to call a friend, or needs help.

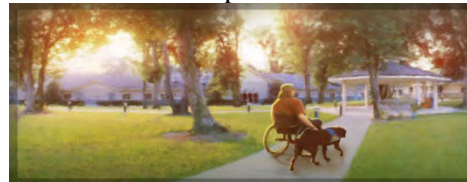
In addition to the tasks that Mardene can perform for Luke, Mardene creates a social bridge for Luke.

"With Mardene by my side, I feel less invisible," explains Luke.

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### Into Independence

AJ Brockman is an accomplished artist and he creates his art with a computer mouse and one finger on his left hand. All the time with his Canine Companions Service Dog Dre by his side. AJ created and donated an original piece of art called "Into Independence for the Tales & Tails Gala and he created an additional 100 limited edition prints.



They are available for purchase for \$75 and all proceeds will be donated to Canine Companions

Please visit his [Web site](http://store.singlehandedstudio.com/) for more information.

[http://store.singlehandedstudio.com/  
product/into-independence-landscapes](http://store.singlehandedstudio.com/product/into-independence-landscapes)



Lion  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

### Do-It-Yourself Fundraising

go to this web site for full details -

<http://www.diabetes.org/donate/do-it-yourself-fundraising.html?loc=DropDownDON-diy-fundraising>

Are you looking to set up an online fundraiser?  
We have four ways for you to do it.

#### Join Team Diabetes

By joining Team Diabetes you can participate in an athletic event of your choice — a marathon or triathlon, for example — while helping to raise vital funds to support the mission of the American Diabetes Association. Register as an individual, start a team, or join a team. You will get a personalized web page with powerful fundraising tools to help you spread the word to friends, family members, and others you want to have support your event.



#### Create a Local Fundraiser

Whipping up a bake sale?  
Hosting a golf event?  
Want to use your efforts to support the American Diabetes Association? Use our peer-to-peer network to get the word out to your friends and family, and give them the opportunity to make an online donation to support your efforts on behalf of the Association.

#### Always and Forever Tributes

Celebrate the life of a loved one by creating a personalized American Diabetes Association Memorial Tribute Web page. Using this easy-to-use web page creator, you can publish an Always & Forever Tribute page with a personal message, photos, and a link to a personalized donation form that collects gifts in honor of your loved one.



#### Community Walks

A new, exciting, and important way for you to raise awareness in your community about diabetes and raise funds to find a cure. As a Volunteer Walk Coordinator, you will have

access to our online tools, receive a kit to plan your walk, and receive one-on-one support from an Association staff person—everything you need for a successful walk!

Go to this web site for **Step Out**

[http://stepout.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=OUT\\_homepage](http://stepout.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=OUT_homepage)

We have separate tools for raising money for Step Out.

Date: October 12, 2013  
Check-In/Breakfast: 8:00 am  
Start Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Independence High School  
86 School Drive  
Alpharetta, GA 30009  
Distance: 5k (3.1 miles)

**register**  
[http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/A1ATG-AtlantaArea?fr\\_id=9084&pg=entry](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/A1ATG-AtlantaArea?fr_id=9084&pg=entry)

Date: November 9, 2013  
Check-In/Breakfast: 8:00 am  
Start Time: 10:00 am  
NEW Location: Turner Field - Braves Stadium  
Distance: 5k (3.1 miles) \*Includes walking on the baseball field

**register** [http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/A1ATG-AtlantaArea?fr\\_id=9096&pg=entry](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/A1ATG-AtlantaArea?fr_id=9096&pg=entry)



REVISED! Exercise doesn't have to be "no pain, no gain" and you don't need an expensive gym membership, fancy exercise equipment, or a rigid exercise schedule. The key is staying active by making the most of the activities you already do. *The "I Hate to Exercise" Book* teaches you simple ways to build activity and exercise into your daily routine, with the long-term goal of creating a regular exercise regimen you'll love and stick with. Learn how to:



- Add activity to your day
- Create a fun, low-impact walking plan
- Set realistic goals and chart your progress
- Ease your way into more physical activity

Also available as an eBook, *The "I Hate to Exercise" Book* will get you up and moving in no time!



Go to this web site for **Tour de Cure**

[http://tour.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TC\\_homepage](http://tour.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TC_homepage)



I'd like to volunteer for the Tour event in:

**Atlanta, GA**

**May 19, 2013**



**Finalist from USA: Lions Clubs International 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest -**

**Grace Halley a 12 year old student from Gwinnett County and the entry came through the Snellville Lions Club. Congratulations to Grace!**

### *Our World, Our Future*

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on 15 November 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

**AWARDS:** Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

**International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of \$5,000 and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2014.

**23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.



### **LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

### *Our World, Our Future*

**"NEW"** The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in Peace Poster kit and on the LCI website.

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on 15 November 2013. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

• Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. A

Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.

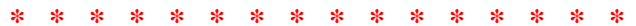
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

### ***Kits are available 15 January – 1 October 2013:***

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

### **April is Leo Club Awareness Month**

*Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to your Lions club and can increase your club's community exposure by attracting new audiences, such as young professionals and parents. April is Leo Club Awareness Month, the perfect time to consider [sponsoring a Leo club](#) that will provide members with camaraderie and growth through*



**It is with regret that I must submit this report to the Council.**

**For the first time in five years, we are unable to obtain host families for four students from Finland. These students have been looking forward to this experience for many months.**

**A call was sent recently to all District Youth Exchange Chairs asking them to please find host families for these students desiring to visit Georgia. Later, another request was sent to all Georgia Lions concerning the urgency to provide these students with a "family" so they could travel. No one answered or inquired about the urgency.**

**I have sadly sent word to the Youth Exchange Chair of Finland stating, for the first time, we are unable to fulfill the need to have these exceptional Exchange students visit Georgia.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Faye H. Smith  
**FAYE H. SMITH**  
**MD-18**  
**YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR**



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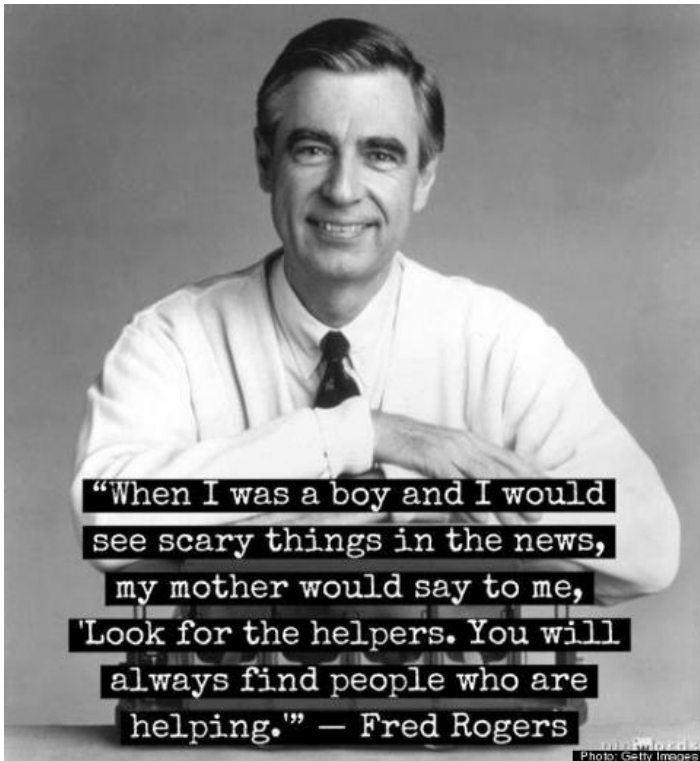
LIONS – HELP!

SUMMER VACATION IS NEARLY HERE AND WE STILL NEED HOST FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS WISHING TO VISIT GEORGIA. GEORGIA LIONS, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONSIDER BEING A HOST FAMILY. YOU MAY HAVE A FRIEND THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A HOST FAMILY – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A LION TO HOST A STUDENT. YOU DO NOT PAY ANYTHING (JUST FURNISH FOOD, ROOM AND TREAT THEM LIKE FAMILY). THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR THE STUDENT’S STAY IS UP TO YOU. MONTHS ARE MAY-AUG. IT COULD BE 2 WEEKS TO 4 OR 8 WEEKS.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE? \*\* YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND SHARE IDEAS WITH A STUDENT FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY. \*\* A LIFETIME OF GREAT MEMORIES. \*\*FORMING A FRIEND FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY. (IF YOU HAVE TEENS, THEY COULD HAVE A PEN PAL.) \*\* ENERGIZING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. \*\* BEST OF ALL YOU WILL ENJOY LOTS OF FUN AND NEW ADVENTURES

E-MAIL OR CALL ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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## Lions Club egg hunt caters to visually impaired

PARKERSBURG - Near-freezing temperatures and snow did not keep children from the second annual Easter Egg Hunt held by the Parkersburg Lions Club on Sunday for visually impaired children.

"I had a great time and so much fun being part of an Easter egg hunt," exclaimed Emily Emrich, 15, of Mineral Wells. "I hate being left out of things and this time I wasn't left out, it was for me."

Emrich has been blind since birth and with the help of her mother, Annette Emrich, was able to hunt her own Easter egg candy in the City Park horseshoe pitch Sunday afternoon in Parkersburg.



Emily Emrich, 15, of Mineral Wells, is led around the City Park horseshoe pitch by her mother, Annette Emrich, on Sunday during the Parkersburg Lions Club’s second annual Easter Egg Hunt for visually impaired children.

"I didn't realize exactly what they were doing, but I am so glad the Lions did this because Emily was able to feel like every other kid," Annette Emrich said.

Emily Emrich was one of about half a dozen children, both sight-impaired and sighted, who participated in the club's spring event. Children who do not have visual impairment participated by placing blindfolds over their eyes.

"A lot of us take for granted the fun an Easter egg hunt is and there is a whole group of people who have never gotten to Easter egg hunt and we want to give them that chance," said Kevin Clem, event organizer for the Parkersburg Lions Club.

The local Lions got the idea for the hunt last year from the Beckley Lions Club, members said. In order to help the children with sight issues with the egg hunt, Lions members stood around the horseshoe pitch in the park and set up stations. Each station had a Lion holding the beeping "egg" as well as candy-filled plastic eggs for the children.

Many of the children had a partner to help direct them as they followed the sound of the beeps and when they reached the origin, were handed the candy eggs.

"Lions is working to eradicate blindness, but, unfortunately, we aren't always able to," Clem said. "This Easter egg hunt is one of the ways we are finding to help kids still be kids and have a good time."

Parkersburg resident Lori Hanna brought her daughters Chey Willis, 5, and Lexi Willis, 8, to the hunt without knowing the blind nature of the event.

"I just saw this was an Easter egg hunt and am always looking for something for them to do," Hanna said. "I think blindfolding them and having them do one activity without their eyes will give them a better understanding of how the blind live, which I think is a good thing for them."

Lexi Willis said not being able to see was very weird. "I didn't know where I was going or what I was doing," she said. "It was really hard to hear the beeping because everything sounded louder when I couldn't see."

At the end of the hunt, Clem announced the Parkersburg Lions Club will hold the hunt again next year.

"We will definitely do this next year and it will not snow," he stated. "I promise that it will not snow."

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### WAYS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN'S (AND OUR OWN) RESOURCEFULNESS AND CREATIVITY

Play imaginative word games: For instance, devise ways to build a house if you landed on the moon. Or make lists of all the difference and imaginative ways you could use a simple household item, like a rake, or a hand mixer, or a spoon or fork. Enjoy those wacky answers!

Play make-believe games: You know, pretend that you're a monkey. Or pretend to be machines like lawn mowers, popcorn poppers, or leaf blowers!

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### Lions Children First is on Facebook. To connect with Lions Children First, sign up for Facebook today.

#### About

Thomas Marshall Does It All is a blog about my son who is blind. It's about the challenges and everyday lessons of raising a blind child. Find resources, get information, and learn how blind children experience the world.

To promote a positive view of blindness by sharing my son's story in the blog

<http://thomasmarshalldoesitall.blogspot.com/>.

With the proper education, people who are blind can lead happy and productive lives. Watch Thomas Marshall Do It All!



## “Lions Bringing Help & Hope to Children” Seminar

### PowerPoint

Go to:

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/LionsBringHelpHopeToChildren\\_Sydney2010.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/LionsBringHelpHopeToChildren_Sydney2010.pdf)

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**We provide a listing of each of our newsletters, as you may be interested in each of the program areas.**

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# LIONS OF GEORGIA

2013 MD 18 CONVENTION

Augusta, GA

May 31 – June 2, 2013

## HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

| NAME<br>(check boxes that apply)<br>Each person receiving a hospitality book<br>must be listed. | #<br>Hospitality<br>Books | #<br>M/JF<br>Luncheon<br>tickets | Lion<br>(check) | Leo<br>(check) | Guest<br>(check) | Dietary<br>Restrictions<br>(type) |
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| Club:          |  | District:         |  |
| Address:       |  | City, State, Zip: |  |
| Email Address: |  |                   |  |

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

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| Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2012 | \$95.00  | Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012 | \$105.00 |
| Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013                    | \$125.00 | After April 30, 2013        | \$140.00 |

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

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites  
 2 Tenth Street  
 Augusta, Georgia 30901  
 706-722-8900 or 1-800-868-5354  
 Make Reservations Directly with Hotel  
 Room rate is \$110/night plus tax  
 Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:**

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 P. O. Box 634  
 Hephzibah, Georgia 30815-0634  
 H: 706-592-4492  
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