



**We Serve**

# District Bulletin 18-D



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

June 2011



District Governor  
**Ron Bennett**

## Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

This is the last newsletter I will send during my year as District Governor. It has been a pleasure to serve this district as your Governor. I have met many Lions during the year and hope to keep in touch with them in the future. With all the duties that I have performed as your Governor the most difficult one was to write this newsletter each and every month. Each month I found it harder and harder to put in words how I felt and what I or your clubs had accomplished. But in the end I found the words. I will cherish for the rest of my life what you and I have accomplished this year.

We had a **4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet** meeting at the **Winder Lion Clubhouse** which included a family picnic and was very well attended. I passed out "**Certificate of Appreciation**" to the **Lions** that have worked so hard this year in our district. They also received the traditional Lions towel as a gift of my appreciation. I will have some additional awards that will be passed out at the state convention.

As the next **District Governor Ed Hashbarger** get ready for his term I would like to ask each and every **Lion** in the district to support him as you have supported me. With the help of the **Lions of 18-D** we will have another great year.

I have been asked by the **Past District Governors Association** to ask the **Lions of Georgia District 18-D** to vote "**YES**" at the State Convention on the new redistricting plan. They are **100%** behind this plan and need your assistance in passing this plan at the state convention. Once the plan is accepted it will be sent to International for their approval and final implementation. To those who are attending the State Convention you are in for a surprise, the Convention Committee has put a great convention together this convention will be one that will be talked about in MD-18 for many years. We are looking forward to greet **International President Sig Scruggs** and wife **Lion Judy**, **Past International President Jim Ervin** and wife **Lion Sharon** and **International Director Haynes Townsend** and wife **Lion Donna**. The convention starts on Wednesday of some Lions but officially starts on with the opening ceremonies on Friday. We also have a meet the **International President** function on Thursday at **Stone Mountain Park**. Hope to see many **Lion** at all of these events.

The **District Governor Contest** is now **HISTORY** and the winner have been selected. I would like to thank all the clubs that participated in the contest and hope you enjoyed the format. The winner will be announced at the Sunday morning breakfast. We will have a first place, second place and a third place winner and (2) honorable mentions winner.

As I close I would again like to thank the **Lions of District 18-D** for all the wonderful work that they performed this year and looking forward to see all of them at the State Convention in Gwinnett County.

As always, Deanna and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the district for your support and best wishes. Without the support of the district this job would not be as much fun as it has been this year.

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

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



**1 June – Helen Keller Day** in 1971, LCI declared 1 June as “Helen Keller Day” in honor of this amazing woman who holds a special place in the hearts of Lions everywhere. At a Lions convention in 1925, Helen Keller personally challenged Lions to become “Knights of the Blind” and since then Lions have conducted countless sight conservation efforts. We encourage Lions to take this opportunity to conduct blindness related service activities in their communities.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**June – Installation of Club Officers.**

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

**Region II, Zone I – Tues., 14 June at 6:30pm  
Garden Plaza, Lawrenceville**

## Planning Ahead



***Lions Day 23 July 2011 –  
Lion Day at Camp for the Blind  
35th Anniversary Celebration!***

**GET OUT YOUR BOOTS & COWBOY HATS!**

**PLAN TO COME TO “CAMP HAPPY TRAILS!!**

**GEORGIA LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP!!!**

**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!!!**

**WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 23 JULY 2011**

**Activities start at 9:30 a.m.**

**LUNCH \$10.00**

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE TO LION DOY  
BARKS**

**at 478-923-5649, [hankbarks@msn.com](mailto:hankbarks@msn.com) or  
614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088**

If you have not been in the past; you can mark your calendar now. Please let them know how many is in your group. This also can be used as a regular Club meeting event.

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**24 July -- MD Zone/Region Chair Training =  
at Camp for the Blind – come enjoy the day on  
Saturday and then we can train Sunday morning.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting to be held at 10 am, Saturday,  
16 July in Clarksville.**



## Where in the World

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



### HIGHLIGHTS

## Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



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



## P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK



## Lions Clubs International

## Like Lions Clubs on Facebook and Stay Connected

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



Facebook to:

- Let your Facebook friends know you're proud to be a Lion.
- Share your Lions club's information, ideas and photos.
- Get the latest updates from Lions Clubs International.
  - Network with Lions and clubs around the world.



[Like us on Facebook now!](#)



## Lions Providing Disaster Relief for Tornado Victims in U.S.



A recent tornado outbreak in the U.S. killed at least 280 people, left thousands homeless and caused millions of dollars in damage. As always, our members are bringing

aid to the people affected by this disaster. LCIF is mobilizing US\$250,000 to fund Lions' relief efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. LCIF also awarded US\$160,000 in emergency grants to affected districts. Local Lions will use these funds to provide immediate relief supplies, including food and water.



## Help Us Plan Our Centennial Celebration

Lions Clubs International is planning a celebration of the 100th anniversary of our association in 2017. And, we need your feedback to help us determine what will be of most interest to your club and your community. Help make this a worldwide celebration – [take our short survey to share your thoughts now.](#)



## Membership Publications Available Online

Online resources are available to help ensure that your club always has membership publications and forms available for use. You can find the membership application (as well as many other publications) on our Web site. We encourage Lions seeking membership growth and retention related publications or forms to:

1. Print the [Web site instructions](#) for future use.
2. Use these instructions to find and print small quantities of publications or forms.
3. [Order larger publication quantities](#) from the [Membership Operations Department.](#)



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## See Inspirational Documentary at International Convention



During our international convention, you'll have a chance to see *Going Blind* – a compelling documentary that inspires viewers to preserve, prolong and maximize the precious gift of sight. This popular film features inspiring individuals of all ages sharing their stories about sight loss due to glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, macular degeneration, infection and accidents. We will host two showings of *Going Blind* on July 5 and July 7. Both showings will take place from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 2AB of the Washington State Convention Center. [Learn more about this inspiring film.](#)

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### President's Blog

## President's Service Blog: Visiting Peace Village, Germany

May 30, 2011

[helping children](#), [humanitarian service](#), [International President](#), [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#), [Sid Scruggs](#)

As Lions, we see scenes that break our hearts as well as uplift them. At the [Peace Village in Germany](#), Judy and I were touched to see Lions helping children through difficult times.

The facility provides quality medical care to kids who wouldn't otherwise have access. This special place is made possible through a partnership between Lions and Peace Village International. While some children are the victims of war, many live in countries where a

severe burn or badly broken bone could lead to a lifetime of disability.



Visiting this facility and seeing the joy Lions bring to these children truly moved Judy and me. It's wonderful to see our members making a profound impact in the lives of kids.

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## President's Service Blog: Meeting an Essay Contest Finalist, Indiana

May 17, 2011

[blindness](#), [Essay Contest](#), [Lions Clubs International](#), [Sid Scruggs](#), [youth programs](#)



As part of my theme this year, I called upon clubs to support an essay contest, which allowed visually impaired children ages 11, 12 and 13 throughout the world to express what peace means to them. I was truly overwhelmed by the quality of responses we received. The Power of Peace theme elicited amazing essays from visually impaired children throughout the world. When I was in Indiana, I had the opportunity to meet with one of the children who submitted an essay. Mikaela Smith from District 25-A, in Chesterton, Indiana, shared her moving essay in a ceremony. Afterward I had the honor of bestowing an award for her participation.

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## LIONS QUARTERLY



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

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Convention Mobile Phone App](#)

Download our 2011 Phone App for the latest convention news.

#### [Helping Youth](#)

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

#### [Lions Mentoring Program](#)

Learn how to make every member feel comfortable in your club.

#### [New Membership Award](#)

Receive a Membership Achievement Award for adding new members.

### CONTESTS

#### [Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest in your city

### EVENTS

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

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

The last few months have seen great destructic globe. But, like me, I am sure you are proud of and our global Foundation have been quick to respond. Now, in the case of the Southern United States disasters, we are giving a hand and giving hope to those in greatest need. The Foundation has already provided US\$160,000 in emergency grants for immediate relief across eight states since mid-April. We are mobilizing an additional US\$250,000 for continued relief efforts.

The destruction and death tolls continue to rise from the deadly tornados and storms throughout the U.S. during the month of April. I continue to be shocked and saddened by this news. It is the largest tornado outbreak in the history of the U.S., with at least 178 tornados killing more than 300 people. Thousands of people across several states have been left homeless.



Lions have also been greatly impacted. But they are committed to meeting the urgent needs in their communities. In hard-hit Birmingham, Alabama, Lions have set up a warehouse staging area to collect and distribute donated goods, including emergency supplies

such as water and food. Twenty-seven Lions clubs in District 12- O, Tennessee are providing 200 families with prepared food boxes, needed medical supplies and eyeglasses.

"Lions from around the world have called me to hear how the local Lions are doing," said Lions International Director Yamandu Acosta, of Alabama. He has received calls from Australia, Spain and Peru, as well as others.



Lions, you know well that Lions Clubs greatest asset is our volunteers-you and 1.35 million Lions around the world. Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club nearby, ready to respond with their hearts and hands. Your generosity in the case of disasters allows us to be the first to offer help.

Lions, I ask for your help in making the hope for a brighter tomorrow a reality for the people in these devastated areas. The most effective and immediate way to help is through a designated donation to LCIF for Southern United States relief.



I have seen some of the recent destruction first-hand in New Zealand, and next month Margit and I will be in Japan and Haiti to visit with Lions and view our relief efforts there. Lions, we can take great pride in our long history of providing relief for as long as it takes.

I hope I can count on you to once again give your full support to give help and hope in the Southern United States.

*With my cordial regards,.*

*Eberhard J. Wirfs  
Chairperson LCIF*

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**NEW WEB SITE**



**We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.**

Dear Lion,

I've promised you since the beginning of the year that we would work hard this year to improve our international platform of communication. We must better share with our Lions and the world why our global Foundation is truly like no other. And today, I am very excited to announce that LCIF has just launched a brand new Web site. The English version is now available, and all languages will launch by our convention in July.





This new site gives you more tools and resources to promote the good work we Lions are doing. On the homepage, the [Recent Grants](#) area highlights some of recently awarded funds for grant projects.

The [Changing Lives](#) area links to stories of individuals, partners and donors who have all been impacted by the work of Lions, made possible by LCIF. These stories inspire us to do even more. And you can even share how LCIF has helped in your life or community by [Sharing a Story](#).



Our [News](#) section includes the latest information from the Foundation, including my monthly messages. In [About Us](#), you can learn more about our history, partners and leaders.

An entire section of our new site is devoted to you, our

Lions members. Our [Lions Center](#) provides information on [grants](#), [ways to donate](#) and how to get involved in our many programs. The [materials section](#) includes ready-to-use publications, forms, videos and power points that you can share with your club, district or community.

And within the Lions Center there is a section specifically for [our coordinators](#), our well-trained ambassadors of the Foundation.

Coordinators will be able to find a calendar of important dates, club visit information, forms and materials, recent news and reports.



Please visit our new site at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). I know you'll agree that these improvements will help all of us to better communicate the impact and work of the Foundation.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs



## **Southern U.S. States Hit by Destructive Tornadoes**

The southern half of the United States has experienced devastating tornado storms impacting thousands of people

and causing millions of dollars in damage. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is mobilizing US\$250,000 to assist Lions efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The Foundation has also awarded US\$160,000 in 16 emergency grants to affected districts.

On April 27, more than 300 people were killed across 8 states in the deadliest tornado outbreak in United States history. The hardest hit state was Alabama with the worst damage occurring in the cities of Tuscaloosa, where the University of Alabama is located, and northern Birmingham. Tornado winds reached speeds of 200 mph and some of the tornadoes were a mile wide. Through this destruction, Lions have been there to help out community members and their fellow Lions with emergency relief assistance.

Local Lions have been active in responding to their communities' urgent needs. Past International Director Howard Jenkins and District Governor Ronald Kitchens from 30-M in Mississippi have driven the path of the tornado's destruction to survey the damage and have stated that power and electricity are down as well as most phone lines. "Lions from around the world have called me to hear how the local Lions are doing," said Lions International Director Yamandu Acosta, of Alabama. He has received calls from Australia, Spain and Peru as well as others.

Twenty-seven Lions clubs in District 12-O, Tennessee are providing 200 families with prepared food boxes. They hope to also provide needed medical supplies and eyeglasses. In Birmingham, Alabama, Lions have set up a warehouse staging area to collect and distribute donated goods. District governors, club presidents and Lions members will continue to be involved in the coming days and weeks helping communities with the recovery effort.

LCIF has established a designated fund for donations called the *Southern U.S. Storms Fund*. Donations can be sent to LCIF by check, wire or credit card. [Please visit the Donation page on the LCIF Web site for more information.](#)

Lion members are always present to serve their communities, even following disasters that have impacted their personal lives. Through the generosity of Lions from around the world, LCIF is there to support them during these challenging times. "I know that our district and the surrounding area has the support of 1.35 million Lion members through the work of our Foundation," said **District 18-E Governor Charles Smith from the state of Georgia.**

Additional updates will be provided as appropriate activities are coordinated by Lions within these affected communities.



# Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

## INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ADDITIONAL PER CAPITA TAX OF \$3.00

MD 18 CONSTITUTION—Article VI - SECTION 2—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND— (b) In addition to the Multiple District Annual per capita tax levied upon each Member of the Lions Clubs in the State by Article VI, Section 1, the individual Districts of this State are authorized and empowered to levy and to collect an additional per capita tax, up to, but not to exceed, Three Dollars (\$3.00) upon each member of the Lions Clubs in their respective Districts, subject to the following terms and conditions: (1) Notice of intention to levy and collect said additional per capita tax and notice of the maximum amount to be levied and collected must be forwarded to the Secretary and President of each Club in said District at least ten days prior to the date of the first Cabinet Meeting is to be held for said year. (2) Levy and collection of said tax, the exact amount thereof and the date on which the same shall be levied and collected shall be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the District Governor's Cabinet present at the first meeting of said Cabinet for the year

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**24 July MD Zone/Region Chair - at Camp for the Blind – come enjoy the day on Saturday and then we can train Sunday morning.**

**Any and all other Lions who wish to attend for this very important training session ARE MORE THAN WELCOME.**

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**Survey was taken and found that majority wish to have future Cabinet meetings held at 10 to 12 am on Saturday. Look for these improvements next month in Clarksville.**



### ATTITUDES

#### From

#### To

Negative	POSITIVE
It won't work	IT WILL WORK
We've never done it this way	LET's TRY NEW IDEAS
It's Unworkable	RECOGNIZE THE WORKABLE
Complacency	ENTHUSIASM
Pessimism	OPTIMISM

#### **“Revisiting, Redefining and Revisioning”**

In preparing a Sunday school lesson for an adult class, which I teach, I came upon an account of **The Glass Half-Full**. It follows: “Two people look at the same drinking glass. The water in the glass reaches the halfway mark. According to folk wisdom, *the optimist* sees it as half-full and the *pessimist* sees it as half-empty...” The lesson is from the epistle: Philippians 1:12-30, Paul is writing from prison (which would be a “downer” to most persons). The writer, Paul, sees his imprisonment differently, by redefining; it changes from catastrophe to opportunity!

We in our Lions Clubs begin a new year. Several clubs do not have the members they once enjoyed working with. Several have less than half. Many of us see our Clubs as half-empty and our remaining members nursing the dread that “we are about to fold.”

The other option is available at the same time: The Club is half-full! Now we need to press on in encouraging current members to: *revisit* our objectives; *redefine* our purpose for being Lions; then we need a *revisioning* of serving opportunities and to *invite, with enthusiasm*, new persons to join with us to fill our Club with overflowing numbers. The bigger the task, with larger numbers, lightens the workload!

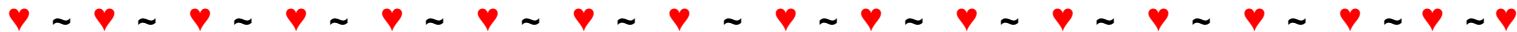
Let us shift our perspective making an honest assessment of the circumstances around us and how to use them effectively. Then we must seek to open new possibilities that can emerge during Lions year 2011-2012.

Revisiting – Redefining – Assessing Circumstances – and Remaining Open to New Possibilities.

Never done it before? Who knows – IT MIGHT WORK! Let's have a great year!

-Lion Del Von Almen  
District Chaplain – 2000-2001

Can't say it any better – POSITIVE THINKING.....



Dear Lion Leaders,

"We Serve."

"We Serve" is something that every Lion should say with great pride. However, our service to others is more than just a slogan or even a description of what we do.

"We Serve" is a commitment that Lions have, and that commitment defines who we are. We serve because we know we can change lives. We serve because we know we can make a difference in the world. We serve because there are needs to be met.

Our humanitarian endeavors are well recognized and stand as beacons of hope for all to see. Our service is a guiding light to our communities. In a world where many seem concerned with serving only themselves, we show our neighbors that hands-on service to others is one of the most rewarding experiences an individual can have. The simple truth is that serving those in need adds value to the lives of those we serve, and to ours.

Our efforts have helped Lions Clubs International be recognized as the world's largest service club organization. I am very proud to be a Lion and I thank you for all you do.

*Best wishes,*

**Sid L. Scruggs III**  
**International President**



***A Beacon of Hope  
Resources and  
Activities***

**Bringing it All  
Together**

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

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

Meaningful community  
service;

Membership growth;

Leadership  
development;

Communication, and

Organizational  
management.

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

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

## **Global Service Action Campaigns**

### ***Protecting Our Environment***

In April, Lions Clubs around the world took up the challenge of protecting our environment by organizing community-wide clean-ups, recycling, raising awareness about threats to the environment, and educating members of their communities on what they can do to make a difference.

In the fourth and final of this year's Global Service Action Campaigns, clubs in more than 60 countries have dedicated nearly 100,000 Lions service hours to more than 1,000 environmental projects. The campaign was scheduled in April to coincide with the worldwide observance of Earth Day. In one Protecting the Environment project, the Mercedes Lions club in Texas, USA, refurbished and painted 10 trash containers and worked with city officials to place them in the Little League and Pony League parks in the City of Mercedes.



Clubs may report their Protecting our Environment activities using the online Service Activities Report until June 30. Please visit our campaign web pages for additional stories and updates.



### Relieving the Hunger

Each year at Lions Day with the United Nations we are reminded of just how large and diverse we are and of the global impact of our work. It was a pleasure to join with Lions and UN officials and delegates on March 18th to celebrate our common commitment to humanitarian service.

For the first time in the history of the event, Lions Day with the United Nations was held concurrently at UN Headquarters in New York, USA and Nairobi, Kenya, led by First International Vice President Wing-Kun Tam. Holding the event in Nairobi enabled participants to focus on preventable blindness, food security, environmental sustainability and other issues of special importance in Africa.

### Set Your Sights High

#### Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is leading efforts to mint 350,000 silver dollars in recognition of our 100th Anniversary in 2017.

#### Take Action Now!

Passage of this legislation depends on securing 290 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 67 co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate. We need Lions from across the United States to contact their federal lawmakers and ask them to co-sponsor the "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act." Write or call your lawmakers today!

- Look up your representative in [Congress by zip code](#)
- Fill-out this [letter](#) and send it to your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives
- Use this [phone script](#) when calling your member's district or Washington D.C. office
- Before contacting your lawmakers, be sure to [read these tips](#)
- Share your experience by filling out this [report back form](#). [Email](#) or fax it to 630-706-9248

To learn more go to this web site:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/coin/>

### On the Horizon

Plan now! Join your fellow Lions in Seattle for the 94<sup>th</sup> International Convention. Attend informative seminars, meet with over 60 exhibitors to get ideas for funding your service projects, participate in valuable networking opportunities and gain a year's worth of knowledge in just five days.

### Let Your Light Shine on the World Wide Web

Create a Free Web site for your district or club

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

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

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

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



## RETENTION IS NOT GONE!

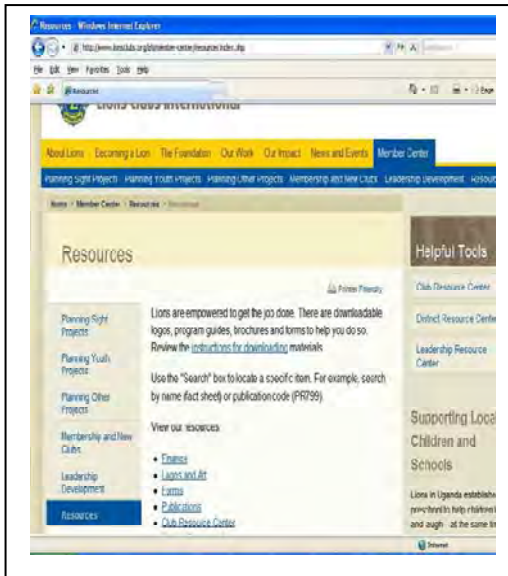
The MERL Team Retention Chair will disappear at the end of this month, along with the entire MERL Team. However, this does not mean that retention concern is going to disappear. If you have been reading your District Bulletin, then you know that I have written several articles about retention. However, my major focus has been on providing Lion club leaders with actions their clubs should take to retain their members. Last year we lost a total of 1,051 Lions, which was a total of 15.8% of the members we had at the start of the year. I don't know how many Lions we will lose by the end of this year. However, our April monthly retention statistical comparison results, although just slightly better, still shows that we are losing lots of Lions. To date we have lost 832 Lions (12.5%) vs. the 867 Lions (13%) we had lost by the end of April last year. For a number of reasons, the retention of members continues to be a major membership problem! Accordingly, retention will still be one of the challenges clubs will be faced with next year and beyond. Indeed, you will see changes arrive at the start of our new year as each district begins to hear from the District Coordinators of your District Global Membership Team (GMT) and your District Global Leadership Team (GLT). Under Lions Clubs International's revised membership approach there will be different efforts to improve club membership. Hopefully the upcoming changes will be far more helpful in handling club membership and leadership requirements.

Richard "Dick" Smith  
MERL Team Retention Chair

Lions looking for membership growth or retention related resources (including the Application for Membership) can access the Lions Clubs International Web site ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) for publications or forms. We encourage Lions to print out smaller quantities of publications or forms on a computer. If you need a large amount of a publication, you can [complete and mail in an order form](#) or contact the [Membership Operations Department](#).

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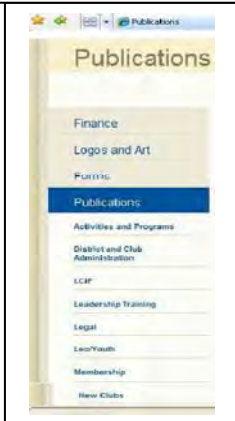
## To find membership growth or retention **forms or publications** on the Web site



**Step 1:** Go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
**Step 2:** Click on "MEMBER CENTER" in the blue part of the navigation bar.  
**Step 3:** Click on "RESOURCES" on the blue navigation bar that appears below and to the left of "MEMBER CENTER."

**Step 4:** You should now be on the "RESOURCES" Web page.

**STEP 5:** Select "FORMS" to view the available membership forms.  
**OR**  
 Select "PUBLICATIONS" to view the available membership publications.  
**Step 6:** Select "Membership" from the drop down menu of either the "Publications" or "Forms" section of the Web site.



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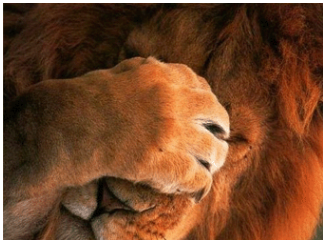


**Step 7:** Download your publication or form.

# CLUB REPORTS

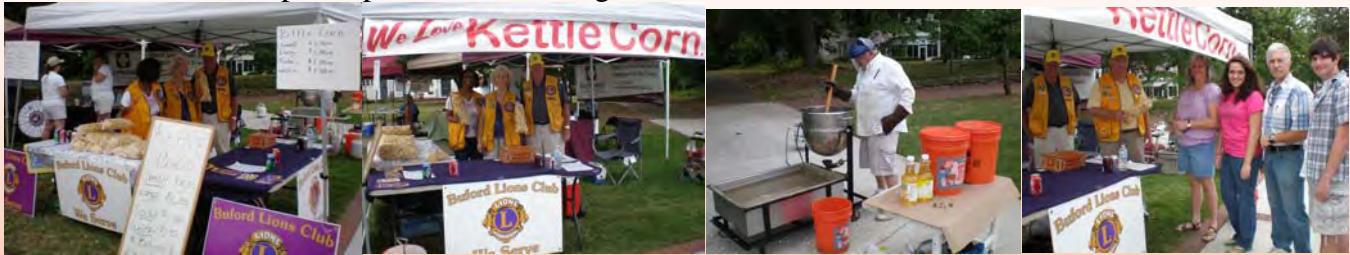


This is another way of getting Lions in your club, new members and prospective members interested in doing something new and different. Getting involved is another word for **WE SERVE**.



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


**Buford Lions Club =** The Buford Lions Club participated in the Buford Spring Festival sponsored by the Buford Business Alliance (BBA) There was entertainment from 11:00am until 6:00pm. There were also 100 vendors selling and promoting everything you can imagine. The Buford Lions Club had a tent and sold Kettle Corn and sodas. There was a nice crowd even-though the skies were threatening most of the day. We had most of our members participate and all had a good time in this semi-annual fundraiser.



In May The Buford Lions Club is proud to announce that we have awarded \$250 Scholarships to two very deserving students at Buford High School. The first is the Harold Hannah Scholarship for a Student that is involved in the Arts in some way. The second is the Laveese Martin Scholarship is for a Student that involved in Sports. The Certificates were awarded last week at Graduation. We will award the checks to the College they attend. Both Students will be honored at a Buford Lions Club Meeting.

## Carnesville Lions Club =

Tickets now on sale (\$2.00) for the Fall Festival in September – Ruger Model 77 Rifle or \$500.00 Cash!

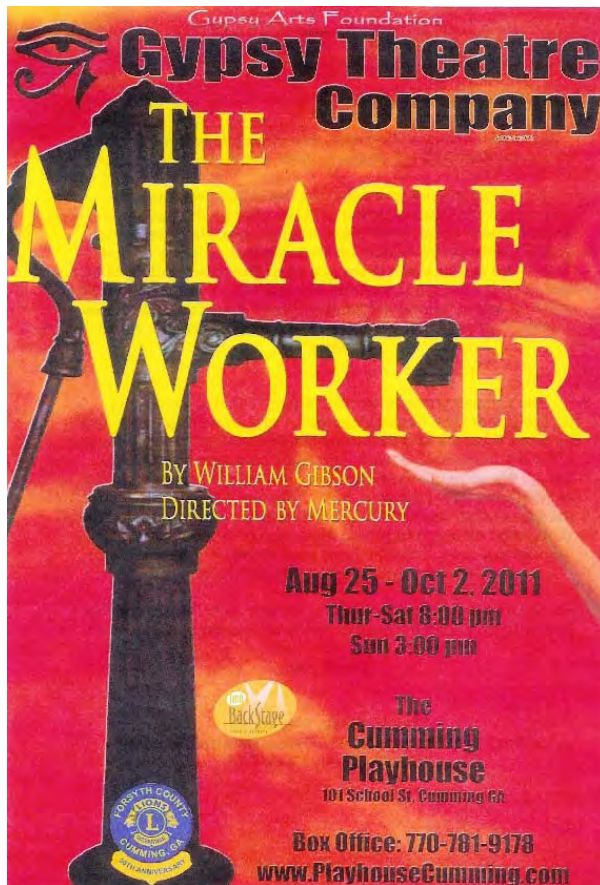
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**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = Our club worked on a project recently at Challenged Child and Friends. This month Ms. Lisa Short, Director of Occupational Therapy at Challenged Child and daughter of PDG David Sargent, talked with us about the programs they offer. She worked with us in brainstorming ways to help Challenged Child, especially those children with sight problems and potential projects on or around the facility. We also worked at the Georgia Mountains Center on two occasions. We elected officers for the 2011 – 2012 Lions Year. We held our major collection for White Cane on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Greater Hall County Chapter of the Visually Impaired assisted us in this effort. We also provided an eye exam and glasses for two individuals in our community. Our members volunteered 144 hours this month. *We serve!*

**Dawsonville Lions Club = 16th Annual - John Gardner Memorial Golf Tournament at Chestatee Golf Club - Wednesday, August 31st, 2011. Registration Begins 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Shotgun Start - Scramble Format**

**Forsyth County Lions Club** = Tickets now on sale for the upcoming production of the Miracle Worker. Check it out – you might want this to come to a community near you.



**About the Miracle Worker . . .**

Set in post civil war Alabama, this classic tells the story of Annie Sullivan and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller.

*The Miracle Worker* dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen is violent, spoiled, almost sub-human and treated by her family as such. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence. With scenes of intense physical and emotional dynamism, Annie's success with Helen finally comes with the utterance of a single, glorious word: "water".

The Cumming Playhouse and Gypsy Theatre Company, presenters of "The Miracle Worker", are proud to partner with the Lions Club of Forsyth County in this endeavor to raise funds for the Lions Club's work with *sight conservation and the blind*. We echo the words of Helen Keller in her speech to the Lion's Club International in 1925, "Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you . . . you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind."

We present the same challenge to theatre goers and hope that you will also find this a cause worthy of your financial support.

Thank you.

The Cumming Playhouse  
Gypsy Arts Foundation and Gypsy Theatre Company  
Forsyth County Lions Club

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We have 7 new members this month due to a day of canvassing the city of Lawrenceville and area by PDG Dick Smith, CC Grace Clower, PDG Allen Stalker and Zone Chair Pete Stamsen. We have 2 transfer in members this month. We performed 27 vision screenings at Collins Hill High School Health Fair. We performed 26 vision screenings at Duluth Health Fair with 5 members helping. We had a successful Vidalia Onion Sale as a fundraiser. We purchased a picnic table for Lawrenceville Elementary School for their outdoor area. We collected the following: Used eyeglasses: 108 Cell Phones: 7

**Jefferson Lions Club** = **Awards:** Lions Sandra and Bob Friedlander received a certificate for 5 years of service. **Fundraising: White Cane Day** was Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Funds collected for White Cane Day totaled \$2,500.00 and was sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. The club is helping **Relay for Life** by filling water bottles with silver coins. This project will be ongoing until August. **Eye exams and eyeglass purchases:** The club voted to allocate another \$900.00 from unbudgeted funds for the purchase of new eyeglasses for people in Jackson County. **Collection of used eyeglasses:** Collection during May totaled 17 eyeglasses 2 sunglasses and 7 cell phones. **MEETINGS: Regular meeting May 9** with 26 members present plus 1 guest. Pete Black, from Habersham County, and with the Georgia Forestry Commission talked about **wild-land fires** (unplanned and free to respond to its environment) and **prescribed fires** (planned under specific weather conditions, confined to a predetermined area, and accomplishes the planned land management objectives). Wild-land fires have burned 50,500 acres in the last five years. Since 2004, 924 structures were lost to wild-land fires. Georgia has more state land than any other state, and 1.6 million acres are burned annually in prescribed fires. South Georgia and North Florida are the most fire active in the U. S. Prescribed fires reduce hazardous fuel buildup and improve wildlife habitat. Mr. Black showed several slides which illustrated good ways to protect a home from wild fires, such as using a rock wall or other firebreak, clearing out flammable brush and leaves, etc., using fireproof materials such as brick home and slate tile roof. He asked that Lions spread the word about ways a homeowner can safeguard his home from fire. **Cabinet meeting May 15** was attended by the following from Jefferson: Mack and Becky Cates, Buddy and Dot Hunt, and Larry and Edna Briggs. **Regular meeting May 24** with 20 members were present and 8 guests. This was a new officer training class conducted by Lion Ed Hashbarger, District Governor-elect. Lion Ed's training included vital information that all Lions need to know. Newspaper articles this month: 1 May 4 Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club

**Loganville Lions Club** = District Governor Ron Bennetti (middle) presents the first matching funds check ever issued to Loganville Lions Club. President Wayne White (left) as Lion Tail Twister Junior Hall (right) looks on. Funds will be matched by funds raised by the Club for the installation of a lantern, bench and marker in honor of the Loganville Lions 46 years of service in answer to Helen Keller's challenge that the Lions be "Knights for the Blind."



Loganville Middle School Leo Club = Slow start due to competition with other clubs, i.e. FFA, FHA, FBL. Also, January weather interrupted normal meeting routine. However, they have successfully collected and sent toiletries to selected servicemen in Afghanistan. Their White Cane effort resulted in \$151 collected as a result of "Cap Day" fundraiser. Students contributed one dollar each "for a pass" to wear caps to school on that day as caps are normally prohibited.



### Norcross Lions Club = 4

members of the Norcross Lions Club attended the last Cabinet meeting: DGE Ed Hashbarger and his wife Lion Yoriko and PDG John Rudert and his wife Lion Trudy. DGE Ed and PDG John also attended the 18-D PDG Association meeting which was held prior to the Cabinet meeting. DGE Ed, PDG John, and Lion Trudy attended the GA Lions State Convention committee meeting following the Cabinet meeting. This committee has met a number of times in May since the convention is in early June. Speaker Henry Strauss detailed his life as a Jewish child in Nazi Germany. Most of his family was able to escape to Africa where he lived until he was able to come to the USA. We applauded his work ethic and how he was able to start a small business in Georgia which blossomed into over 200 workers before he retired. We are working on plans for our fall festival food booth. We continue to collect eyeglasses. We made arrangements to provide a basket for the Camp for the Blind silent auction at the state convention. The Norcross Lions Club was mentioned as a donor in the Norcross Cooperative Ministry's newsletter. In another article of the newsletter the Norcross Art Fest was mentioned as a way the Ministry has received funds, canned goods and the opportunity to have a booth to talk to the community. Of course, the Art Fest is the fall festival which we helped to start in Norcross.

**Toccoa Lions Club =** The White Cane donation of \$1,400.00 was mailed to the Lighthouse on 04-28-11. We made a \$ 3,300.00 donation to Open Arms on 04-28-11.



Lion Russ Paxton, Chairman of the Pancake Breakfast Committee and Lion Kay Royal, also A director of the Open Arms Clinic present a check to Michelle Jamieson of the Open Arms Clinic. The check for \$3,300 was the proceeds from the Lions pancake breakfast in February.



Bill, Dale & Bryan in Winder Clubhouse

The Little Leaguers were late getting there but they chowed down and enjoyed themselves! Lions Dave, Nick and Mary Ann welcome the Lions Little League Team members to a picnic in their honor in May.



**Union County Lions Club = Lion Mints:** Replaced 283 rolls of mints and made a deposit of \$115.30. **Social Concerns:** We had several social concerns for the month and several Birthday and Anniversary cards were mailed to club members. **Membership:** No applications. **Donations:** Castaway Critters \$50.00. **Sight /Hearing Conservation:** 3 requests for eye glasses approved for May. **Glasses Collected:** Eye Glasses- 333, Lens- 40 sets, 49 singles lens, Shades – 51 pairs, Glass cases – 146, Hearing aids – 2 sets and 4 packages of batteries, Cell phones - 62 **Meetings: May 12, 2011** Lion Bob Wood introduced our speaker – Debra Raleigh from Home Health Care; Ms. Raleigh discussed all the services that Home Health Care provides. You do not have to be 65 years of age to get care from the agency. They take Medicare and Medicaid patients. **May 21 & 22** – Arts and Craft Festival on the Square – several club members participated in the festival serving hamburgers, chips and drinks. **May 26, 2011** meeting was our annual club auction where proceeds go to help fund our administrative account. We held the auction at Meek Park while under a tornado warning. **Volunteers Hours:** 358



**Winder Noon Lions Club = LCIF –Programs:** **13Apr** - Cpl James Stover, Barrow Co. Sheriff’s Office gave Home Safety & Neighborhood Watch Program. **27Apr** – Rhonda Whiting, Founder of Bethlehem Christian Academy. **Activities:** **19Apr** Great Golf Tournament made over \$2,600. Sponsored a table at Boys & Girls Club Steak & Steak Dinner. **30Apr** conducted White Cane at Golden Corral and Spout Springs Kroger. Below, picture of Lions working at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.



**Winder Noon Lions working at 7th Annual Golf Tournament**

Bob Long, Bob Norton, Dottie Reynolds, Caroline Thompson, Nelson McGinnis, Gwen Hill, Joan Mathews, Adam Smith, David Martin, Donald Hardigree, Loyd McHargue



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



**FUTURE FOCUS:**

*Bringing sight into the classroom, Lighthouse glasses lets students shine*

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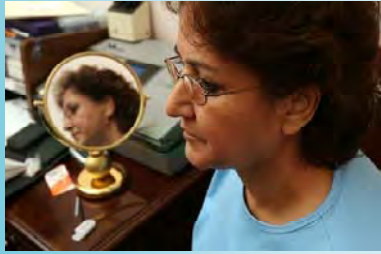
**Service Numbers**

From July to April 2011

**3,423** people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** at \$202,408.83.  
*172 recipients were from 18-D*

**271** eye surgeries were performed. at a cost of \$1,804,896.17 – **Lighthouse cost - \$314,942.98.**  
*36 were from 18-D*

804 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 1,491 hearing aids.  
*112 were from 18-D*



**72%** of students served at a Lighthouse vision clinic found it easier to read the board in school after receiving glasses.

**Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses**  
**18 D District Chair:**  
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 [eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)

Lighthouse Awards Deadline:  
**April 30, 2011**



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**First and foremost, THANK YOU for your support!** Every year, White Cane raises crucial funds to support Lighthouse vision services. Here's how we've done so far in 2011:

**\$92,293 raised as of May 16  
out of our \$167,500 goal**

<b>District A:</b> \$27,599
<b>District B:</b> \$7,965
<b>District C:</b> \$4,864
<b>District D:</b> \$25,129
<b>District E:</b> \$4,252
<b>District F:</b> \$8,920

We've still got a long way to go! With demand at a fever pitch this year, we ask your club to go the extra mile to give people throughout Georgia--and in your town--the chance to see again.

Albert Streete is just one of many helped by Lighthouse services. As a father of three and an employee at a center for developmental disabilities, Albert's livelihood was put in jeopardy when he suffered four retinal tears. Through emergency action, he was able to receive surgery less than four days after applying for Lighthouse assistance, restoring his sight and enabling him to continue working and supporting his family.

"What the Lighthouse is doing is tremendous," he says. "I don't know where my family and I would be today, if it weren't for your organization."

**Please help make White Cane a success! Your help means the world to thousands of Georgians.**





**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Thois Masters, PDG**  
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***Lions Day July 23, 2011 – Lion Day at the Camp, 35th Anniversary Celebration!***

**To Our Fellow Lions:**



Over the last two years, I have had many opportunities and experiences that have led to growth. I have met face to face with fear and victory and am learning how to treat both situations with grace and humility. I have experienced making "camp for the camper" and have unquenchable desire to do it again. On a practical level, I have begun to learn what real leadership looks like; it may just be cleaning a toilet, or it may mean hiring and firing. As I consider all that I have learned, I find myself blessed, humbled, and grateful for this place and my experiences.

Reflecting upon my experiences, I can't help but see my growth is a result of our experiences together. Many of our campers will come here with pre-conceived ideas of who they are and what they are capable of doing. Many will come lethargic and despondent towards life. Oh, but the experiences they have here will be the master teacher! Together we will learn that we can do more than we ever dreamed of doing. Together, we will awaken the soul to hope! We will push together, cry together, and laugh together. Ultimately, we will Ascend New Heights, together!

Will you join us? Will you give financially? Will you come and support us on Lions Day? We need you!

*Kristen*



Dear Georgia Lions,

Camper registration in is full swing, and the office has been a busy beehive! Thanks to everyone who has been assisting in identifying Campers in their Districts, and to the many clubs and individuals who have been so gracious to sponsor those Campers who need help with their fees. Hats off to several clubs that have sponsored more than one.

Kristen, Mike and I get such great joy being here daily and working for our Campers' return. I got the privilege to attend a meeting with Kristen when she spoke to a club and got to meet one of the campers. He is counting every minute in his dark world until he can return to his beloved camp that has changed his life forever. The time spent here is way too short for him and all the rest. I know he must have asked me a thousand questions about how the camp has changed and he is so excited! He may not be able to see the changes but he can sure feel the love that was put into it. We appreciate your continued support at any time.

If there are any questions or needs you have pertaining to the Camp, please let me hear from you.

*Merri Blount*  
 Camp Secretary  
 912-283-4320  
[glcblindsec@accessatc.net](mailto:glcblindsec@accessatc.net)

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

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Dear Lions, Lionesses and LEOs:

What a great year we have had, and now we are ready to celebrate that year of service to our Camp. Please join me and the Lions, Lionesses and LEOs of Georgia as we gather at the State Convention to do just that.

The Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Friday, June 10, 2010, at 1:00PM at the Atlanta Marriot Gwinnett Place. At this important meeting, we will vote on the 2011-2012 Budget, vote on recommended changes to our Constitution and celebrate a great year of service to our Camp and by our Camp.

You will also get to hear our Camp's Director, Kristen Picus, tell us about the upcoming camping season. She and her team have put together a plan of action that will take our Camp to new heights. Our summer camping season kicks off on June 12th and **we are so excited!**

So, please join us in celebrating a year of success for our Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and help us kick off a great camping season.

*Take Care and God Bless!*

**Frank**

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**A TISKET, A TASKET, PART II:**

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

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**2011 Grand Tour Of Georgia  
Georgia Firsts hosted by the Georgia  
Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.**

Please do your part to help promote this event to raise funds for our Camp. Go to our Website, print out the flier and or the Application and distribute to the Bike Dealerships and Clubs within your community.

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

Purchase a Passport Book for \$25.00 for a single rider or for \$40.00 when riding two up. This Passport Book is loaded with 19 scenic and historical locations throughout the great State of Georgia. The theme for this year's ride is "Georgia Firsts". You will discover that Georgia is the birth place of many wonderful discoveries.

Ride to 15 of 18 optional locations and one mandatory location between April 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011. Record each visit with a photo, submit your record of visits and you will receive a Grand Tour Pin/w 2011 Year Tab and a Certificate of Completion. Those successful riders will also be able to purchase a 2011 Grand Tour of Georgia Tee Shirt.

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

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

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

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

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/model of motorcycle or auto: \_\_\_\_\_

(We understand this may change)

**This is a release. Read carefully before signing!**

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

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Hello Lions,

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Summer camp is fast approaching and time seems to be flying by. Our final work weekend has come and gone. I would like to take this time to thank the people and clubs that participated in all the tasks that were accomplished. We completed many projects that will help the overall mission of this camp. A lot of you tackled the cleaning of the low ropes course. This will be especially beneficial to us because it is located at the edge of the woods and as you all know that where there are woods, there are leaves, limbs, trees, roots, well you get the picture. They all seem to fall or grow where they can be the most annoying.

We also had a trench dug, concrete poured, framed walls, hedges trimmed, signs built, fence and guard rails repaired, TV mounts installed, bathrooms, hallways, and post painted, and some weather damaged boards at the stables was replaced. Also the mail boxes were repaired so we can receive all your letters. Oh, there is one thing that we did not accomplish. That was to locate a water line out near the front entrance of the camp. However, we did establish where it isn't located because we dug a lot of holes!!

And let's not forget Mr. Ed.(not the horse) Ressler -- he prepared and served our food, along with a little help from his wife and mother-in-law.

All in all, it was another great accomplishment for this camp. Some things we did not get to do, but hopefully they will be handled in the near future. All of you that have come to see our newly renovated facility have spoken well of what you saw, so let's share the information with others and encourage them to come in the near future and see for themselves. All of these improvements were made possible by ALL of you who are part of this great organization.

Thanks again, and don't forget, send someone to camp!! It will be a life changing experience for BOTH of you!!

See you soon,  
Mike Williams





**Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall**  
[liondianewall@bellsouth.net](mailto:liondianewall@bellsouth.net)

# Here, There, Everywhere

## Declaration of Independent Travel



In the famous words of the United States Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The ability to travel independently is an unalienable right and essential to the “pursuit of happiness;”

That location technology dramatically increases an individual’s ability to travel independently;

That it is time for every individual who is blind and visually impaired to have affordable access to location technology to increase his or her ability to travel independently.

### ***Here, There, Everywhere – Launching the Kaptan PLUS GPS***

We are very excited about launching our new Kaptan PLUS GPS on Tuesday, May 24. The launch will start with a media event at 10 a.m. on Leader Dog’s campus complete with a simultaneous webcast so supporters, clients, volunteers and Lions throughout the country can participate in the event.

The marketing materials for the launch are very different from anything we have done in the past—this is fitting because the Kaptan PLUS is different from our past GPS devices. It is smaller, more user-friendly and much less expensive than anything else available to people who are blind and visually impaired. You can review all our materials and read more about the Kaptan PLUS at [leaderdog.org/gps](http://leaderdog.org/gps).

I would like to see a strong showing of support from our board of trustees at this event and implore you to attend with your friends, family and business associates. Please go to [leaderdog.org/gps](http://leaderdog.org/gps) to register yourself and your guests to attend this event.

### ***About the Kaptan PLUS***

Leader Dogs for the Blind believes that everyone has the right to travel independently—to go here, there, everywhere they desire. But without the benefit of street signs or printed maps [*admit it; you still use them*] to help get them where they want to go, people who are blind often rely on others to help with directions.

The game changed when GPS became accessible to people without sight. Leader Dog jumped on the location technology bandwagon [*heck, we pushed the bandwagon*] by providing pedestrian GPS devices and training to our clients. But with big price tags of \$2,040 for 1st generation technology and \$925 for 2nd, these devices were out of reach for many people and the cost limited how many we could give to our clients for free. Smart phone GPS applications weren’t an option for us due to limited accessibility and service fees that could easily run \$1,000 a year.

In our relentless pursuit of putting GPS in the hands of people who are blind, we’re changing the game again with the Kaptan PLUS. This device is 74% smaller than previous devices, is more user friendly, has voice recognition and comes with a smaller price tag of only \$295. It’s the next step in the evolution of location technology.

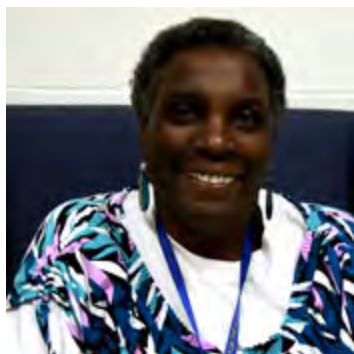
## ***The Kapten PLUS is changing lives***

The Kapten PLUS is a powerful tool in the hands of a person who is blind. Following are just a few stories of how this GPS device is helping to change lives by enhancing travel independence.



**Mytchiko (Mi-chi-ko)** is a 20-year-old college sophomore who will receive her first Leader Dog in May 2011. She currently lives with her adoptive parents and several beloved pets in McComb, Miss. Maintaining a busy, productive lifestyle is important to Mytchiko. Not only is she a member of her college's marching band, she also participates in local beauty pageants and events sponsored by the McComb Lions Club. A Kapten Plus GPS unit will assist Mytchiko in her future goals of obtaining a dual PhD in social work and religious studies by helping her navigate college campuses and cityscapes. A Kapten Plus will also help Mytchiko provide rehabilitation training to wounded combat soldiers as an ordained military chaplain.

**Jack** is returning to Leader Dog's campus this May for his second guide dog. He received his first Leader Dog, Wheaties, in 2001. Since their graduation, Jack and Wheaties have traveled to 44 countries, 38 of the United States and logged over 300 airplane flights and 149 sea days. Jack is also a Lion and oversees Lions Club activities as Leader Dog Chair for District 35-I in Florida. A Kapten Plus GPS unit will ensure Jack reaches his goal of visiting all 50 United States and several more countries during future travel adventures. It will also keep him on track when attending Lions Club meetings and events.



**Ruth Smith:** "I can see me using the Kapten a lot because I travel a lot. I like to ask people for directions, but it's not always feasible. There are times when I've been dropped off at a Greyhound bus station and there is no one there to ask for directions. This is where a GPS can really help me. Also, everyone doesn't give good directions, which can make it especially hard to get around a new city. Most people in the South where I'm from are pointers when they give directions—the Kapten will save me from the pointers. By comparison, blind people give excellent directions like, 'Go five streets and in the middle of the block you'll find what you're looking for,' because we are used to having to count streets when we are going somewhere. However, there are times when I'm walking and talking with someone or when I am thinking about something that makes me lose count of the number of streets I have walked. The GPS will certainly help in that situation also."

## **POEM = *Here, There, Everywhere***

The device is small, the  
concept is big.  
How big you say? Think Marge  
Simpson's wig!

With dog or cane in hand, and  
this in the other,  
now go see your aunt, your  
brother, your mother.

Where are you now?  
Which way to go?  
No need to ask, with this you just know.

You can go to New York.  
Go out on the town.  
Nothing will stop you from getting around.

What is this you ask?  
What's this great device?  
It's GPS, two-nine-five is the price.

You'll go Here.  
You'll go There.  
Independence, Everywhere!



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



From the desk of State RFB&D  
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April: We recruited 10 new studio volunteers this month, including persons with accounting, psychology, Spanish and Hindi expertise. We also recruited 1 new home recording volunteer with chemistry and biology expertise.

Our studio appeared on Fox5's Good Day Atlanta program during Record-A-Thon week ([article](#)), and we have gotten several phone calls, sponsors/donors of our Record-A-Thon Team, potential members and potential volunteers as a result.

We were 100% all week for Record-A-Thon thanks to our wonderful volunteers! We want to thank them, our great guest readers including Georgia's First Lady Sandra Deal, and all of our sponsors.



### **Volunteer Orientation:**

**If you are a local volunteer** (in the Athens area), the first step is to attend a half hour orientation.

Orientations are held at 11:00 A.M. Monday through Friday, and 6:00 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday by appointment only. If these times are not convenient for you, then please let us know and we will accommodate your schedule.

To schedule an orientation, you can call the Production Department at 706-549-1313.

**If you are interested in our Home recording program**, please contact Eleanor Cotton at [ecotton@LearningAlly.org](mailto:ecotton@LearningAlly.org).



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## **9TH ANNUAL ATHENS RUN FOR THE DOGS**

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

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

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

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

*Registration go here:*

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

*Thank You.*  
*Jim Mohs*



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

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

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

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





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**MISSION D.A.D.**

*A Diabetic Alert Dog Fund*

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***If You Think You Want a Diabetic Alert Dog...***



there are lots of things to consider! Wildrose Kennels believes that it is critical to take your D.A.D. with you everywhere. This means:

you will have to allow for more travel time everywhere you go. Your D.A.D. will need you to account for his/her time to load and unload, potty and get comfortable in your ever changing environment.

You will have extra bags to carry since your D.A.D. will have a harness, leash, food and/or water bowls as needed, "place" mats, etc. In addition, you need to consider a towel or blanket to dry your D.A.D. when it rains, wipes to clean off muddy paws, bags to collect any D.A.D. solid waste left behind, etc.

You will have to consider weather elements and accommodate your D.A.D.s tolerance for heat, cold, snow, ice, etc.

D.A.D.s alert as a result of their intrinsic desire to be working and rewarded. This means:

you can never stop recognizing the work they are doing. Every time your D.A.D. alerts, it is crucial that you reward and praise your D.A.D... whether you are in the middle of church, dinner, a baseball game, the swimming pool, a family reunion, work, facebook posting, phone call, sleep, etc.

No matter how tired you may be of going through the alert/reward routine, you can never miss an opportunity to reinforce everything your D.A.D. has learned!

In order for the D.A.D.-Handler relationship to really be established, you must learn to trust your D.A.D. This means:

more glucose testing... not less! You must remember that D.A.D.s tend to be predictive. For example, there are often times when Trevor is alerted and finds that his blood sugar is "normal." Yet, because he trusts his D.A.D., he knows to re-check in a certain time frame. 90% of the time, usually about 15-minutes later, his blood sugar will have dropped or risen significantly... as predicted by his D.A.D.

Don't think that having a D.A.D. will relieve you of your own responsibility to your own health.

Your D.A.D. is a service dog. You have to treat him as such -- and be prepared to help others who question you.

The majority of people find service dogs fascinating.

You will receive precious inquiries from those who truly seek to understand more about your D.A.D. While we think this is wonderful, it's not always convenient.

You will also receive curious stares, untimely questions, blunt rudeness and true ignorance (meaning a total lack of understanding). You will have to decide what the parameters of your response will be. You will also have to be prepared to defend your rights.

Your D.A.D. is a service dog. When you walk into a public place, you represent every service dog/handler team. You have to take that seriously. That means:

You cannot haul your stinky, dirty dog into a restaurant and insist that the manager seat you closest to the kitchen. Come on! Your D.A.D. has to be regularly bathed, brushed, trimmed, and presentable in every public setting.

Be prepared to be as flexible as you can and pick your battles! For example, when we are asked to sit on the patio - and it works for us - we agree! When a place is overly crowded and bringing our D.A.D. causes more stress for the staff - and our D.A.D. - we elect to go elsewhere.

Remember, your behavior, your dog and your attitude leave an impression. Do you want to cause pain and aggravation for the next family to walk into that store or restaurant with their service dog?

There is lots more to consider and hopefully these things will get you started with a list of questions to ask your trainer, breeder, or us!

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



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

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

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

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



**LEO**

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



**LEO STATE GATHERING**

The Leo Council approved a State Uniform for MD18 consisting of: burgundy polo shirt with Leo emblem on left breast and the words "MD18 Leo" over the top and "Georgia" underneath, khaki pants, black belt, socks, and shoes. They also agreed to have the Officers have the option of a black blazer with the Leo emblem on the left breast pocket. Ladies would have the option of wearing a khaki skirt instead of slacks. These would be available through the State Lion Tamer once approval is obtained through the Lions Council of Governors.

MD Officers elected for the 2011/2012 year are:  
President Johnelle Simpson,  
Vice President Stephan Rolle,  
Secretary Elyse Rognstad,  
Treasurer James Brannon,  
Reporter Aaron Rognstad,  
Parliamentarian CJ Jackson,  
Membership Director Hunter O'Brian,

Tail Twister Kaneisha Williams (all Seminole County LEOs),  
Historian Samantha Turner- Early County LEO,  
Chaplin Harley Hall- Colquitt County LEO.

The theme for the gathering was the LEO Rodeo and various fun activities and games were held. There were about 95 in attendance with 4 or 5 clubs represented. I believe we had 18 from Seminole County (counted Samantha as Seminole) and 32 from Colquitt County the balance were from other districts.



**Youth Exchange & Youth Camp**  
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**FOR EVERY LEO WHO HAS EVER  
THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A TEACHER:  
CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT  
TEACHER**

- You spend more money on school stuff than you do on your own children.
- You can't pass the school supply aisle without getting at least some items.
- You feel the true beauty of a can full of perfectly sharpened pencils.
- You are secretly addicted to hand sanitizer.
- You ask friends "Was that a good or bad choice?"



# Lions Quest

## Materials

Lions Quest information packets are available for Lions and for educators. Packets include overview brochures, fact sheets, and flyers specific to the needs of the school or Lions district. Packets can also include the Lions *Skills for Life* DVD or educator CD-ROM. To request a packet or packets, call 1-800-446-2700.

- [Lions Quest Prospectus](#)
- [Lions Quest How-To Guide](#)
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## Skills for Life DVD

This 13 minute DVD highlights Lions Quest implementation around the world. All three Lions Quest programs are showcased with example service projects and student interviews. Inspirational stories bring Lions Quest benefits to life.

To request the DVD, please e-mail [info@lions-quest.org](mailto:info@lions-quest.org)

To view or download the *Skills for Life* video, visit the [LCI Web site](#).

## PowerPoint Presentations

The following presentations are available for download:

For Lions to learn about Lions Quest or use at club meetings

For Lions to share with educators or use at a school/administrator meeting

Go to this web site

<http://www.lions-quest.org/materials.php>

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## Statistics

Lions Quest implementers have benefitted from successful results in a variety of areas - academic improvement, connectedness to school, decrease in bullying, improved knowledge of the risks of drug, alcohol and tobacco use, and commitment to service.

Methodologies, such as those integrated in Lions Quest curricula, are proven effective as highlighted in the following reports and articles:

[CASL Research Brief for Schools](#)  
[CASL The Impact of After-School Programs That Promote Personal and Social Skills](#)

[CASL Social and Emotional Learning: A Framework for Success in School and Life](#)

[SEL is Calming Central, O'Fallon \(IL\) Progress](#)

[Engaged for Success: Service-Learning as a Tool for Dropout Prevention, Civic Enterprises](#)

[The New Improved Self Esteem, O, The Oprah Magazine](#)

[Middle School Bullying Declines, Arizona Republic](#)

[Maine Recognized for Excellence in Juvenile Justice, OJJDP](#)

[Community Service and Service-Learning in America's Schools, Corporation for National and Community Service](#)

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- Leo Zone - [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) click: Member Center/Planning Projects/ Youth/ Leo Zone

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## Lions Quest

### Lions Quest around the World

A new DVD, "Lions Quest: A Global Success," highlights key Lions Quest lessons in-action: how to make positive choices in Italy, developing global citizens in Australia, managing anger in Japan and learning the value of service in Tennessee, USA. The DVD will be available soon on the Lions Quest [You Tube Playlist](#).

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**SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs, YOUTH, and CHILDREN (and these will help adults as well) \*\*\***

Service-learning engages students in the educational process by encouraging them to apply their learning to solve real -life problems. From individual efforts to school-wide projects, they are learning inside and outside classroom, creating mentoring programs, improving the environment, and tackling other community issues. And, by seeing the work they do benefit others, they become contributing citizens and community members. Whether the goal is academic, leadership development, or both, students acquire valuable skills for life.

**(Check back each month for the 411.)**





## SERVICE FOR CHILDREN



What are you doing in providing children with the necessary information? Here are some ideas that some Of the Lions Clubs are doing within our District – why Not think about doing something within your community?



### Involving 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

#### Mission Statement

The goal of this program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.

#### Vision

With the support of local sponsors and volunteers, we want to provide a dictionary to every student in the United States. In this way we hope to help them to improve their reading and writing abilities and make the most of their education. Many of our sponsors are also taking the Dictionary Project beyond the United States, to help improve literacy worldwide.

More info will follow.....



#### Essay Contests: Involving 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

#### Mission

The mission of the Bill of Rights Institute is to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue

to affect and shape a free society. It is the goal of the Institute to help the next generation understand the freedom and opportunity the Constitution offers.

#### Vision

The vision of the Institute is to create a citizenry that has the knowledge, values, dispositions, and skills to exercise the rights and responsibilities needed to maintain a free society.

More info to come.....



Greetings Fellow Lions,

With reports from all over the world about disasters destroying many of our natural resources we should be ever mindful of the one resource that can help us overcome most, if not all, of these losses. Our youth. Although Lions worldwide have always been supportive of efforts to grow a better next generation, the tools that we have at our disposal today make this mission easier than ever.

I would encourage each of you, and your clubs, to find ways to impact the lives of our young people. You can start by utilizing the opportunities provided by Lions Clubs International through programs such as Lions Quest, Leo Clubs, Liberty Day, Lions International Essay Contest, The Peace Poster Contest and the Youth Camp and Exchange Program. These programs, and more, can be accessed through our Lions Club International website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

There are many other resources available that can help your club become leaders in growing better prepared young people. Have you heard of the Dictionary Lady? Visit [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org) and learn more about one amazing way that your local club, no matter the size, can provide tools that will make a difference in the lives of our children.

Your club will need to take the first step by making a commitment to the young people in your community. After you have made that decision, we have a great team that will assist you. Just contact us and we will help you proceed.

Yours in Service,  
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