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May 2014

We Serve



District Bulletin



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

**This is Recycle for Sight Month and Kids Month.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

“We do have a promising future and I am proud of the Clubs who have added to their membership rolls. I am proud of all the Clubs within the District. We are family.”

Tanx for being who you are – LIONS

***Communication is the KEY! Make sure you pass the WORD.***

Yours in Lionism,  
Ed



**GROW THE PRIDE**

A Note from DGE, Vicki Hubbard

As I sit here writing this article for the newsletter I am reflecting back on my year as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. I have traveled a lot of miles and covered a lot of District 18-I. What I remember most is ALL of the great LIONS that I have met along the way. I have learned a lot from the clubs that I have visited this past year, I have heard about your activities, fundraisers and service projects. I have heard about the history of your Lions Clubs and how proud you all are to be members. I have observed many Lions that go that “extra mile” to help out other members or even other clubs. I have seen how many Lions are learning new technology to carry their clubs into the future; and how some are content to continue to do things like they always have. There is no right or wrong way; it is whatever works for you and your club. As long as we are all reaching the final goal of “WE SERVE”

Also, as I sit here I am looking toward the future of the upcoming Lions year 2014-2015. In two short months, I will be your District Governor. I will leave for the International Convention in Toronto, Canada on June 30<sup>th</sup> and return on July 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to hit the ground “running” when I return. I will bring back the new International President, Joe Preston’s message to you. My hope is that we can start off a great year in July and “Grow the Pride” throughout the year. We are planning some great training opportunities for the 2014-2015 Lions year; but we will also have time for fellowship and FUN!!



I am sort of like the Lion’s symbol, I am looking at the past and reflecting on the time that I have had this year, but also looking toward the future on the time that is yet to be. I hope that all of the Lions of District 18-I will jump on board and take this “ride” with me toward the new Lions year.

So, keep on growing your clubs so we can keep serving those that are less fortunate than ourselves and in need of our services. Keep supporting the state initiatives, Leader Dogs, LCIF, GA Lions Lighthouse and GA Lions Camp for the Blind; but also continue to strive to support your own communities. Without our communities there would be no Lions clubs. Look for areas in your counties where a new Lions club may be needed. There are many ways to serve; let’s think outside of the box this upcoming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank DG Ed Hashbarger for the time and information that he has shared with me this year; it has been very much appreciated. DG Ed’s exemplary leadership has set the bar high for us.

The incoming Vice District Governor’s - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect, Lion Anne Mundy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect, Lion Bob Norton; along with myself and the other members of the incoming cabinet are here to serve you. If you have any questions, concerns or opinions we are here to listen.

Look for more information in the coming months for the dates, times and locations for the Cabinet meetings and the training sessions. Also, if you haven’t already signed up for the State Convention, I would encourage you to do so. The State Convention is in Macon, Georgia this year, the dates are May 30, 31 and June 1, 2014. International President, Barry Palmer will be joining us as our special guest, it will be a great opportunity to hear from the International President.

I look forward to serving as your District Governor for the upcoming Lions year; however right now I need to finish up the job of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. I will “talk” to you again next month and fill you in on some more exciting information!



**First Ever Lions Club Museum to Open at Leading Atlanta Non-Profit**  
*The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation celebrates 65 years by honoring founders*

ATLANTA, GA, April 3- On May 10, 2014, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Georgia's only statewide provider of vision and hearing care for uninsured Georgians, will open the first ever Lions Club Museum. A ribbon cutting ceremony open to Lions Club members and press will take place at 1:00pm at the Lighthouse Foundation. (5582 Peachtree Rd. Chamblee, GA 30341).

Items to be on display in the 1,000 square foot exhibit hall include a 65 year old Braille Bible on limited display from the Statesboro Lions Club, comprised of 15 volumes. The Carter Center has contributed numerous items from President Carter's rich history as a Lion. Items include letters of correspondence between Carter and Lions Club Historian Chip Nedza, photographs taken during his presidency, and documents on Lionism dating back to 1948.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation was founded by three Lions Clubs in 1949 in order to provide a sight-saving surgery for 4 year old Max Parker in Moultrie, Georgia. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) remains the largest service organization in the world, with 1.35 million members in 208 countries (241 clubs in Georgia alone). As the cornerstone of the foundation, Lions Clubs throughout the state have guided the organization in its mission and service for the past 65 years.

Today, the Lighthouse Foundation serves more than 6,500 of Georgia's 1.9 million uninsured by providing eye exams, eyeglasses, sight-saving surgeries, and digital hearing aids to Georgians on all ages each year. Through collaborative partnerships with over 500 hearing and surgical providers and 26 mobile clinics throughout the state, the Lighthouse Foundation is able to touch all 159 counties in Georgia.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May is Recycle for Sight Month

**15 May** = Deadline for submission of PU-101 – Report to LCI.

**PLEASE DO THIS EARLY.**

(This helps the incoming DG to prepare for State Directories)

**29 May** = Council of Governors Meeting – Macon, GA.

**June – Installation of Club Officers**

**1 June – Helen Keller Day**

**5 June – World Environment Day**

**30 May- 1 June** = MD-18 State Convention, Macon, GA.

## Planning Ahead

**Club Secretaries – place year-end awards and gift presentation order with Club Supplies**

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

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Membership growth is the key to healthy clubs. So make sure your clubs take advantage of the **Together We Can Grow Contest**. High-performing clubs around the world will be rewarded for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win a choice of **US\$250** in credit toward LCI club supplies or a **US\$250** donation toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellow. Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!

**Check page**

## 2014 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



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

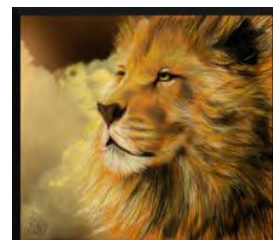
**Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance (TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!

**Saturday:** 4 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, 2014**  
*Hotel Info:*

**Macon Marriott City Center**  
240 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217  
(478) 621-5300





## 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**

**Barry J. Palmer**

**First Vice President**



## **Meet NHL Star Rich Clune at the Key Award Social**



The [Membership Key Awards Ice Cream Social](#) on July 6 at the

International Convention welcomes Rich Clune, NHL hockey player with the Nashville Predators. Clune will share his personal and professional journey of success, addiction and the road back to playing professional ice hockey.

Clune's off-the-ice team at Renascent (Canada's leading alcohol and drug treatment center) and supportive family have helped him triumph against another set of long odds. Take this opportunity to meet him and learn from his inspirational story. A limited number of tickets are still available.

## **Service Opportunities with Local Special Needs Camps**

Recreational camps for people with special needs have a positive impact on the lives of both children and adults. Camp programs are fun and incorporate experiences customized to meet the special needs of their participants and help them gain new friendships, confidence and independence. Plus they're a great opportunity for Lions to

support their community!

[Find a camp near you](#) and explore service opportunities, like preparing the grounds, welcoming campers, assisting with camp activities or even donating your professional expertise. And remember to [report your camp service via MyLCI!](#)

## **Is Your Club Ready to Achieve Excellence?**



The [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP) provides you with tools to

strengthen your service projects, improve your club's effectiveness and enhance its membership experience. So far this year, over 5,000 clubs have registered for CEP in order to energize their skills in service, communication, leadership development, membership and satisfaction.

[Sign up for the Pro or Lite version](#),

depending on your club's needs.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>

## **Submit a Photo of Lions in Action**



We want to see how your club is serving the community!

[Submit a photo through the LCI website](#), and you might see your club featured on the Lions Blog, the LION Magazine, the LCI Facebook page or our other social media channels. The best photos are candid, close and clear images of Lions actively engaged in a service project.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/submit-a-photo.php>

## **Be Part of the Lions Care Project in Toronto!**

Headed to Toronto for this year's [International Convention on July 4-8?](#) Show your "We Serve" spirit by participating in the [Lions Care 2014 Project](#). This service project benefits

the YWCA Toronto, which provides shelter for women and children.

Check out the designated area at the convention center, where you can donate new toiletries, public transportation tokens and gift cards for women and children in need. Join Lions in giving back to the convention host city and serving Toronto! To stay updated on convention news, [follow LCIcon on Facebook](#).



**Lions Clubs International**

## **LIONS QUARTERLY**



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions are helping New Orleans musicians stay healthy.

## **CONTESTS**

[2014-2015 Peace Poster Kits](#)

[Peace, Love and Understanding](#)

Purchase 2014-15 Peace Poster Kits

[Together We Can Grow](#)

Win US\$250 in Club Supplies or MJF Donation

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

[Digital LION Magazine](#)

The LION Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos and links.

[President's Service Blog](#)

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

## **EVENTS**

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

[International Convention – Toronto 2014](#)

Last chance to register in advance. Avoid long lines and register by May 1st!

## **CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**





Dear Lion,

Ever since Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) established the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, I often reflect on how thankful I am that my children and grandchildren can receive immunizations for life-threatening diseases like measles. But not all kids are so lucky. Did you know that more than 300 people die every day from measles, mostly children, and even more are impacted by resulting health complications such as blindness? Measles is a highly contagious disease that can be prevented by a simple vaccination that costs less than a dollar. Thanks to you, more children are getting vaccinations and more lives are being saved.



Today marks the first day of this year's [World Immunization Week](#). This annual event presents an opportunity to raise awareness of measles and the importance of vaccinations. Lions around the world are hosting events throughout this special week to show their commitment to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

As you read the [LCIF blog](#) this week, you will find inspiring stories from [Lions about their work during World Immunization Week](#). Keep in mind that no matter where you are in the world, you can make a difference by supporting LCIF. Lions are providing education in more than 200 countries, actively supporting vaccination campaigns in countries impacted by measles, and fundraising to make sure that more children have access to immunizations and a better life.

We are almost at the end of our [30-day challenge](#) to raise US\$1 million for measles and it is exciting to see our progress towards this goal. Have you made your contribution yet? Remember, [your donation](#) will be matched on a 1:1 basis throughout April by the family of Abhey and Aruna Oswal, for a total of up to US\$500,000. I am confident that we can reach this goal together to help protect our children against measles. Thank you for your support!

*Lion Wayne A. Madden  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

## World Immunization Week

Immunization prevents between 2 and 3 million deaths every year, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). This year, [World Immunization Week](#) runs from April 24-30 and Lions are supporting this event through a focus on measles. Diseases like measles aren't just a threat in developing nations; in fact, a number of countries around the world experienced measles outbreaks in 2013.



For just US\$1, you can vaccinate a child against life-threatening measles and [support the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). And, measles vaccination campaigns often include additional life-saving interventions and vaccinations,

saving children from other diseases common in their communities. Lions are campaigning for measles vaccinations in countries where measles is a priority health issue, as well as fundraising and providing education in over 200 countries.



As a Lion, you can help save lives, spread knowledge and make the world a healthier place for children. You can make a difference.

## Lions Fight Measles in Botswana

During November 2013, Lions in Botswana assisted the country's Ministry of Health with a five-day measles vaccination campaign.

LCIF helped fund the Lions' measles activities, which included social mobilization – getting the word out about the campaign to residents, handing out flyers and answering questions. Close to 200,000 children received vaccinations through this campaign.



"The Lions really came in at the right time...I think that the way the Lions helped us, we reached even more people, which means even more children vaccinated," said Josephine Mosimanewakgosi, head of the Kanye district health team.

Read more about Lions' measles efforts in Botswana in the [April 2014 edition of LION Magazine](#).

Fellow Lions,

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is excited to share with you a new Disaster Relief Grant pilot program that is now available in Constitutional Areas I, III and V through March 2015.

Because Lions worldwide continue to prioritize disaster relief as one of their most important local service activities, LCIF is now piloting a wider variety of funding options to help enhance and expand these efforts. The LCIF Disaster Relief Grant program can support Lions' participation in different phases of emergency management based on the needs of their community and the skills, interests, and availability of their local membership.



This pilot project will determine the effectiveness of new grants that are designed to:

- Strengthen local disaster relief project coordination
- Encourage and support advance planning for disasters
- Leverage Lions' strengths in the community

The new Disaster Relief Grant options include:



The new LCIF Disaster Relief Grant program is being piloted in the United States, Latin America and Asia through March 2015. "Traditional" [emergency grants](#) remain available for all other regions.

Please [contact the LCIF Humanitarian Programs department](#) to learn more about the program and how to submit a proposal:

Telephone: (630) 203-3819

Email: [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org)

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## Five Facts about Measles

1. Measles is caused by a virus.

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

2. Measles is highly contagious.

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

3. Measles is deadly.

Measles remains one of the leading causes of death among young children globally. An estimated 139,300 people died from measles in 2010 — mostly children under the age of five. That equals nearly 380 deaths a day, or 15 deaths each hour.

More than 95 percent of measles deaths happen in low-income countries with weak health infrastructures.

4. Measles can cause serious complications.

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

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

5. Measles is entirely preventable.

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

[It costs less than \\$1 to immunize a child against measles.](https://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-measles-donation.php) = <https://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-measles-donation.php>



## *The Florida Lions Editor's Note*



### SOMEONE

*When was the last time you checked  
your Club Facebook page?*

*When was the last time you looked  
at your  
E-Club web site?*

*Come on – check it out – you will be  
surprised to see how out of date it  
might be. What do you think when  
someone goes on and finds that the  
last entry might be October 2011.*

*By some chance – is this what we  
might call embarrassing?*

***DUES*** ---- *To begin - I would HIGHLY  
suggest that  
you collect your District/State and LCI dues for  
the six  
month period and be able to pay once you get an  
invoice in July and January.*

*In fact, it would be terrific if you were able to  
have a credit on file with LCI – in other words  
pay LCI in July for a complete year. We do  
have a few clubs that are in that status.*



### March “Lions” Magazine

Our March “Lions” Magazine is full of great information. Please turn to pages 30 and 31, which talks about 25 Ways to Use Social Media to Help Your Club (in our case – District “I”).

Key things to think about as we start our FY 2014 – 2015:

- No. 1 - Lion Bill Graham is our District FACEBOOK master. Please forward all pictures, articles and other points of interest to him. Zone Chairs – Good idea to add this to your Agenda for your 1<sup>st</sup> Zone Meeting in July. His email is [bill.the.blindlion@gmail.com](mailto:bill.the.blindlion@gmail.com).
- No. 10 – Stalk Celebrities – I’m sure many Lions have the privilege of knowing high ranking city officials, influential people in the community, CEO’s of Fortune 500 companies, and perhaps even Hollywood stars – encourage these Lions to Tweet them. These celebrities may retweet to thousands—what a way to spread Lionism!
- No. 15 - Of course, Lion Chip Nezda is our State Historian, and will be ready with our GA Lions Museum set to open on May 10 at the GA Lighthouse before the Night of Spectacles in Buckhead. Encourage everyone to send our year’s club history to Lion Chip so that he can add it to their respective club bio. His email is [chip993@msn.com](mailto:chip993@msn.com).
- No. 18 – Share the Brand – Encourage Lions to share their stories, photos and videos. It’s a great way of calling attention to the incredible service of other Lions.
- No. 20 – Encourage Lions to Welcome Members, especially NEW members. A short bio on F/B would be nice.
- No. 21 – Salute Your Members – Highlight a member—they’ll be sure to share with their friends.
- No. 22 – Complementary Material – We must always encourage Lions to be thankful to our supporters and partners. A “Thank You” letter is always appreciated to a club meeting speaker, supplier, etc. Also, encourage Lions to ask for a business card whenever they meet a supporter / partner. It’s a great way to maintain present and future reference, especially for club fundraisers.

If you think of any other ideas to help us meet the needs of our clubs, please share your thoughts. It is imperative that we work to gain the confidence of all 1,400+ members as their leaders in Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015.

Thank you so much for your help going forward!

*Lion Vicki*

***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***





Please take a moment to read my message below. I am asking club leaders to focus on keeping current members satisfied with their club experience. I have also encouraged clubs to get started with the *How Are Your Ratings?* survey so they can get their clubs prepared for the Club Excellence Process.



Dear Lion,

Your club is making a real difference in the community, and new members allow you to do even more. Ask your family and friends to join your club so they can feel the satisfaction of service and the fellowship that comes with being a Lion. You can even earn rewards for adding new members through LCI's special new membership contest.

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/together-we-can-grow.php?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5603%20Forward%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20April%202014%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/together-we-can-grow.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20Forward%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20April%202014%20EN)

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Lion Barry J. Palmer  
Your International President  
2013-2014

### **Dues Discount for Family Members**

*Family and Friends Month is a special time to learn, serve and celebrate with your family, but it doesn't have to end in April. Invite your family members to join your club so they can serve with you. When family members join the same club, they can receive a special discount on membership dues through LCI's [Family Membership Program](#) = Check out page*

### **Achieve Club Excellence!**

Thousands of Lions clubs have improved their clubs through the [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP). Club leaders around the world have recognized that CEP improves service, increases membership satisfaction and strengthens clubs.

CEP comes in two versions so you can choose which is right for your members:

- CEP Pro is designed for clubs that would like to have a trained Lion facilitator come in and guide members through the workshop.
- CEP Lite is for clubs that would prefer to have a member of their club lead the workshop.
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Register for CEP today and position your club for success!  
[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/club-request.php?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5603%20Forward%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20April%202014%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/club-request.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20Forward%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20April%202014%20EN)



### **Make Every Month Your Best Membership Month!**

*There's no better opportunity than Family and Friends to grow your district membership. Make sure your clubs are planning special events in on a quarterly basis to showcase their clubs to family and friends.*

**Make inviting women a priority.** Recruiting new women members is a priority. Inviting men *and* women can help ensure the long-term health of your clubs and district. Hosting a [Lions Family and Women Symposium](#) is a great way for Lions to showcase their clubs to new women members. Remember, April is Family and Friends Month, so there's no better time than now to focus on recruiting!

# Lions Learning Center <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>



There should be current information on each of these positions. Go to the web site listed above and click each of these [Presentation](#) - [Participant Workbook](#) - [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or [Recording](#)

## ***Club Secretary Training***

How to login, submit membership and service activity reports, and use club member data. Includes a discussion of club secretary responsibilities and a demonstration of the MyLCI website.

## ***Club Treasurer Training***

How to login, run reports, download club billing invoices and submit payments online. Includes a discussion of club treasurer responsibilities and a demonstration of the MyLCI website.

## ***Zone Chairperson Training***

Learn how the role of zone chairperson is vital to the support of clubs including coaching and motivating club leaders to dream and to set goals to achieve those dreams.

## ***Club President: Leading and Managing***

Opportunities and responsibilities of the club president, the traits of an effective leader, how to maintain connections with all club members and the path to club excellence.

## ***LCI Ethics and the Role of the Leader***

Overview of eight LCI ethical standards and the role of the Lion leader in ethics training and communication. Includes specific examples of the positive application of LCI ethics in sensitive club situations and a focus on election conduct.

## ***Leadership Resources on the Web***

Participants take a tour of available materials and discover how web resources can assist club and district leaders/officers. Focus on the Leadership Resource Center and its role in developing the skills and knowledge of Lions leaders.

## ***You've been a Club President... What's Next?***

Explores district-level leadership opportunities including committees, chairperson opportunities and the zone chairperson role.

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

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

## ***Upcoming Webinars***

### ***Conflict Resolution***

Webinar disarms the idea of conflict by revealing the benefits of conflict, the five typical ways conflict is managed, the pros and cons of various approaches and conflict management "best practices."

#### **Intended Audience:**

All Lions

[Friday, May 9](#)  
[Wednesday, May 14](#)

[8:00pm](#)  
[1:00pm](#)

## Speaking of Leadership and Initiative – check this out:

A pastor announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," the pastor said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Go to this web site for the below info = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php>

Leadership training materials/resources include a mix of curriculum materials, speaking presentations with notes, and activity guides.

**[Presentations for Speaking Engagements](#)** – These slide presentations contain presenter notes and can be easily adapted to suit your specific needs.

**Independent study presentations** – Presentations designed to prepare Lions to serve in various leadership positions.

- **[Zone Chairperson Training](#)** – An independent study module focused on the responsibilities, challenges and resources of the zone chairperson position.
- **[Second Vice District Governor Online Training](#)** – This course provides information about the responsibilities of the district governor team, focusing specifically on the position of second vice district governor and the role that individual plays in regards to district administration and as part of the GMT and the GLT. This course will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete, and includes a workbook to enhance the learning experience. Before beginning the course, [download and print the workbook](#).
- **[Club Officers Orientation](#)**  
This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses.

**[Training Curriculum](#)** – Guides, handouts and materials for conducting training workshops, including materials for Club Officers Orientation, Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Membership Orientation and Volunteer Leadership training.

**[Tutorials](#)** – 10 to 15 minute interactive sessions that cover a wide variety of topics including how to participate in a webinar, tips on using Microsoft PowerPoint, and Lions processes such as submission of district governor expense claims.

**Lions Mentoring Program** – This personal development program established a framework to enable members to learn from each other, reach individual goals, grow in leadership skills, build stronger relationships and provide better service to communities.

- **[Lions Basic Mentoring Program](#)** (pdf)
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**Membership** = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index.php>

**Monthly Membership Netcasts** = Membership webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Panelists are made up of Lions from around the world and Extension and Membership staff. Below contains a list of upcoming webinars with the link to register. Space is limited, so register today!

**Register for this netcast**

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Topic	Date	
<b>Membership Planning for Next Fiscal Year</b> Start the next fiscal year off ahead by having a membership plan in place for your club, district, and/or multiple district.	<b>May 22, 2014</b> 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	

## Membership Communication

## Webinar Archive



Go to this web site for the below info - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-communication/mem-webinars-archive.php>

Links to previous webinars are listed below.

- [March 26, 2014](#): Chartering Special Interest Clubs
- [February 18, 2014](#): Family and Friends Month
- [February 12, 2014](#): Conducting Your Own New Club Development Workshop
- [November 21, 2013](#): GMT: The Coordinators Role in Forming New Clubs
- [October 29, 2013](#): Achieving Your Club Dream Through Club Excellence
- [August 6, 2013](#): This webinar did not record due to technical difficulties. Listen to a special message to membership chairpersons from International President Barry Palmer.
- [July 31, 2013](#): Just Ask! Guide
- [May 22, 2013](#): Inviting, Inducting, and Involving New Members
- [April 30, 2013](#): Women and Family Development
- [March 27, 2013](#): Must Knows for Chartering New Clubs
- [February 27, 2013](#): Club Branches
- [January 23, 2013](#): Membership Recruiting Ideas
- [November 28, 2012](#): The Club Excellence Process Success Stories
- [October 24, 2012](#): Global Membership Team
- [September 26, 2012](#): October Growth and Retention
- [August 22, 2012](#): Campus Clubs and Student Members
- [July 25, 2012](#): President's Program, New Club Types, Inviting New Members

# Together We Can Grow Contest

Want to be rewarded for growing your club? The Together We Can Grow contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. Building a strong club takes teamwork and leadership. Your club can do even more when the current and incoming club presidents work together this year to increase club membership. Check out what you can earn for your efforts!

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- Be the top club in your district with the largest net membership gain (by percentage) between January 1 and July 31, 2014.
- Your club must have at least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain during the contest period. See complete contests rules below.

## Together We Can Grow winners will also receive:

- A congratulatory letter and certificate from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston for the current club president and the incoming club president
- A Together We Can Grow banner patch
- Special recognition on the LCI website

## Together We Can Grow Contest Rules

- LCI will count new members who join between January 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014, as reflected in LCI's official records. Reinstated members do not qualify.
- At least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain are required during the contest period.
- The winning club in each district shall have the highest net membership gain (by percentage) in the district for the contest period, and shall have already submitted to LCI (prior to January 1, 2014) names for the persons of Club President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- To receive the US\$250 prize, winning clubs must pay their first membership dues billing for 2014-15 by August 31, 2014.

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## Innovative Member Recruiting Contest Rules

- Submissions will be accepted from August 1 to August 30, 2014.
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- Clubs are eligible to win in both contest categories – membership growth and innovative recruiting.



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# CLUB REPORTS



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. Getting involved is another word for WE SERVE.

**Atlanta Chinese American Lions Club** = Hey guys, a serious request: Please help me out and vote for #GiftofDignity/Education. If we get to the top 40, #StateFarm will grant Clarkston \$25,000 worth of technology to be used as informational resources to lower the high school dropout rate and hopefully assist these prospective college students. From living here for the past 18+ years, I know Clarkston needs this. It will literally take seconds for you to vote the maximum of ten times a day. I will give you mucho hugs and kisses, at your request. Just let me know. Thanks a bunch guys. (Steps are below). Steps are the same for your laptop, mobile phone and tablet. 1. Click on the link below or search “State Farm Neighborhood Assist”. (Allow for them to access your information by clicking “OK”. Nothing personal is shared.) 2. Scroll down and click “Vote Now”. 3. Search “Gift of Dignity” and then click on it. 4. Make sure you \*\*check\*\* on “Use remaining votes for today”. (This will provide us your max of ten points for the day.) And then click vote! 5. Come back to vote everyday!

**Buford Lions Club** = 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm: We had 9 members present at today's meeting. We had a guest, Gregg Peters, attend our meeting today. Lion Kevin brought us up to date on the Burger 21 project for July 21st. This will be our White Cane Fundraiser. We are also selling raffle tickets for Camp for the Blind. 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm We had 9 members present today. Everyone enjoyed a work day today, we sorted and counted 682 pairs of glasses, 8 hearing aids, 100 hard glasses case and 24 cell phones along with hundreds of lenses. We also discussed the peace poster program along with our scholarship program. This year we are giving three \$250 scholarships to three deserving students at Buford High School. Lion Kevin Clary is working on securing a location for our White Cane Day. Kevin also updated everyone on our day at Burger 21 on July 21. Lions Kim Ingram updated everyone on the Cub Scouts she is working with. Where one Scout is using 10 of our collection boxes to collect glasses for his 2014 project, since he started he has recruited 10 other scouts to help out. So far he has collected 350 pairs of glasses.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = The Clermont North Hall Lions Club took part in White Cane day in April and had a rainy day but was able to collect some donation at a grocery store that was under a cover. AARP conduct a driver course for the local seniors in the area that will gave them a discount on their car insurance premium's plus a reminder how to drive safely. We invited the Hall Sheriff to be our guest at our first meeting in April he told us a lot about what is going on in Hall County and especially in the public safety of the community. The new Clermont Sheriff Satellite Precinct is tentatively set for May 15 @ 2:00 pm. At this Precinct the citizen of North Hall can come in and do everything here as you can at the Main Office in Gainesville except get a carried a weapon permit. It should be a great benefit to the area and have more of a Hall County Sheriff Department visibility fight crime in the area. We had sent the applications to have a branch club in White County with membership startup with 11 members. Our Representative is work with the Executive Board of that Club.

**Conyers Lions Club** = The Conyers club met twice in April, on the 7th and 23rd, both Mondays. Club members worked with 115 children at this month's Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. Lion Tom Linek reported that we made about \$900 on the Pancake Breakfast. Member bio - Lion Dan Estep - born in eastern Tennessee, served in the Navy, worked for BART, retired from Marta, former club Tail Twister. Member bio - Lion Marvin Armistead - 50 Years a Lion!! worked at Ford(1957-1994) in Georgia and Michigan. At the second meeting DG Ed Hashbarger presented membership chevron to the following club members: Lions Roger Ward, Tom Linek, Nancy Morton-Linek(10 years), Lion Charles Cope(25 years), Lion Harry Lindsey(30 years), Lion Lee Cronan(40 years), and Lion Marvin Armistead(50 years) Lion Bobby Greham reported that \$1326 dollars was collected at the first Roadblock. Guest speaker: Andy Peabody(Rockdale Emergency Relief) told the group about services provided by RER. Andy is a Methodist minister with 16 year experience in homeless ministries. The following Lions turned in used eyeglasses: Tom Linek, David Rainwater, Dan Estep, Marvin Armistead. Lion Mary Michael drew a '7' and a 'Jack'. Either the Tail Twister makes bad puns or he thinks UConn is in Canada. He fined the club secretary for 'combing his hair with a pine cone'.

**Covington Lions Club** = April is always a busy month for Covington Lions—it's our **42 Annual Chicken BBQ!** Forty-five Lions broke out into committees to set timetables for the big event—supply inventory, ingredient orders, refrigerated trailer set-up, BBQ pit clean-up, clubhouse interior and exterior clean-up, food safety guidelines were released and posted in strategic locations, articles to the news media were released, Lions met to do 2,800+ BBQ cups and 2,800+ Cole Slaw bowls, and finally to set-up for the big day—all over a 3-week period. Not to mention, hitting to road selling tickets. On Wednesday, April 9, Lions met at 3:30 AM at the fire pit, more Lions met at 7:45 AM to make-up 3 lines of take-out plates for orders that were to be delivered or picked up that morning, furnishing our drive-thru station with bagged take-out plates and in-house lunch diners at 11 AM. Needless to say, all **45** Lions were tired! We estimate over the 4-day period, Lions volunteered **397** hours!



Board was not able to have their meeting on April 7 because it was a Chicken BBQ workday, but Lion Richard verbally polled each member for an approval vote of Lee Meadors' membership application. Membership approved Lion Lee Meadors at their Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Peri Finch, Volunteer Coordinator, with the GA Lighthouse Foundation was our guest speaker. Peri gave us an in-depth overview of the functions of the Lighthouse (vision, hearing, cell phones and more), and also reminded everyone of the upcoming Night of Spectacles on May 10 at 7 PM and the Lions Museum official opening ceremonies at 1 PM the same day.

We are so proud to report the names of the six seniors who will be awarded a \$500 Scholarship in May during ceremonies at their respective schools: Sierra Fleming - Newton High School, Ashton Stewart - Alcovy High School, Kolyse Wagstaff - Eastside High School

The last three "Legacy" scholars will attend our 1<sup>st</sup> May meeting for their presentations: Jack Treadwell - Son of Lion Craig Treadwell and grandson of Lion Buddy Adams, Elizabeth McDaniel - Granddaughter of Lion Joe Richardson, Nicholas Griffith - Son of Lion Chris Griffith

Two eyeglass applications were processed this month. Two hundred eight-nine eyeglasses were picked up to give us a total of **447** eyeglasses to be taken to the GA Lighthouse.

**Five Lions** attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting / Picnic in Comer on Saturday, April 26: Richard Brown, Frank Jensen, John McClure, Earl Stallworth and Doreen Stallworth arrived in time for the Cabinet Meeting /Award Presentations and introduction of our District I Cabinet for 2014 – 2015: DGE Vicki Hubbard, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Anne Mundy, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Bob Norton, Cabinet Secretary Doreen Stallworth and Cabinet Treasurer Paul Best. PCC Grace Clower conducted the training session. PDG's June Philips and Olin Newby thanked the club for checks received for the GA Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind respectively. DGE Vicki Hubbard outlined Cabinet Meetings for 2014 – 2015. Eric Lu asked for Facebook and online voting for a \$25K grant for the "Gift of Dignity / Education" program. The 200 applicant start-up is now narrowed down to 40; so Eric has a good chance if all Lions would submit their vote. He plans to email the voting procedures to all Lions. DG Ed said that District Awards will be presented at the State Convention Breakfast Meeting on Sunday. It was good to see Lions from other clubs and many thanks to the Comer Lions Club for hosting and preparing Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for this event and those Lions who brought sides dishes to share.

Several Covington Lions will attend the State Convention in Macon on May 30 – June 1, 2014

**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS** = 42<sup>ND</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ – 397, Church Sunday School – 7, Knights of Columbus – 3, Eyeglasses pick-up (289) – 2, Eyeglass Applications (2) & Meetings – 8, Newton Medical Board Meetings – 10, Newton County Miracle Field – 8, Lions 2020 International Convention – 2, Covington 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church – 29, Communion for shut-ins – 2, Homeless Shelter – Club Food Delivery – 2, FFA Wildlife – 3, Homeless Shelter – Food Distribution – 3, Homeless Shelter – Cooking – 4, Newton Medical Center – 147, Family Promise – 24, Conyers Presbyterian Church – 60, Meals on Wheels – 4, Covington 1<sup>st</sup> UMC – Food Pantry – 22, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop – 60, School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading Program – 1, Gideons – 8, AM Cancer Society – Relay for Life – 2, Knights of Columbus – 6, Covington Lions Club – Cooking Crew – 12, Friends of Newton County – Chimney Park – 8, CV Club Website – Maintenance – 3, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, BBQ articles / Media Release, District, Other) – 15, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, telephone calls - 2

**TOTAL HOURS - 449 hours**

**Dahlonega Lions Club** = MEALS ON WHEELS Assistance to Individuals aid to the elderly / disabled. SR. CENTER OF DAHLONEGA Assistance to Individuals aid to the elderly / disabled PREPARED BLUEBERRY PANCAKES FOR SENIORS. HOMELESS SHELTER Disaster Preparedness & Relief shelter services PERFORMED SEVERAL TASKS AT THE HOMELESS SHELTER. VISION CARE CENTER Health & Wellness vision screening.

**Dawsonville Lions Club** = White Cane Day 4-12-14 Smiling Lions raised money at the Dawsonville Chick-Fil-A. Bob Inman, Chairman of the Rick-Rac thrift store, spoke to the club about their food bank program for Dawson County. Lion Katie Hulsebus presided over the meeting. The main discussions were fund raisers in the fall.



**Decatur Lions Club** = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 98 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 925 pair. Two (2) members worked a total of 24 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 471 man hours. A \$200.00 donation was sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation for White Cane. A \$25.00 honorarium donation was sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. A \$100.00 donation was sent to Learning Ally. Lion Tom Williams presented an interesting program on activities of Learning Ally. Lions Ken and Genie Massingale attended the Lions District 18-I Picnic and Cabinet Meeting in Comer, GA.

**Evans Lions Club** = Wanted to send you our flyer for our big 3rd Annual Food 2 Fight Hunger. I would love for any Lions Clubs in our area to participate by bringing food that day to support our efforts to beat the Salvation Army this year. This event keeps getting better each year and we need a stellar turn out of canned goods this year to build the biggest food pyramid. If you would include it in some of the newsletters we would surely appreciate the support. Show the Augusta area that we are Columbia County Strong. July 26th at Kroger in Evans on Washington Rd. Come see us at 10am and help us build the best pyramid ever!!!

**Forsyth County Lions Club = Was in the AJC – unusual - Easter Bunny breakfast helps build a nest egg  
Lions Club event aids vision, hearing care. By Devika Rao For the AJC**

A part of Lions Club International, the Forsyth County Lions Club has been helping its low-income and uninsured residents receive access to vision and hearing care since 1961. “These are services or exams a lot of us take for granted,” said President Steve Williams. “Through the organization, we are able to help over 150 people a year get access to these services.” To bring community awareness and raise money, the nonprofit hosted Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Fowler Park on April 12. The event saw over 300 local residents come to support the organization. Nancy Hutcheon, who has volunteered with Lions Club for three years, emphasized the importance of these services for the local community. “We see great involvement from the local doctors who donate their time and services to this cause, and I volunteer because I get to act locally and see the direct impact of being involved with the group,” she said. Volunteers, like Hutch-eon, can get involved in various ways to continue spreading the work of Forsyth County Lions Club. “People can help us with events, if there are local doctors offices that can provide their services, or donate — all of that helps,” said Williams. People can also donate their used eyeglasses, used hearing aids and even old cellphones to the organization. The breakfast aimed to raise over \$1,000, which will help over 100 people in the community. The club has helped over 170 people in Forsyth get screenings and further services — such as eye surgeries — with other local partners. Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in about 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

**The Forsyth County Lions Club thanks our awesome volunteers, performers, and attendees for making our first annual "Breakfast With The Easter Bunny" one of our most successful events ever!!!**

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**Jefferson Lions Club** = Eyeglasses purchased for vision impaired Assistance to Individuals aid to the vision / hearing impaired The Jefferson Lions Club approved the purchase of eyeglasses for 23 persons as of April 28 of this year. Lion Jerry Legg reported collecting 38 eyeglasses and 5 sunglasses in April 2014. White Cane Day Fundraiser - April 5, 2014 The Jefferson Lions Club held their Annual White Cane Day on April 5, 2014. Fifteen Lions participated at the downtown Jefferson collection sites. Lion Gay Bradley also sent letters to local businesses for donations. A total of \$990 was collected, however the Club voted to donate \$2000 to the Lighthouse. Jefferson Lions Club President, Lion Jerry Legg and Jefferson Lions Club Secretary, Lion Rita Gunter attended the 4th District 18-I Cabinet Meeting & Picnic on April 26, 2014. Donated \$100 to the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence.

**April 14, 2014** = Lion Jim Smith introduced our guest speaker, Robert Pittard, a teacher and coach at Jefferson High School. Mr. Pittard presented a program on the educational World War II trip that 26 students and chaperons take to Europe each year for 13 days visiting sites pertaining to World War II. He also brought his collection of World War II articles for everyone to enjoy. Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 38 eyeglasses and 5 sunglasses collected in April. Lion Dot Hunt reported that the Jefferson High School parking lot was reserved for the Annual Jefferson Lions Club Car Show Fundraiser to be held on August 9, 2014. She also reported that flyers had been printed and many of them had already been distributed. Lion President Jerry Legg announced that the District 18 I Cabinet Meeting and Picnic would be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Comer, Georgia Fair Grounds. Lions Mark and Gay Bradley reminded everyone of the State Convention in Macon on May 30-June 1, 2014.

**April 28, 2014** = The meeting was designated as a business meeting. Lion Treasurer Dwayne Ansley presented a to-date budget report that was accepted with as motion and a second. Lion Dwayne reported that \$990 was collected on White Cane Day. Following a motion and a second the Club voted to make a total \$2000 donation for White Cane. The results of the Nominating Committee for 2014-2015 Club Officers was presented to each Member via email on April 22, 2014. These nominations were presented at the Meeting and after asking for nominations from the floor and none were received there was a motion and a second to close the nominations. The Club approved closing the nominations. After a motion and a second the Club voted to approve the 2014-2015 Officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Lion Dot Hunt announced that car show flyers were still being handed out announcing the Annual Jefferson Lions Car Show on August 9, 2014. It has also been advertised in three magazines. Lion Dot Hunt announced that she and Lions Ronnie Moore and Rita Gunter would be purchasing the supplies for the annual picnic. She said that Lion Mack Cates would be furnishing the grill. It was suggested by Lion Bill Legg that we check the supplies available in the Lions Club trailer. Lion President Jerry Legg announced that the Club had received a thank you from Canine Companions for the Clubs donation. Lion Jerry also announced that the Club had received a Melvin Jones Chevron from LCIF.

**LaVista Lions Club** = We held our annual "Shrimp Shuck" on April 8th. Thirty-eight Lions, wives and guests enjoyed almost 50 pounds of South Georgia shrimp. Following the meal Rev. Fred Pitts entertained the group with an amazing magic show. Lion Reg Curlee's wife, Betty, still has not figured out how the rubber bands she held in her hand mysteriously became two rubbers balls -nor have the rest of us. Guests included PCC Grace Clower, PCC Kembra Smith, PDG June Phillips, Jim Adams and Roberta Green from the Lighthouse.

We held a very successful broom sale at a local restaurant on Saturday, April 12th. We sell there twice a year. This sale surpassed all previous sales by a wide margin. Six Lions plus Bob Lansdell's grandson and his college roommate worked the sale. Another broom sale is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>

On April 22 we began our Club Excellence Process, PCC Grace Clower led the process. All of our regular members plus two MALs attended. We will continue to pursue the Club Excellence Process tour next two meetings as well, again led by Lion Grace Clower. Also at the April 22nd meeting we had final approval of officers for 2013-2015. They are:

President	Lion Ray Baskette.
1st VP	Lion Reg Curlee
Secretary	Lion Bob Lansdell
Treasurer	Lion Howard Jones

Induction of our new officers will take place June 10th.

We have completed our contributions for 2013-14 and they totaled \$5337. The Lighthouse - \$1700, The Camp for the Blind - \$1118, The Mike Glenn Camp for the Hearing Impaired - \$750, LCIF - \$500

Lion Bob Deryck continues to tutor reading at our Partner in Education, Sagamore Hills Elementary - contributed 16 hours tutoring in April.

Lion Charles Shockley, a members of our club for 58 years died of a heart attack on April 11. At his funeral his daughter related that when she was a second grader her teacher asked what her father did and she said "He sells brooms and mops door to door." Shortly afterward Charlie received a call from the principal asking if the family needed help financially.



**Hephzibah Lions Club  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic  
Applewood Golf Course  
Saturday – May 17, 2014**

***Benefits the following Community Projects:***

***Leader Dogs for the Blind; The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation;  
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind; Vision Screenings; Eye Exams and Glasses;  
Local Community Projects***

**2 Man Scramble  
Hole-in-One Prizes  
Longest Drive prize**

**Putting Contest  
Bucket of Balls  
Tee Gifts**

**Hole-in-One Grand Prize: 2014 Ford Courtesy Mizell Ford**



**Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Teams  
Trophies: 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Teams**

***Fun for All!***

**Putting Contest: Hole-in-One wins the putting contest. Contest will be held at the beginning of tournament.**

***Registration Information***

**Registration Time 7:30 am**

**Shotgun Start 9:00 am**

**Join us for a fun day of charity golf! We sincerely thank you for your support.**

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Hephzibah Lions Club 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic  
Applewood Golf Course Keysville, Georgia

Saturday – May 17, 2014  
Registration Time 7:30 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per player in advance or \$60.00 day of tournament (Money must accompany completed entry form)

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**Lavonia Lions Club** - EYE EXAM AND GLASSES FOR 1 PERSON. NEW ROOF ON 2 PICNIC SHEDS AT OLD CITY PARK, REPLACED FASCIA BOARDS. MAINTAIN 5 FLOWER POTS AT LIONS CLUB FOUNTAIN.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We had 3 members attend our 4th Cabinet Meeting, New Officer Training Session and our District Picnic. We collected 286 glasses. We had 7 members collecting for White Cane Day. Our club honored our local firemen with our 2nd Community Service Award and our Mayor Judy Jordan Johnson attended the program and presented the award to the local team of firemen. We had 3 members plant 3 tree at Lawrenceville Elementary School for Arbor Day. The 4th grade students put on a program with several students reading their essays on trees and what they do for us.

**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** =

## *PLAN FOR UPCOMING EVENTS*

Saturday, May 31, 2014

**10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Annual Document Destruction Event**  
**Carmichael Drug's Parking Lot Monroe**

**Look for Details** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Keep-Walton-Beautiful-KWB/188705734332>

4/8: club approved donation of \$500.00 to Shepherds staff food bank for their use as needed for Easter needs in community. April was a challenge. member family situations and the weather interfered with planned events. Participation in Special Olympics was rained out twice and Lighthouse bucket brigade was rained out once, however, limited bucket brigade activity was conducted sporadically during the month, generating \$297.00 to date for 10 Lions service hours from 2 Lions. Additional donations from non-participating Lions are forthcoming.

4/8; 16 Illc members in attendance inducted new member Tony Brodhead, under the military incentive program.... reviewed White Cane bucket brigade plans for next three weekends, with a goal of \$1500.00.... Approved purchase of 2 state convention hospitality books... Approved 2014-15 ballot for officers and board members.; Provided transportation for blind associate director Betsy Grenevich to board meeting... Noted passing of valuable Loganville citizen, Betty McCullers who passed away this past weekend. Her commitment to and efforts on behalf of the city of Loganville throughout her life will be remembered for years to come. Weather and individual family needs impacted activity in April. Club did collect 140 recycled glasses. collected \$280.00 White Cane dollars thru bucket brigade and additional personal donations being secured as well. 1 new member added, two potential new members being pursued. Lions service hours = 45 non-lions service hours = 64.

**Madison Lions Club** = Several members met at the club on Sunday, April 6 to clean out bathrooms on outside of building for additional storage. We cleaned out flower beds and trimmed shrubbery.

**Martin Lions Club** = **Martin Lions prepare for their annual Chicken BBQ at their April 3rd, 2014 meeting.** Martin Lions (Clockwise from bottom left) Herman Mooney, Jimmy Shore, Harold Alexander, Hugh Alexander & Bob Stovall) prepare for their annual chicken BBQ. This is one of their major fund raising efforts and is well supported by the community because of a good cause and great food. Zone Chair Bill Graham dropped by this meeting to encourage the Lions in their good works and to present Lion Herman with a 15 Year Service pin tag.



**Monroe Lions Club** = DONE VISION SCREENINGS FOR YOUTH AND SENIORS.

**Norcross Lions Club** = PDG John Rudert worked 16 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other tasks in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. This month Lion Trudy Rudert also helped in the Optics Lab. The Norcross Lions Club honored the Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. He and his mother and sister enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.



**Oconee Lions Club = May 19, 2014 Oconee Lions Golf Tournament  
Lane Creek Golf Course**

Each Year the Oconee Lions Club sponsors a Golf Tournament at Lane Creek Golf Course in Oconee County. This is the largest fundraiser for the club. The two main Lions projects that Oconee Lions actively support are the Georgia Lions Lighthouse (GLL) Foundation and Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind (GLCB). A significant portion of the golf tournament proceeds go to help support GLL and GLCB. You can click on [brochure](#) and you will have the capability of viewing and printing the document.

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**Social Circle Lions Club** = On April 12 was White Cane day in our city! Lions were available at the local grocery store collecting funds for a worthy cause. Lion Larry Knox was location chairman. Our second White Cane event on this same day took place at our city's major intersection where students from the High School Math Club assisted Lion Steve Trantham, location chairman, in collecting funds and giving out white canes. Other service activities were Lion Paul Best leading the donation efforts to the local food bank. Lions Larry and Howard led the service efforts with food distribution. Come join us on May 2 for our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament at Hard Labor Creek Park starting at noon!



**Toccoa Lions Club =** We had an open meeting or recruitment meeting on March 13th at the train depot in Toccoa. We had twenty-nine guests in attendance with the Lions. We have four new member applications from that meeting. We have a commitment from a Lion living in Stephens County to transfer his membership from Clark County, GA down by Valdosta. We also voted in a new member in February for our evening club but have not formally inducted her. So we have six new members to be inducted in Toccoa. They range in age from 32 to 72. We have more commitments, verbal's, but do not have the applications in hand yet.

The Toccoa Lions had a booth at the Home, Health and Life show at the Toccoa Senior Center on Saturday, March 29th. We have our vision screening machine there and we did vision screenings to many people. We also gave out general information about vision and hearing impairments. We also sold our mops and brooms to the public. Roary the Toccoa Lions mascot was on duty that day interacting with the crowd and giving candy to children. Roary was played by Ryan Chase son of Lion David Chase. Roary and child with Lions brooms

The attached picture is from the Toccoa Lions Chilly Open golf tournament at Black Mountain. Lion Jack Barnard is coaching blind folded Lion Dr. Kay Royal as she readies to take a putt in the blind putting contest. The contest was set up as a 25 foot putt. Closest to the cup won two rounds of golf at the Currahee Club on Lake Hartwell.

Future Lion Alex sports a Leader Dog Tee Shirt. Future Lion Alex, grandson of a Toccoa Lions member, shows off a Leader Dog Tee Shirt his Papa got for him while he was at Leader Dog for White Cane Training. You have to use every opportunity to publicize the Lions and the great organizations they support.

**Toccoa Lions visit the Huntersville, N.C. Lions Club** - On a recent trip to visit their daughter and grandkids (and their son-in-law smiley face) Toccoa Lions Dale & Bill took the opportunity to visit the Lions of the Huntersville Lions Club. Lion Dale relates, "the Huntersville Lions were very friendly and welcoming and the food was great". Lion Bill noted, "they have some very interesting fund raising projects, one of which is the coordinating of parking at the Highland Games in Charlotte". Lion Bill shared the Toccoa Lions latest fund raising success, the Club Calendar. Lion Bill also noted that one of the best things about being a Lion is that you have friends where every you go. He has found this to be true in every case.

**Toccoa Lions participate in the DisAbility Resource Center's Clarksville Shuffle** - Toccoa Lions Sheila, Roger & Bill participated in the 2014 DisAbility Resource Center's Clarksville Shuffle to help raise money for those in need. This is an annual event to help the DisAbility Resource Center, a non-profit organization which serves disable people in North East Georgia counties. Lions Sheila and Bill are on the DisAbility Resource Center's Board of Directors. Lion Sheila was accompanied by her trusted guide dog Grandt. Lion Bill used is white cane to maneuver the course. They finished the one mile Fun Run in a blistering 17 minutes.

**Toccoa Lions Club April Board of Directors Meeting** - The Toccoa Lions Club Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on April 8th, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall of the Toccoa Church of Christ. The board met in a temporary location this month due to scheduling problems. This was a fun meeting because we got to approve four new members from our recent Membership Meeting, (and we are working for more), we celebrated our recent successful golf tournament fundraising, we discussed the possibility of sending our Little League Team to a Braves Game & we voted to give \$250.00 to our local JROTC unit. It is good to see our hard work on the Membership Meeting & fundraising pay off and it is excellent to be able to work to help our youth.

This was also the second meeting in a row where Bryan the Lion got us out on time. It must be some sort of world record for Lion Bryan.

**Toccoa Lions Club April Sight Conservation eye Glasses Intake Session** - Lions Margo, Bill and Dale, pictured left to right below, worked the April Intake session. Looks like it is feast or famine for the Lions working the intake. Last month we had 15 people and this month we had 7. Lions Margo and Dale worked both the inside & outside areas and are really quite a team.

Lion Bill is the pretty face out front greeting those people seeking help. Three consumers were issued vouchers for eye glasses, three were consumers consulted for a variety of issues and one person was given information on the GA Lions Lighthouse.



**Toccoa Lions Branch Club Meeting April 15, 2014** - TLC Branch Club President, Lion Nicole, opened the meeting precisely at 6pm. Lion Will led the Lions in Prayer & the Pledge. Lion Nicole then asked for announcements. Bryan the Lion told the group about the upcoming Pancake Breakfast on April 26. Lion Bryan also took this opportunity to introduce one of our newest members, Lion Ray. Lion Bill gave the group an update on the recent White Cane Campaign. He said the campaign was a success and raised over \$1,500 with the possibility of another \$500.00 donation from Walmart. Lion Bill also covered the proposed Officer slate that was presented at the recent TLC Noon meeting. Lion Nicole recommended that the Branch Club delay their Officer selection because several key members were not present. The Group agreed.

The Lions next discussed the Sight Conservation Committee plan. The Branch Club is supporting the Sight Conservation Committee as one of their major projects. Lions Sheila, Margo, David, Dale & Dr. Kay led the discussion. The group is designing a new more efficient process that will be implemented in June. The group also discussed and voted on a recent "Code of Conduct" violation. Several of the Lions related that many of the people who donated at the White Cane Campaign had told them that the Lions had helped them with eye glasses. Some had even gotten their first pair of eye glasses from the Lions.

**Toccoa Lions Club holds April 10th, 2014 Noon Meeting** - Announcements were made. Lion Bryan discussed some options for the Little League team celebration including a possible trip to the Gwinnett Braves Lions Camp Fundraiser in June. Steve Spruill discussed plans for the Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He will circulate a sign-up sheet. Lion Bill talked about White Cane on Friday and Saturday. Tail Twister Henry Fields read several "perks of being 60 or older." He collected \$23 for his efforts. Bill Graham announced current nominees and vacancies for officers for next year.. We will vote on officers within the next 2 meetings.

Lion Bill presented an interesting slide show about the Orientation and Mobility Program at the Leader Dog School he attended this past February. Lion Bill will be the District Leader Representative this coming Lion Year and he told the Lions he is practicing his presentation on the Toccoa Lions. Lion Bill was able to get pictures of the Leader Dog Kennel including the Tack Room and some of the Dog Bays. Notice the snow on the screen behind Lion Bill. There was around two feet of snow on the ground in Rochester in February.

**Toccoa Lions Club 2014 White Cane Campaign** Toccoa Lions Club White Cane Chair, Lion Bill, is pictured stuffing the ballot box in a vain attempt to win the Lion Jack B. Challenge to see who can raise the most money for the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lions Jack B & Bryan did their normal amazing job in raising money for the GA Lions Lighthouse White Cane Campaign. All of the money raised in this campaign goes to the GA Lions Lighthouse for eye surgeries.

While Lions Jack B. and Bryan did an outstanding job, the winner of the "2014 Toccoa Lions Club White Cane Top Gun" is: Drum roll.....Lion Laurel for her contribution and company match!

Toccoa Lions Nicole, Bryan & Flo worked one entrance on Saturday and Lions Jack M & Tim worked the other entrance. Lions Jack M & Tim are two of the newest Toccoa Lions. Lion Bill & Bryan the lion gave them some pointers and they did great. It is great to see new Lions jump in and contribute right away. Lion Tim coached the Toccoa Lions Club Little League Team last year. Lion Tim was especially great as a Little League Coach because he put as much emphasis on developing the character of his team as he did to winning games.

Toccoa Lions Club White Cane Chair, Lion Bill, expresses great appreciation to Lions Bryan & Dale for working several extra shifts to make the 2014 Toccoa Lions Club White Cane Campaign a success. We raised over a thousand dollars for the GA Lions Lighthouse. Way to go Toccoa Lions! The GA Lions Lighthouse also received a contribution of \$500 from Toccoa Lion Laurel (plus a company match). This brings the Toccoa Lions total contributions to over \$1,500. We are waiting on our request for a Wal-mart contribution.

The last shift on Friday was worked by Lion Dave & Bryan the Lion. Bryan the Lion was especially appreciated because he relieved Lion Sheriff Randy who was called away on an emergency call. Friday was a good day and the Toccoa Lions collected \$650 for the GA Lions Lighthouse. We were looking forward to Saturday to see what additional funds we could raise.

Toccoa Lions Beverly & Sheriff Randy went well above and beyond the call of Lion Duty by working White Cane shifts by themselves. Normally a position is staffed by two Lions but Lions Beverly & Sheriff stepped up to the plate and worked a position by themselves. Both noted the crowds were good.

The Toccoa Lions Club held the first day of its 2014 White Cane Campaign on Friday, April 11th at Wal-mart in Toccoa. Working the 1st shift were Lions Russ & Larry on one door & Lions Drew, Mary Ann & Jack B on the other door. Lion Dale performed 8 free eye screening during this shift. Lion Jack B. issued personal challenges to Lions Bill & Bryan the Lion to see who could raise the most money for the Ga Lions Lighthouse. Unknown to Lion Jack B. at the time of the challenge is that Lion Bill is the Official Keeper of the Results. The results will be determined at a later date.



**Towns County Lions Club =** Lake Chatuge Lodge & Rhododendron Festival Package Deals starting at \$135: Receive 2 tickets to the Festival, 2 cafe lunch tickets at the festival, a commemorative cd of a tour through the gardens, a decorative Hamilton Gardens souvenir pillow, one night stay in a standard room, and a \$50 gift card to the Chophouse of Hiawassee.

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A couple of noteworthy items being that the Union Point Lions Club is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Banister noted that the Towns County Lions Club will have been in existence for 75 years next year in 2015.

## Union County Lions Club = Held its regular Board meeting at the Civic Center 4-H room in Blairsville, GA on April 3

- Board approved the following donation requests
  - \$50 donation to the Wilderness Scouts
  - \$100 to Canine Companion
  - \$50 to the American Cancer's Society's Relay for Life
- The Board approved a motion to contribute the following towards the District Governor's goals:
  - Georgia Lions Lighthouse \$500
  - Leader Dog \$250
  - Camp for the Blind \$1000
  - Learning Ally \$250
  - LCIF \$300
- The Board approved 1 application for an eye exam and glasses.

### April 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

- To begin the meeting, the club took a group picture with Lion Don Enzmann who was presented with his 60 year Chevron.
- Lion Betty Gurr presented tonight's program which was a Spotlight on Lion Gene and Louise Little. Gene joined the Bailey Mountain Colorado Lions in 1991 and transferred to the Union County Lions in 1995. Lion Louise was a member of the Bailey Lionesses Club and became a Lion in 1995 with Lion Gene as her sponsor. She was the second female President of the club. Gene was club president in 2001-2002, 2008-2009 and is president elect for the 2014-2015 Lions year. Gene and Louise have held many offices in the Club, District and at the State level. They have attended every State Convention since they joined. Lion Betty passed around several old pictures and discussed their interests which include waterskiing, motorcycles, and snow sledding. Lions Louise and Gene then took turns telling many stories about their life together. They met in Greenville, SC while Gene was in the Air Force. Have lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Colorado and moved to Georgia in 1994. They have been married 57 years and have 2 boys. They have toured 48 states and Canada on a motorcycle.

**White Cane Days - April 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>** 17 Lions collected \$1388.75 on Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> and \$912.85 on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> during our annual White Cane Drive. Club members work 111 hours over the 2 days. The club also received \$1441.00 in donations from local businesses for a total of \$3742.60.

### April 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

- Lion Jim Wentworth introduced tonight's speaker, Timothy Jennings – the 4-H coordinator Union County with the University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service. Tim grew up in Brazil and came to the US for college. He is a graduate of Berry College and the University of Georgia. He has been in Union County for 14 years. Timothy discussed the history of the 4-H in Georgia and the current program in the county. It started in 1904 in Newton County to teach adults about new agricultural techniques. Today's 4-H focuses on agriculture, environmental sciences, leadership skills and public speaking. All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes meet once a month. Students elect officers and have a monthly program. Grade 7-12 students have after school programs focusing on public speaking, citizenship, and leadership. In Union County there is a horse club, livestock team, shotgun team, BB team, archery team, and judging team. There are 5 4-H camps in the state and this summer Timothy is taking 70 students to the camp at Rock Eagle.
- Lion Lisa Little presented key award to Lion Mary Arnold for bringing in 2 new members.



WORKING LIONS - 255 hours  
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 110 hours  
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 4 hours  
Total: 369 hours  
**Submitted: 3 news article**

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = Donated \$1,200 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. 17 pairs of glasses were collected for the month of April 2014. The club sponsored the Mobile Food Pantry, which provides food for families in need of assistance. \$800 were donated to support this activity which assisted 467 families. Many people from the community work on this effort. Seven club members worked a total of 13 hours to help with this activity. The Winder Noon Lions Club Golf Tournament was held in April to raise funds to support Lions Club services and local agencies. \$945 were donated to the following Lions Club Agencies. Lions Camp for the Blind 100 Leader Dogs for the Blind 200 Lighthouse for the Blind 25 White Cane 420 Canine Companions 200. \$1,300 were donated to the following local community agencies. Adult Literacy Center 100 Steak & Steak (fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club) 600 Light Shelter 100 NE GA Boy Scouts of America 100 Relay for Life 100 WBHS Band Award 100 Benevolent Ministries 200.

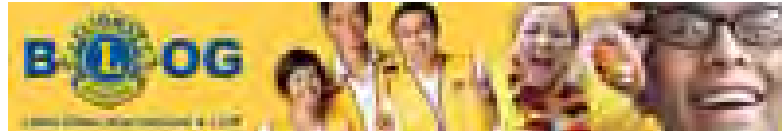


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Puerto Rico is 100 miles long by 35 miles wide, making it the smallest island of the Greater Antilles.

The people of Puerto Rico invite you to take some time before or after the forum to explore their tropical island. Find your exotic hideaway with miles of white sandy beaches, mountains and valleys, and many other natural wonders. Surround yourself in the natural splendors and the warm and friendly people of Puerto Rico.



# LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

IN SUPPORT OF LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 | 7:00 PM**

**BRAVES VS ATHLETICS**

**TICKET PRICE: OUTFIELD PAVILLION \$34**

Leader Dogs' Mission is to "empower people who are blind or visually impaired with strong skills for independent travel." Support your Lions Club by sponsoring your staff/child to attend the Braves game.

Donations made toward travel costs will help benefit someone within Georgia to get a Leader Dog.

# TICKETS	SEATING	COST	TOTAL
	OUTFIELD PAVILLION	\$ 34	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

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ORDERS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO:  
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**GA. Lions Lighthouse**  
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**  
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!  
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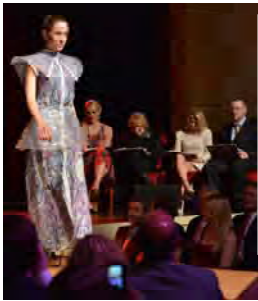
# night of spectacles

**The Buckhead Theatre**  
**May 10, 2014**  
[www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org)

Join us in celebrating the work of the Lighthouse at the **7th Annual Night of Spectacles**, to be held May 10, 2014 at the historic Buckhead Theatre. This unique evening will feature a fashion show with designs made with recycled eyewear, a silent and live auction, entertainment, and good company. [Get your tickets today!](#) \*all proceeds benefit Lighthouse programs.

If you are interested in event sponsorship, or have general inquiries about the event, please contact Kembra Landry, Development Director for the GLLF. [klandry@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:klandry@lionslighthouse.org). | 404.325.3630 x 322

## FASHION SHOW



The Night of Spectacles fashion show gives fashion design students at schools in Georgia the unique and exciting opportunity to design dresses made from recycled eyeglass frames and lenses. Their designs are presented in true runway fashion, then judged by local celebrities and fashion experts. The winning student will take home a \$1,000 scholarship.

## LIVE & SILENT AUCTION



With 100 items and counting, the silent and live auction will feature weekend getaways, beauty services, designer eyewear, and plenty of Atlanta staples.

**FUND-A-NEED** - It is estimated that 80% of what a child learns is visual. Many families in low-income neighborhoods don't have the financial resources to get their children's eyesight check, and poor vision often goes undiagnosed.

Since 2011, the Lighthouse has continually increased our efforts to serve these children and make an impact on the healthcare gaps impacting children in Georgia.



**Service Numbers**  
 From July to Mar 2014

People having eye exams  
**275 were from 18-I**

People have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses**  
**743 were from 18-I**

Eye surgeries were performed.  
**86 were from 18-I**

Hearing aids through the dispensation  
**395 were from 18-I**

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

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 I District Chair:**  
**Ken Massingale, PDG**  
 E: [g\\_massin@yahoo.ie](mailto:g_massin@yahoo.ie)



## Mark your calendars! Upcoming Lighthouse Events

**May 10, 2014**

### **Lions Museum Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

1:00pm

The Lighthouse  
5582 Peachtree Rd.  
Chamblee, GA 30341

### **Night of Spectacles**

7-11pm

The Buckhead Theatre  
**3110 Roswell Rd.**  
Atlanta, GA 30305

**May 30- June 1, 2014**

### **Lions State Convention**

Marriott Macon City Center  
240 Coliseum Drive  
Macon, GA 31217

Lighthouse sessions will be on Friday & Saturday

\*Lighthouse presentations will be Friday

Club contributions to be recognized at State Convention  
are due May 19th

**\*\*\*Gift Deadline for State Convention\*\*\***

**May 19th**

## **Lions Museum Opening**

On May 10, 2014, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Georgia's only statewide provider of vision and hearing care for uninsured Georgians, will open the first ever Lions Club Museum.

A ribbon cutting ceremony open to Lions Club members and press will take place at 1:00pm at the Lighthouse Foundation. (5582 Peachtree Rd. Chamblee, GA )

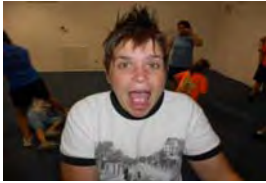
Items to be on display in the 1,000 square foot exhibit hall include a 65 year old Braille Bible on limited display from the Statesboro Lions Club, comprised of 15 volumes. The Carter Center has contributed numerous items from President Carter's rich history as a Lion. Items include letters of correspondence between Carter and Lions Club Historian Chip Nedza, photographs taken during his presidency, and documents on Lionism dating back to 1948.

Lighthouse Executive Director Roberta Green, "We are so proud to be home to this groundbreaking museum and look forward to working with the Lions of Georgia to expand and maintain a diverse collection of Lions Club memorabilia and historical items."

Today, the Lighthouse Foundation serves more than 6,500 of Georgia's 1.9 million uninsured by providing eye exams, eyeglasses, sight-saving surgeries, and digital hearing aids to Georgians on all ages each year. Through collaborative partnerships with over 500 hearing and surgical providers and 26 mobile clinics throughout the state, the Lighthouse Foundation is able to touch all 159 counties in Georgia.



**Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Olin Newby, PDG**  
[newby@wildblue.net](mailto:newby@wildblue.net)



**Lions of Georgia,**

June 16-20 for Pre-teens and Families  
 June 22-29 for Older Adults  
 July 6-13 for Young Adults  
 July 16-25 for Teenagers with Lions Day on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**2014 Lions Events**

*Board of Directors Meeting at State Convention Macon May 30-June 1st*  
*Lions Day at the Camp July 19th*

**Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind 2014 Silent Auction.**



*We are challenging all clubs to participate in the GLCB Silent Auction during the 2014 Lions State Convention in Macon, May 30 – June 1. This is a great opportunity to get your members involved in a club project and you may want to showcase products from your area. **Please attach a list of the items in the basket and the total value. Theme baskets will be displayed with bidding sheets in an orderly manner so the bidding process runs as smoothly as possible.** Theme baskets will be on display during the State Convention and bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday night, May 31. Last year we had a*

*watermelon, chocolate candy, Lions pins, weekend at a bed and breakfast, coolers with food and even a fire pit to mention a few. The baskets are only limited to the creativity of the members.*

*If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email me at [forrestfamily@windstream.net](mailto:forrestfamily@windstream.net).*

*Dimple Forrest // Silent Auction Chair*

*Fellow Lions,*

As we are getting down close to the end of this Lions year I want to encourage each Lion and Club to think about learning more about what the camp for the Blind is all about. We have members of Lions Clubs in District I that are will to come to your club for a program. Let me know if you and your club would like to have a program on the Camp.

Along that line the staff and Lions are making preparations for the camping season coming up. If you have a blind child in your community that might go to camp, go to the Lions Camp website and print out a registration form and send it in. Also on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Lions and Leo's from across Georgia went to the camp for a workday. Some 35 to 40 people attend Workday. A lot was accomplished in getting ready for camp .Thanks to everyone who attended.

Let me remind you about Lions day on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> at the camp. We will have an opportunity to visit with Lions all over Georgia as well as the Campers that are attending camp. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. Hope to see you there. Let me remind you that we will have a camp meeting on Friday afternoon at the State Convention in Macon. The Board of Directors for the camp, with your help, is getting the camp finances in a better situation in order that we can continue to operate the camp for the blind and other Special Needs individuals. If your club has not contributed to the Camp this year I encourage you to do so.

The Committee Chairman for District I will be in place beginning July 1, 2014 for the new Lions Year. If any Lion would like to serve on a committee for the Camp let me know as soon as possible. This will enable the committees to begin work July 1<sup>st</sup> instead of September. The committees are Constitution, Finance, Awards, Fundraising, Planning, Building and Grounds, Nominations, Planning, Personnel, PR & Promotions

Email me at [newby@wildblue.net](mailto:newby@wildblue.net) if you are interested in serving on anyone of these committees. Thanks for all that you do in the State as a Lion.



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

**Saturday June 21st, 7:05 PM  
vs. Louisville Bats**

As Chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, I would like to inform you of the Committee's decision to encourage each District to hold a District wide Fundraiser to benefit the Camp. Because it was already in place, Lion Brian Donegan, & I chose to continue the Gwinnett Braves/Lions Baseball Fundraiser. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year for this event and I am happy to report that each year it has grown. In the three previous years, we have sold an average of 206 tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$8ea and for each ticket sold over 200, \$3 stays with the Club that sold the tickets, to be sent to the Camp after the Game. That comes out to about \$619 for each of those three years. Every Club that sold tickets would send the revenue from the game to the Camp as per their share.

That's not bad, but it is not where we feel it should be, or where we can be. We now have a much larger District with 57 Lions Clubs. Our goal is to have every Lions Club in District I be a part of this fundraiser. Our goal is to also sell 500 tickets, and if we can, the Camp will realize an additional \$1,500. It is a great time to be a Lion and a great time to come together in support of the Camp. The kicker is that tickets don't have to be sold just to Lions. Wouldn't it be great for each Lion to sell tickets to not only their members, their families, but to friends and co workers as well? Wouldn't this be an awesome time to share with friends what Lions do and how service minded we are? Also, some Lions seem to balk at spending money for fundraisers such as the drawing for \$5000 or a Gator, but this is different because the purchaser actually gets something for his/her donation. I believe that we may even be able to bring in a few new Lions.

In order to get the Clubs excited, the Fundraising Committee and the Camp Directors have thrown out a caveat to entice the Clubs to go all out to make this a great competition. The 4 Districts will be competing to see who can raise the most within their District. The club in each district that donates the *highest per capita per member* from their Camp for the Blind fundraiser will receive an engraved brick to be presented at Lions Day for the Camp in July. The donation from the fundraiser(s) must be received by April 30, 2014.

You may think that this is not possible, but it is if we work together as Lions. Our proposal takes into consideration the size of our current District. Having said that, we will need the help and cooperation of not only you 3, but the Zone Chairs as well. Because of the communication that the Zone Chairs have with their Clubs, they can easily keep information flowing from what I send to them and they can pass it along to their Clubs and encourage them to participate.

The Gwinnett Braves game in 2014 is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. The G Braves will be playing the Louisville Bats at 7 PM. This should not be an issue because of the State Convention as the Convention is a week before the game.

I value your opinion on this and hope that each of you will support this endeavor to raise money for the Camp & "Keep the Camp Fires Burning"

Yours in Service,  
Pete Stamsen  
Chairman  
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Fundraising Committee



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey [s\\_rousey@truvista.net](mailto:s_rousey@truvista.net)



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Connect with Leader Dog



## Kennel Redesign Project Update

As you probably already know, we are planning an extensive renovation of our kennels! Soon the dogs will have as nice a place to stay during their training as our clients do! (smile) The plans for the renovation are moving along nicely. We've submitted the site plan to the city and the operations team is refining the kennel set up and cage configuration. A solid set of prints to begin the scope review and budget is almost complete and are required for bid and permit submittals in April.

Construction will be in three phases and we are working on a transition plan that allows kennel operations to continue throughout each phase. Soon there will be a temporary lobby entrance and a new IT closet to ensure seamless technology and infrastructure support throughout the project.



The fundraising campaign is underway and will be conducted in phases throughout 2014-2015. We continue to work with CCS, our campaign counsel, and the entire philanthropy department is involved because the campaign will help us grow overall giving.

## Free Service Dog Eye Exams

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) will again be conducting free eye exams for qualifying service dogs during the month of May. Registration is open from April 1 through April 30 at [www.acvoeyexam.org](http://www.acvoeyexam.org). 'Like' their Facebook page at 'ACVO National Service Animal Eye Exam Event' to receive updated announcements.

Please spread the word of this service to everyone you know who has a service dog.

## Purchasing Gift Shop Items

If you are interested in purchasing items from the Leader Dog gift shop, we have volunteers ready to assist. You can either email your request to [giftshop@leaderdog.org](mailto:giftshop@leaderdog.org) or call 248-218-6347. Volunteers work periodically throughout the week and will contact you back to assist with your purchase over the phone.

We have many Leader Dog logo items such as tee shirts, hoodies, polos, fleeces and backpacks for purchase. Our volunteers are able to tell you about all the items over the phone before you place an order. As a client, you will receive a 15% discount on all items.

We will have some items available online in mid-2014.

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## Stories of Longevity



Doris Henderson in 1955

When Doris Henderson started volunteering for Leader Dogs for the Blind, Dwight D. Eisenhower was president of the United States and a gallon of gas cost a whopping 21 cents.

“Back in 1955 they only had a staff of 12 people, and they really didn’t believe in volunteers, so when they needed help with something the instructors’ wives would come in and help out. There were five of us and I guess you could say we were the first volunteers,” she recalled. “We sent out the bulk mailings, went out in the field with our husbands to help clients with problems, and we went to the ladies’ meetings at the Lions Club.” Doris’ husband, Jim, was the fifth instructor employed by Leader Dog.

Looking back, Doris marvels at all the changes she has seen during her six decades with the organization. “I remember we only had eight clients come each month for training, and they were only from the United States; we hadn’t even expanded into Mexico yet,” she said. “I never would have imagined it would grow to be so big. There’s not a building still here that was here when I started.”

For Doris, Leader Dog has been a family affair. Her husband Jim went on to be the director of training and worked here for 42 years. Her dad and one of her sons worked here also, and her daughter, Karen Burmann, currently works as the programs & services coordinator. “All together, eight members of my family have worked for Leader Dog over the years, but I’m the only one who was never on the payroll.”



Doris Henderson also continues to volunteer with mailings. Pictured here are volunteers (left to right) Joan Ersin, Doris Griffiths, Doris Henderson and Jan Long.

Today, Doris puts her decades of involvement to good use by serving as Leader Dog’s volunteer historian. “I was asked to do this back in 2000 because I was part of the history,” Doris said. “I’m not a trained historian, but I do what I think needs to be done.”

As the organization’s “walking history book,” Doris volunteers one day a week, sifting through old papers and photographs and setting up archival files that will preserve the information for decades to come.

“It’s a really big job that will never end because we are making history every day,” she said. “I’m 86 years old now and it’s been a part of my life for 60 years, so why stop now?”



## [Learning Ally Teams with Wounded Warrior Project to Empower Veterans with Print Disabilities](#)



Learning Ally is teaming up with Wounded Warrior Project to help this generation's injured service members achieve their educational and professional goals.

Through this collaboration, wounded veterans who are registered with WWP will now have access to Learning Ally's library of [80,000 human-narrated audiobooks](#), including thousands of texts for college and post-secondary learning. "This agreement empowers warriors who have a difficult time reading due to the extent of their injuries, and provides an alternative education method for those who excel through auditory learning," says Randy Plunkett, director of education initiatives at [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

Background: More than 50,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in recent military conflicts. In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated as many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Another 320,000 are believed to have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment.

Nearly one third of registered WWP Alumni are pursuing educational goals. While many are participating in WWP's economic programs – including Transition Training Academy and [Warriors to Work](#) – many more are attending universities across the country.

Learning Ally's services will be available to all warriors who have a difficult time reading printed text, and is also being integrated into WWP's [TRACK](#) program. Based in Jacksonville, FL and San Antonio, TX, TRACK is a one-year community college and internship program geared primarily toward service members with no prior exposure to higher education.

"We are so grateful for Learning Ally's support and their ability to supply us with a tool that will reach beyond the confines of our own programs," says Plunkett. "It truly is something that will further empower injured service members. The extent of injuries these veterans endured makes reading textbooks challenging or outright impossible. With this kind of technology, we're opening up a world of opportunities for their future success."

Wounded Warrior Project Alumni who would benefit from this service can contact Randy Plunkett at 904.528.6136 or [rplunkett\(at\)woundedwarriorproject\(dot\)org](mailto:rplunkett(at)woundedwarriorproject(dot)org).



## Gaining Independence with Marco



"Skilled Companion Marco has brought Barbara so much happiness. I've seen her desire to be independent grow because of him," says Barbara's mom, Gloria.

Barbara has cerebral palsy and limited verbal communication. But Barbara and Marco have developed a special way of communicating. "Their bond is incredible. Barbara will call Marco with clicks of her tongue and he knows that she is

calling him. He will push his head under her arm so she can pet him. He knows how to position himself so Barbara can reach him," explains Gloria.

When Barbara holds Marco's leash, people talk to her directly, instead of talking to Barbara's mom. "Marco has improved Barbara's self-esteem so much. She has so much pride when she takes him on walks. Marco has given her a sense of ownership and responsibility," Gloria says

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## Veterinary Discount Plan Offered



Canine Companions now offers the Pet Assure Veterinary Discount Plan to our volunteers and puppy raisers. Pet Assure is the nation's largest veterinary discount plan. It is not insurance, so there are no forms to fill out and no waiting for reimbursements. Even pets with pre-existing conditions are accepted.

Canine Companions puppies, graduate dogs and release or pet dogs all qualify. Cats too! Thousands of vets nationwide honor the Pet Assure discount card, which entitles the cardholder to a 25% discount on all in-house medical services.

For more information or to enroll, [please visit Pet Assure's website = http://www.petassure.com/go/cci.html](http://www.petassure.com/go/cci.html)



Diabetes Awareness Chair  
**Kathryn Higgins**  
[klhiggins07@aol.com](mailto:klhiggins07@aol.com)

## Legal Advocacy Webinars

The American Diabetes Association's Legal Advocacy team fights for the rights of people with diabetes—helping students with diabetes access the care they need in school, fighting for fair treatment of employees in the workplace, and helping people with diabetes wherever they face discrimination because they have diabetes.

Want to know more about diabetes discrimination and how our Legal Advocacy work helps? Check out these webinars for valuable information that you can access anytime. Are you worried that your child might be facing discrimination because of diabetes? Call us at 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383)!

### Back to School/Parent Advocacy

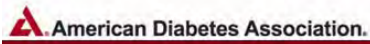
*Topics:* Safe at School Overview; School Diabetes Care Challenges; Federal & State Laws; Developing a 504 Plan; Key Resources for Families & Schools

### Know Your Rights, for College Students with Diabetes

Co-Hosted with the College Diabetes Network:

[www.collegediabetesnetwork.org](http://www.collegediabetesnetwork.org)

*Topics:* The Rights of College Students Who Have Diabetes, How the Disabilities Services Office Can Help; How Students Can Advocate for Themselves




Find support now for your diabetes.  
Join the conversation today!

**Community News**

[community.diabetes.org](http://community.diabetes.org)

### Have Questions About Caring for a Loved One with Diabetes?

As a parent or caregiver of someone with diabetes, we thought you might be interested in finding information and support in our [online community](#). Did you know that we have message boards just for people like you, called “[The Place for Parents](#)” and “[I Love Someone with Diabetes](#)”?

Diabetes affects the whole family, whether you’re a parent, sibling, child, grandchild or spouse—or even a close friend. If you feel you need support of your own, we encourage you to check out our forums. And if you have questions or responses for others, [join today!](#)\*

Thank you,

*The American Diabetes Association*

\* If you already have an online account with the Association, you may use that to log in without registering again.

### Feeling Overwhelmed



Member sunshine92896’s husband went to the doctor for foot trouble he thought was related to a back injury—but he was quickly diagnosed with diabetes, and the

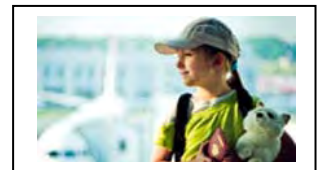
pain and numbness are likely neuropathy. She is scared and frustrated, but also “grateful there is a place to talk about this with others” as the family starts this diabetes journey.

### [What advice would you have for a new diabetes caregiver?](#)

[http://community.diabetes.org/t5/I-Love-Someone-with-Diabetes/Feeling-overwhelmed/td-p/497824?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=community-recruit&utm\\_content=042214-link&utm\\_campaign=COMM&s\\_src=email\\_community-recruit&s\\_subsrc=042214-link](http://community.diabetes.org/t5/I-Love-Someone-with-Diabetes/Feeling-overwhelmed/td-p/497824?utm_source=email&utm_medium=community-recruit&utm_content=042214-link&utm_campaign=COMM&s_src=email_community-recruit&s_subsrc=042214-link)

### Have Diabetes, Will Travel!

Summer travel season is almost here! Wherever you go, diabetes comes with you—as do diabetes supplies and devices. One member recently had a successful air travel experience with her young grandchild, who has type 1 diabetes. In this post, she recounts the steps they took to ensure a smooth, safe flight with diabetes.



### [Click here to read her air travel tips, and to share your own!](#)

[http://community.diabetes.org/t5/The-Place-for-Parents/Air-travel/td-p/500710?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=community-recruit&utm\\_content=042214-link&utm\\_campaign=COMM&s\\_src=email\\_community-recruit&s\\_subsrc=042214-link](http://community.diabetes.org/t5/The-Place-for-Parents/Air-travel/td-p/500710?utm_source=email&utm_medium=community-recruit&utm_content=042214-link&utm_campaign=COMM&s_src=email_community-recruit&s_subsrc=042214-link)



## Brown Baggin' It



Packing a lunch is a great way to stick to your meal plan, but it can be extra-challenging for someone who's on the

road all day long. One member has asked the community about healthy, interesting meal ideas for her boyfriend, who has type 2 diabetes and drives a truck for a living.

**What's your favorite pack-and-go lunch?**

[http://community.diabetes.org/t5/I-Love-Someone-with-Diabetes/brown-bag-specials/td-p/496484?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=community-recruit&utm\\_content=042214-link&utm\\_campaign=COMM&s\\_src=email\\_community-recruit&s\\_subsrc=042214-link](http://community.diabetes.org/t5/I-Love-Someone-with-Diabetes/brown-bag-specials/td-p/496484?utm_source=email&utm_medium=community-recruit&utm_content=042214-link&utm_campaign=COMM&s_src=email_community-recruit&s_subsrc=042214-link)

## Ryan Reed



After being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in Feb. 2011, during the highlight of his racing career, Ryan's approach in his life, career and goals in racing changed. After being told he would never race again and with a strong effort to

continue on, Ryan found Dr. Anne Peters, MD of USC Clinical Diabetes Program in California, who confirmed that with hard work, Ryan could still reach his dreams of becoming a top NASCAR driver.

Determined not to give up his lifelong dream of being a NASCAR driver, Reed eventually found a supportive endocrinologist who was able to help him manage his diabetes and stay on track – literally. He hired a personal trainer and works out for two-four hours each day. He installed an onboard drink system in his car, using a specially formulated protein/carbohydrate/sugar blend his doctor developed for him. He monitors his blood glucose levels continuously during a race, which can go on for several hours. And, he had a member of his pit crew trained to deliver insulin to him on an emergency basis, should the need arise.

Ryan has found himself in a unique situation and is driven to become a role model in the diabetes community. Ryan Reed formed his nonprofit organization, Ryan's Mission, to help build awareness, become a role model and positively touch the lives of so many that have already been affected by the disease.

Ryan and his Mission have joined forces with the American Diabetes Association. This unique collaboration with the Association to Drive to Stop Diabetes<sup>SM</sup> will use Ryan's story as the voice. The Drive to Stop Diabetes campaign will include awareness and educational efforts at select NASCAR Nationwide races this year, as well as at several off track health

and wellness initiatives throughout 2013. The Drive to Stop Diabetes<sup>SM</sup> mobile movement will focus attention to educating the community on all types of diabetes. The Drive to Stop Diabetes<sup>SM</sup> campaign, through Ryan's Mission 501(c)3, will donate 100 percent of all net-proceeds to the Association.

## Welcome to the 2014 Atlanta Tour de Cure!

**Route Distances: 2,28, 37, 65, 100 MI &**

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**Contact your event manager, Anissa Johnson:**  
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**American Diabetes Association**

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

**When: 05/18/2014**

**Where: Boundary Waters Park**

**Address: 5000 Georgia Highway 92/166**

**Registration Fee: 15.00**

**Fundraising Minimum: 200**

Tour de Cure is more than just a cycling event. It's a life-changing event. A day full of fun and excitement where riders of all levels join forces in the fight to Stop Diabetes<sup>®</sup> and raise critical funds for diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the American Diabetes Association.

The Tour de Cure welcome riders of all levels and all ages! Enjoy the beautiful roads of the Silk Sheets, filled with rolling hills and plenty of rest stops. We also have our 2 Mile Family Fun Ride inside of the Park for our beginner riders!

After the ride, return to the park for our Day of Event Experience, including Great Food, Live Music, a Grand Health Expo and an Interactive Kids Zone! New for 2014, there will also be an area for adults to relax in the Family Fun Lounge, with many field games to choose from!

Whether you are an occasional rider or an experienced cyclist, there is a route just for you:

Route Length	100 Mile	65 Mile	37 Mile
Check-In Time	6:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:30 AM
Start Time	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM

Route Length	28 Mile	8 Mile	2 Mile Family Fun
Check-In-Time	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:00 AM
Start Time	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM



## Peace, Love and Understanding

is the theme of the 2014-15 [Peace Poster Contest](#). Lions clubs can sponsor this [art contest for kids](#) in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

### Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- **Official Club Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

[Order a Kit](#)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr785.pdf>

Please [review contest rules](#) and order kits as soon as possible to guarantee sufficient time for a well-planned contest. For orders within the United States, please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Additional delivery time is needed for orders outside the United States.

### Promoting the Contest

In addition to the kit, you can also use the following PR Tools to promote your club's Peace Poster Contest:

- **Peace Poster Brochure**  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr775.pdf>
- **District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide**  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr787.pdf>

- **Honorable Mention certificate**  
[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC\\_790\\_honorable\\_mention.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC_790_honorable_mention.pdf)
- **Peace Poster DVD**  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/?c=1&id=53>

**NOTE: Clubs should order NOW....Children need to start now and work through the summer and be ready to complete their drawing in October.**

### Ordering Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2014-15 Lions International Essay Contest is "Peace, Love and Understanding." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

#### Essay Contest Guidelines

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. [Read the complete essay contest rules and entry form.](#)

View past grand prize winning essays:

- [2013-2014 "Our World, Our Future"](#) by Ashish Karki, age 12
- [2012-2013 "Imagine Peace"](#) by Maura Loberg, age 11
- [2011-2012 "Children Know Peace"](#) by Mikaela Smith, age 12
- [2010-2011 "Power of Peace"](#) by Amy Bosko, age 12

#### For More Information

To learn more about the Lions International Essay Contest, please [contact the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Department.](#)

**ORDER NOW AND ALLOW THE KIDS TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT DURING SUMMER BREAK. ONCE SCHOOL BEGINS – THEY CAN MAKE FINISHING TOUCH-UPS WHERE NEED BE.**





**We're Ready for the Duck Derby. Are You?**

Hello, Special Olympics supporters and yellow duck lovers! We are busy in the office with lots of athletes' help packing QUACK PACKS of yellow ducks. They are ready for you to take them home.



Check out this web site: <http://www.duckrace.com/atlanta>

SOGA needs to help 10,000 rubber ducks get adopted for the annual Duck Derby at White Water Friday, August 8th so we hope you'll adopt yours. Plus, there are great prizes to be won by you!

Thank you to our sponsors Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies, Rooms To Go Children's Fund, Allconnect, LAZ Parking, Whitaker Oil Company, Risk Placement Services, Precision Aviation Group, Dobbins Thrift Shoppe, Highwoods Properties, Craig Automotive, Dale Massey-State Farm Insurance, and North Georgia Replacement Windows. Also thank you to Six Flags White Water, our media partner 94.9 The Bull and Property Masters.

Adopt a duck and learn what it'll mean to the athletes. Thanks for supporting the 26,702 athletes we proudly serve.

**Matching Gifts**

Double or triple your tax-deductible donation to Special Olympics Georgia through your company's matching gift program. Thousands of companies match charitable contributions made by their employees. Find out if your company will match your donation to Special Olympics with our custom search engine or by visiting your personnel office. If your company does match gifts, please provide SOGA with the necessary paperwork. What a great way to increase your financial



support of the athletes with no additional cost to you!

**LaGrange Mother's Day Triple Play Powerboat Grand Prix  
May 9th-11th**

The LaGrange Mother's Day Triple Play Powerboat Grand Prix is three days of powerboat racing, music, food, and activities the entire family can enjoy. This event is the inaugural powerboat race for the 2014 APR Superleague season, and Special Olympics Georgia has been selected as a beneficiary of the event.



**Maki Fresh  
Give Back Day  
May 14th**

Come to Maki Fresh on May 14 in the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center and 20% of the day's sales will be donated back to Special Olympics Georgia. Enjoy some great sushi or hibachi.



**State Summer Games  
May 30th-June 1<sup>st</sup> Atlanta**

**We need Fans in the Stands volunteers and others to help run events for Summer Games. Come cheer them on!** Click here to apply to volunteer. <http://sogorgia.vsyshost.com/>

**If you are interested in the volunteering opportunities above, please contact Stephen Sparks.**

**Duck Derby  
August 8th**

Time to adopt ducks for the Duck Derby! On August 8th, 10,000 ducks will race at Six Flags White Water. You can adopt a single duck for \$5, or increase your chances by buying a quack pack of 7 ducks for \$30! If your duck crosses the finish line first, you could win any of these amazing prizes: iPhone 5c 16 GB, .55 Carat Diamond Stud Earrings on 14K White Gold, Six Flags White Water Family Ticket Package, Surface RT Tablet 32 GB, \$300 Publix Gift Card, or a \$150 QuikTrip Gift Card! Visit [www.AtlantaDuckDerby.com](http://www.AtlantaDuckDerby.com) to adopt your ducks today!



**Easter Baskets Aren't Just for Bunnies or Dyed Eggs Anymore. Rubber Ducks Are Quite Popular This Year!**

You can ask Addie from Carrollton about the very large

rubber duck in her Easter bucket. The duck will also surprise your little one and may also win you a prize.

[Adopt a Quack Pack](#) of 7 ducks in the Duck Derby, benefiting Special Olympics Georgia, for \$30 and a small yellow rubber duck will be yours before Easter. And you'll help out athletes like Addie at the same time. A number will be assigned to each of your ducks and if yours are one of the first to cross the [Duck Derby's](#) finish line August 8 at Six Flags White Water, you could win:



- 1st Place:  
iPhone 5c 16 GB
  - 2nd Place:  
.55 Carat Diamond Stud Earrings on 14K White Gold, courtesy of Dynasty Jewelry and Loan
  - 3rd Place:  
Six Flags White Water Family Ticket Package, courtesy of Six Flags White Water (includes family 4 pack of tickets, Platinum Cabana including food and drinks all day, and free parking)
  - 4th Place:  
Surface RT Tablet 32 GB
  - 5th Place:  
\$300 Publix Gift Card
  - 6th Place:  
\$150 QuikTrip Gift Card, courtesy of QuikTrip
- Thank you to our sponsors [Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies](#), [Rooms To Go Children's Fund](#),

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### Clay Shoot September 25th

Secure your spot now for the Sporting Clay Charity Tournament, called the 2014 Shoot for Champions, Thursday, Sept. 25 at Foxhall Resort and Sporting Club in Douglasville. The event benefits the athletes of Special Olympics Georgia. Costs \$425 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, shells, snacks, beverages, and awards. [Check this web site](#) for the flyer <http://www.specialolympicsga.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2014-Shoot-for-Champions.pdf> For more information, contact [Georgia Milton-Sheats](#).



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### Bob Busse Golf Tournament November 3rd

Special Olympics Georgia once again proudly hosts the [Bob Busse Golf Tournament](#) at a prestigious golf club Nov. 3rd in Sandy Springs. This event promises



to be a great way to spend your day. Each year, this tournament grows and becomes better than the last. Expect a great golf game, prizes, a silent auction and wonderful reception. Email [Riley Cerone](#) for more information.

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### Kroger Community Rewards®

Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at <https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx>, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code 57973) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself!



Enroll now for the Kroger Community Rewards Program (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics Georgia. Questions or problems, contact [Susan Skolnick](#) or 770-414-9390 x111.

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### You're Invited to the Leo Lion Summit!



Lions are invited to attend the [Leo Lion Summit](#) on July 4 - the first day of the Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada. The summit will bring together Leos and Lions from around the world to share experiences, celebrate successes and learn about exciting new resources that will be unveiled during the event.

Not involved in the Leo Club Program yet? Come to the summit to find out how your Lions club can support youth development. [Register for the Leo Lion Summit when submitting your convention registration form](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/for-attendees/news-conv-register.php> and join us on July 4!

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