



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

The time has gone by so fast and now I am forced to retire. I congratulate your new District Governor Bill Holley and 2nd Vice District Governor Pete Stamsem. Please give them the support that you have given me and we should surpass anything we have done this past Lion's year. There is still much work that has to be done – making sure that the new Directory is up to date and all PU-101's have been submitted.

You have done a GREAT job this Lion's year by increasing your membership – now let's put all new members to work and don't let them be bored. Retention is only the next step in retaining what we have picked up. Also, for the Lions who passed away – have you found that one Lion

that will replace them?

District 18-D has gone above and beyond. As I indicated – we gained in membership but also are on our way again by having 100% Chairs for the Lighthouse, Camp for the Blind, Leader Dog and LCIF. Just waiting for a couple of checks from two clubs. In fact, once we get those – we will be the ONLY District to have 100% Chairs – GREAT JOB fellow Lions.

Again, I have made a few more friends within Lionism and I have gotten to know some of you more. Of course, during the month of June and July – you will be installing your new officers. If you can, take a brief minute to honor those who have passed on.

I will continue to be busy as you know – I will be visiting clubs and going to Zone meetings and travel to the 18 other clubs and getting ideas on how to form our upcoming new District "I". We have had some GREAT Zone Chairs and I will be working with each to ensure that we continue our growth and training. As I indicated many years ago – Helen Keller said: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." We in District 18-D have done this and we will always continue this spirit for years to come.

THANK YOU again 18-D for a tremendous year, Bless you all, and I am proud to be a Lion serving alongside each of you. Thanks for being who you are _ LIONS.

Publicity and Communication are the KEYS – use them.

Yours in Lionism, Ed Hasbarger

Quote of the month: You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

Will Rogers



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

1 June – Helen Keller Day "I will not just live my life. I will not just spend my life. I will invest my life."



Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included <u>sight programs</u> aimed at preventable blindness.



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

June - Installation of Club Officers

5 June – World Environment Day



Lions Day 21 July 2012 – Lion Day at Camp for the Blind

SEE YOUR CAMP IN ACTION!

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Activities start at 9:30 a.m.

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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.

14 July = District 18-D 1st Cabinet Meeting: to be held at 10 am, Saturday at the Dawson County High School, 1665 Perimeter Road in Dawsonville

Take 400 North to Highway 53 turn left and go to Perimeter Road turn right at Perimeter Road school is just down the street on the right.

9am Club Officer Training

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



Where in the World

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

Lions News Network

• LQ-Lions Quarterly

I Believe in You



Wing-Kun Tam, International President

I Believe Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

Download this booklet and see all the details:

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

Lions Have Planted the Seeds to Care for Our Environment



Lions enthusiastically responded to the goal set by International President Tam at the 2011 Convention when he kicked off the tree planting campaign by challenging Lions to plant one million trees. Around the world, Lions have dug in and planted more than 9 million trees, many accomplishing this by working with schools and community partners. Lions from more than 100 countries participated in the campaign that has benefitted countless communities. Visit our interactive map to view photos and read stories of tree planting activities worldwide.

Trees Planted:

9,734,472

2011-2012 International President Wing-Kun Tam is challenging Lions around the world to plant one million trees this year to demonstrate the strength of our global network. The map below provides an at-a-glance update on how close Lions from various parts of the world have come to reaching this goal so far.

Lions Participate in World Immunization Week



LCIF continued its fight against measles by taking part in World Immunization Week, an initiative led by the World Health Organization. Through this event, Lions and their partners encouraged families to vaccinate their children and raised awareness of the life-saving value of vaccines. Lions around the globe contributed to the week's events. In Haiti. Lions conducted a nationwide measles vaccination campaign. LCIF supported this effort with US\$166,000 for measles vaccines. Lions in Africa also participated in the event through African Vaccination Week. You can help eliminate measles by making a donation online.

Start Planning for Next Year

A great way to get a jump on membership growth is to plan early. You can start planning now to hold an Extension Workshop at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Starting your extension efforts early in the year will help you build momentum and excitement about forming new clubs in your district. Work with your Zone Chair, GMT Coordinators and District teams to develop a plan to grow membership.

Extension Workshop Program

The Extension Workshop Program is designed to help Lions start new clubs. Lions learn key strategies for identifying potential club locations and how to approach and recruit important community leaders into a new Lions club.

Workshops focus on proven methods for recruiting and incorporate fieldwork to build confidence and share skills. The goal for each workshop is to form at least one new club, near the training site, while simultaneously training 10 to 30 Lions per session.

By holding a workshop, participants engage firsthand in the formation of a new Lions club, making the workshop informative and exciting. Participants also learn to involve charter members in meaningful activities to build a strong foundation. In just a few days, you can be on your way to chartering a new club!

No cost is associated with holding a workshop and Lions Clubs International will assign a consultant to conduct the training. Our consultants are Lions with extensive knowledge in forming new clubs and are ready to assist you.

Hosting an Extension Workshop goes towards the qualifications necessary to receive the 2012-2013 <u>DG Team</u> Excellence Award.

Help Encourage Peace

For a quarter of a century, Lions have encouraged millions of children to share their visions of peace. We invite all Lions around the world to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. With your club's help, let's make this the largest in participation. By working

with a local school or youth group, your club will gain valuable exposure that can help garner community support and new members. Order your Peace Poster kit today, including a complimentary 25th Anniversary logo window cling.

Celebrate 25 Years of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest



For two and a half decades, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has encouraged millions of children to depict their visions of peace, and to share it with a global audience. This year, we invite all Lions to join countless other clubs around the world in celebrating the 25th anniversary of this unique contest.

By <u>purchasing a Peace Poster Kit</u> and working with a local school or youth group, your club can receive important public relations exposure and partner with organizations that can help you grow your club. Your support of the <u>Peace Poster Contest</u> empowers tomorrow's leaders to think about how they can create a future free of conflict and violence.



Since 1988, children ages 11, 12 and 13 have worked in

collaboration with their Lions club on this contest. With your help, we will make the 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest our largest year yet. Spread the excitement of the milestone anniversary by <u>purchasing a Peace Poster Kit</u> today. This year, each kit includes an exclusive window cling featuring our <u>Peace Poster Contest 25th Anniversary logo</u>.



LIONS QUARTERLY





Watch <u>LQ</u> to learn how Lions in Arizona help parents see so kids can read.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lions Clubs App

Download our Android App to stay in touch with us.

Lions Clubs Blog

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

International Contest

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

Peace Poster Contest

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

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE















Dear Lion,

Judy and I recently toured Louisiana and Mississippi, USA, to see the impact Lions had on communities that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



What I saw there made me proud of all the Lions that had worked to rebuild these communities for the past seven years.

In Louisiana, USA, we visited the Chalmette High School and saw a new building where ruins stood seven years ago after the hurricane. Lions and LCIF provided this school with new buses, a computer center with a Lions logo on each computer, a medical center and a state-of-the-art library. In meeting with the school administration, I even learned that the administrative staff and teachers had formed a school Lions club after personally experiencing the great work that Lions do.

This school demonstrated the "can do" spirit of Lions that was evident in each relief project that we saw throughout the area. Lions make a difference. We stay until the work is done and this is what sets Lions and LCIF apart. We remain committed and see <u>disaster relief</u> through until the end. Lions in Japan, New Zealand, Haiti and many other places around the globe know this as well.

LCIF is able to remain committed to long-term projects thanks to each of you. Your donations provide relief for disasters, support youth, save sight, and save lives through our newest measles initiative. While there are many honorable causes to give to, as this Lions' year nears its end, I ask for you to consider making a special donation for the measles initiative.

Through your measles donations, you can honor a community member or club member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. There are also <u>opportunities for club and individual recognition</u>, including banner patches to recognize generous clubs. However, the most important reason to donate to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative is that you are saving a child's life with each dollar donated.

I thank you for continuing to support the efforts of LCIF.

Together we are making a huge difference in the world.

Serving together today as a beacon of hope,

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

Lions Quest Partners with the United Nations

Thanks to a new partnership, students in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe will join the 12 million youth who have been taught positive life skills through Lions Quest. At this year's Lions Day at the United Nations, Lions Quest announced a partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Through this partnership, Lions Quest materials will work alongside UNODC's existing family-based life skills work in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe. Serbia and Montenegro are the first countries benefiting from the partnership and an LCIF Core 4 grant of US\$100,000. Through the grant, Lions Quest materials will be translated and adapted to local cultures and implemented in collaboration with the UNODC.



<u>Pediatric Cataract Initiative</u> Awards Grants

The LCIF and Bausch + Lomb partnership program is <u>awarding</u> two research grants of US\$50,000 each. The <u>Pediatric Cataract</u> <u>Initiative</u> is the first dedicated global effort aimed at preventing and treating cataract in children to

reduce childhood blindness. An estimated 1.4 million children are blind worldwide, with an estimated 500,000 new cases each year. A grant to Bangladesh will track the success of pediatric cataract surgeries over five years. The second grant will strengthen pediatric cataract services in South Africa and Zambia. Last year the partnership awarded three grants. One of the research grants found two-thirds of children screened needed surgery or other follow up care.

Make a Donation to Eliminate Measles

When you donate to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, you are helping LCIF and our partners to eliminate measles and save lives worldwide. The initiative has already received several notable donations from MD300 Taiwan and Japan. Now, Dr.



Kanak Singh Babla from Kenya, Africa, has donated US\$10,000 for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, making him a leading donor to measles from Africa and the ISAAME area. Thank you Lions for your support!

You can <u>make a donation today</u>, and follow the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and the <u>new LCIF blog</u> for the latest updates.

LCIF Awards Grants

During the April Board of Trustees meeting at Lions' headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, <u>90 grants were awarded</u> totaling US\$4.2 million. More than 2.7 million people will benefit from the grants. These grants will enable Lions to have a great impact in their communities.

LCIF Blog

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

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



'Vaccines are Victims of their own Success'

May 17, 2012 by LCIF



Photo courtesy of Christine McNab/Measles & Rubella Initiative If you have been following our blog, you know the importance of measles vaccinations.

And if you have read the recent measles study by the World Health Organization (WHO) and its partners, you know that measles deaths have dropped by 75 percent in the last decade. Health officials estimate about 9.6 million children were saved from dying of measles from 2000 to 2010 thanks to large vaccination campaigns, according to an article in Business Week.

So, if the number of measles-related deaths is dropping, must we continue to vaccinate?

Yes.

Vaccines are mainly responsible for saving the lives of those 9.6 million children in the last decade. To eliminate measles, vaccination campaigns must continue.

Last year was the worst year for measles in the United States in 15 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There were 222 cases of measles, up from an average of 60 cases seen in a typical year. Most of these cases were imported — either by foreign visitors or by U.S. residents who picked up the virus overseas, according to an article in USA Today.

England has been experiencing measles outbreaks due to lower vaccination rates. More than 200 cases of measles have been confirmed in the Liverpool region, making it the largest outbreak in the area since 1988, according to a BBC article. England is not the only country experiencing outbreaks in Europe. Doctors say measles cases are rebounding in Europe because people do not realize how serious the disease is and are skeptical of the vaccine, according to the Business Week article.

More than 26,000 cases of measles in 36 European countries were reported from January to October of last year in the WHO's measles summary last December. Despite strong health systems, Western European countries have reported 83 percent of these cases.

Vaccines are a victim of their own success, says an article in <u>USA Today</u>. Thanks to vaccines, the developed world has forgotten what it is like to live with the threat of diseases like measles.

"We've not only eliminated these diseases; we've eliminated the memory of these diseases," said Paul Offit, chief of infectious disease at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, in the USA Today article. Because these vaccine-preventable diseases have been forgotten, vaccinations are occurring less. Preventable diseases caused nearly two thirds of worldwide child deaths in 2010, according to a report in <u>U.S. News</u>. The lack of immunizations in areas where the vaccine is readily available and affordable is causing resurgence in places like the United States and Europe.

"Measles elimination requires focused attention on every country with measles and support to the developing countries which still carry the highest burden of measles cases and deaths," said Dr. Stephen Cochi, senior advisor for immunization at the CDC, on behalf of the Measles Initiative. Yes, vaccines are working and measles deaths are dropping where vaccination campaigns are present.

And yes, continued vaccination is needed worldwide to prevent outbreaks.

You can help eliminate measles by <u>contributing to the One Shot</u>, <u>One Life: Lions Measles Initiative</u>.

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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

Check out the **Calendar of Events** for the new Lions Year 2012-2013:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/calendar-of-events.php

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Make note: Try not to overload you Club Secretary......Also – encourage the Secretary to go on-line to make out MMR reports, A-1 and PU-101 reports. Going on-line can save time and money. For ALL members check out www.lionsclubs.org



LEADERSHIP

New LCI payment options are now available online!

Your electronic statement is now available online. To view your statement please log into WMMR and click on the statements tab. Visit our web-site at http://www.lionsclubs.org. You may pay online, or pay using your regular payment method. Lions Clubs International Oak Brook, IL 60523

We Serve Where We Live

Lions are ready whenever and however our communities need us. Whether you're promoting your next club service project – or overseeing club finances – the following resources are available to help you manage your club.

- Access the <u>Club Resource Center</u> to download frequently used club forms, publications and information.
- Access training on how to be an effective club officer with <u>Club Officer Leadership</u> <u>Development</u>.
- Use PR Tools to help <u>communicate your club's</u> activities.
- Discover helpful resources you can use to sponsor a Leo Club.
- Get the <u>finance</u> information you need to manage club funds.
- Learn strategies you can use to <u>strengthen</u> membership.
- Create a free Web site for your Lions club with the e-Clubhouse.

For More Information

Please contact the District and Club Administration Division:

(630) 571-5466, ext. 6828

E-mail: districtadministration@lionsclubs.org

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

My Club, My Family,



We may not have known it at the time, but we had a large learning curve ahead of us when we took on our leadership duties last July. We had enthusiasm and energy on our side but we were still beginners in the positions we now occupy. Looking back on the last 10 months we can see how far we have come and how much we have learned. Now that we are equipped with this invaluable experience it is no time to allow our energy and enthusiasm to wane. We are all better leaders

now than when we began our leadership year. That means that our final months in office have the potential to be our most effective.

I personally will not stop working and leading until I cross the stage at the international convention in Busan to pass the international presidency on to my successor. I ask that you do the same. Please join me in creating a strong finish to our leadership year, remembering that leading Lions in the service of others is a privilege as well as a duty.

In particular, I hope that you will pay special attention to the newest members of your Lions family. By following the My Club, My Family concept we have succeeded in reducing the number of members that leave our organization. Help advance this success into the next Lions year by contacting new members, making them feel welcome and ensuring that they receive the orientation and mentoring they need to become effective Lions.

Finally, I ask that you be generous with the knowledge you have acquired and share it willingly as you pass the gavel of leadership to your successor.

Thank you for all you have done and all you will do in your remaining time as a Lion leader.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam **International President**



Protecting the Environment **Trees Planted: 6,970,198**

We must never believe that we have done enough to help protect our environment. Many clubs around the world planted trees as part of last month's Protecting Our Environment Global Service Action Campaign and there is still time to add to the overwhelming success of our tree planting campaign. Planting trees helps renew the Earth's atmosphere, prevents soil erosion and can provide a supplementary food source and employment in poor communities. I urge all clubs to continue planting right through June so that our tree planting campaign will be remembered as one of the great events in the history of Lions Clubs International.

Tree Planting Challenge

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

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

Recruit Young Adults

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

*Gain fresh ideas for service projects and activities

*Increase hands to do more service

*Promote membership that better reflects the community *Mirror current

times

*Breathe life into your club

*Sustain your club

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

Check next page below: Tools for Recruiting Young Adults -

Nurturing Our Lions Family

We must never cease to nurture our <u>Lions family</u>. Our year of leadership may be winding down but some Lions are just gearing-up for a long run. The newcomers in your clubs and districts still look to you for leadership and it is up to you to ensure that they receive effective <u>orientation</u> and careful <u>mentoring</u> as they begin their Lions careers. As always, it is important that all members of our Lions family are made to feel welcome by greeting them warmly, listening respectfully to their ideas and assigning them to meaningful duties that make the best use of their talents and interests.

Inviting New Members

Because the future of our association depends on a steady stream of new members, inviting high-quality individuals to join our clubs should be a priority in every season. In particular, inviting more women and young people to become Lions will ensure that our clubs will have a diversity of talents and insights as well as a wealth of energy with which to serve our communities even better in the future. For help bringing more women and young people into your club please see How to Get New Members

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/index.php?utm_source=%23543+Tam+May+Message+EN&utm_campaign=%23543TamMay2012EN&utm_medium=email_.

How to Get New Members

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. New members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to <u>make a difference</u> in the community.

Invite <u>family members</u>, <u>students</u> and <u>former Leos</u>, and they will receive a special dues discount. Invite community-minded <u>women</u>, <u>young adults</u> and <u>baby boomers</u> alike. Have them complete the <u>Membership Application</u>.

Consider using the following invitation strategy tools:

- Club Brochure Template
- Instructions for Using the Club Brochure Template
- 30 Marketing Ideas

A Commitment to Sight

In accordance with longstanding tradition this May is designated Lions Recycle for Sight Month and it is an ideal opportunity for your club to demonstrate its commitment to eye health. By beginning or renewing emphasis on an eyeglass recycling effort your club can restore good vision to hundreds of individuals in areas of the world where eyeglasses are costly and difficult to obtain. At the same time you will be increasing community awareness of your club and of Lions Clubs International's leading role in blindness prevention and sight preservation. For help organizing an eyeglass recycling effort please see A Club Guide for Collecting Used Eyeglasses:

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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

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

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



Fellow Lions Leaders.

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

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

GLT UPDATE

I have just returned from our MD-18 Lions Convention in Savannah. There were several training classes held there that were well attended. One of the classes was Zone Chair training. I will be conducting this same Zone Chair training on Sunday, June 24th at 2:30 p.m. at the Multiple Choices Bldg., 850 Gaines School Rd., Athens. If you are a current Zone Chair, an incoming Zone Chair, or any Lion who would like to become a Zone Chair, please join us for this training.

We will also be holding Club Officer Training on Saturday, July 14th at 9:00 a.m. at Dawsonville High School in Dawsonville. This training will be for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs. It will be held prior to District Governor Elect Bill Holley's first Cabinet Meeting. This is another event that is open to all Lions. I look forward to seeing you there.

I am working with District Governor Elect Bill, 1st Vice District Governor Ed, and 2nd Vice District Governor Pete to plan our total training schedule for the next Lion year. Please stay tuned for upcoming events. In the meantime, go to www.lionsclubs.org and take advantage of webinars and training courses on several subjects. A new training opportunity is the Lions University. Stay tuned for more details to come.

If you need help with training for Certified Guiding Lions, Member Orientation, Club Excellence Process, or any other training needs, please let me know.

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

PCC Grace Clower 18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator Have you heard the news? WMMR and LeoMMR, the online membership and service activity reporting systems, are being updated to better serve you. The new Web site is called "MyLCI". The updates will be phased in gradually. In June 2012, club officers will see:

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

In August 2012 new features will be introduced for region, zone and district officers.

Training

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Joe Schrepfer
Information Systems Department, Lions Clubs International

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OFFICER TRAINING

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

Club Officers Teamwork

June 6th-8:00 p.m. June 12th-11:00 a.m. June 15th-8:00 p.m.



You may access these webinars by going to the LCI website (<u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>) and click on Member Center and Leadership Development.

ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

Thank you so much for agreeing to serve again, or for the first time, as a Zone Chair for District 18-D.

Since the Zone Chair training has changed from last year, I wanted to let you get your training before the new year begins. For those of you who can't attend the State Convention, I will be holding Zone Chair Training on Sunday, June 24th at 2:30 p.m. at the Multiple Choices Office, 85 Gaines School Rd. in Athens . Please let me know which training session you will be attending.

Thanks, again, for your willingness to serve!

PCC Grace Clower

18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator



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



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

Athens Classic City Lions Club - ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR JAN. 1 - MAY 31, 2012 2,566 pair of eyeglasses forwarded to Lighthouse Foundation (Yes ,this is correct) 125 pair of eyeglasses delivered to Haiti (courtesy of Brenda) contribution to Guide Dogs = \$250 Contribution to Camp for Blind= \$600 Refund from Sight Council== \$350 Serving for Our Daily Bread (an outreach ministry with Oconee Street Methodist church) 90 meals served and have agreed to serve the first Tues. of each month. Voted to contribute 50% of our funds derived from tail-twister collections each quarter to NE GA FOOD BANK. Donated \$220 to Multiple Choices (thanks to Tom Davis) Maintained contact with new Athens Campus Lions Club (thanks to Paulina and others) Provided 5 eyeglass collection boxes to Pre-Optometry club at UGA Contribution to LEARNING ALLY== \$1,000 Net income from Pancake Breakfast=\$1,248 Net income from Vidalia onion sales= \$775 Donated \$700 to Lighthouse Foundation from proceeds of White Cane Day Donated our annual contribution of \$1,200 to Lighthouse Foundation Contributed \$300 to TALKING BOOKS Gave donation to Kristen Smith to attend Gallaudet University to addend American Sign Language school==\$295 Gave Joseph Weaver (legally blind person) ==\$416 to purchase a state-of-the-art voice activated GPS unit Received \$573 for ushering at UGA basketball, gymnastics and baseball games. Thought you might share this with spouses at the annual picnic.

Buford Lions Club = The Buford Lions Club sent donations in the amount of \$100.00 to each, Camp for the Blind, Leader Dog, Ga. Lions Lighthouse and LCIF, along with a \$255.00 donation to Ga. Lions Lighthouse for White Cane Days activities. Also we are happy to announce that we have just signed on two new members. We are also having our Buford Spring Festival tomorrow May 5th. and will be selling Nachos & Cheese, Apples w/Caramel, Muffins and Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies. recycled glasses collected, which was about 300 pair

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = This month we worked on our fund-raising project and parked cars at the Georgia Mountains Center for an event. We also worked on plans for the installation of our officers for the new Lions year and for future events. One member attended the state convention and our sight committee approved one application for an eye exam and glasses. Volunteer Hours 168

We serve!

Dawsonville Lions Club = Tori Overmyer, a graduating senior at Dawson County HS, inspired the Dawsonville Lions with her advice to "Cheriish the Moments". Tori was diagnosed in the sixth grade with Germinoma, a brain tumor that has affected her vision. Radiation treatments have cleared her cancer, but she now faces the challenge of Siderblastic Anemia. She will be attending college in the fall. Thanks to Lion Tom Hicks for getting our speaker for the meeting.



Dacula Lions Club = Things planned on our Dacula Lions club Agenda for 2012-2013. We have adopted a street for one year and did a clean up on Saturday morning see picture attach. We are going to be involve with Hamilton Mills Library for the month of June reading and registering children in their summer program. We are donating a tree to the new Dacula Park to our Mayor at a ceremony schedule on Monday after the Memorial day Parade the News Media should be there so this will be great publicity for us. We will be honoring a Fireman at our installation(which by the way it is at Garden Plaza on Wednesday July 11 at 6pm) it would be nice if you can attend we will have dinner at \$10 a plate. We are also will be feeding the fire house sometime in June.



Forsyth County Lions Club = On Monday, April 30th, Forsyth County Lions Club President Tom Curran hand-delivered a \$3000 check from our Club to the Lighthouse for White Cane. The amount included generous contributions from various Cumming-Forsyth County businesses, individuals, and fellow Club members. We also publicized our White Cane Month efforts in the Cumming Patch. Here is the link to the article...http://cumming.patch.com/articles/forsyth-lions-club-reaches-out Forsyth County Lions know how to "git-r-done" and we appreciate all the hard work and dedication of our members to make this an extremely successful 2012 White Cane.

Jefferson Lions Club = *Committee Reports*: Lion Jim read a letter from Helen and Herman Buffington, which thanked the club for the food from the Lions picnic. Other letters thanked club for \$2000 White Cane contribution and used eyeglasses. **Road Cleanup:** Lion Dwayne Ansley reported that the following participated in the Adopt A Road clean up on Tuesday, May 22: Dwayne Ansley, Ken Brand, Greg Broussard, Joe Dorough, Buddy Hunt, Jimmy Mock, Ronnie Moore, Lisa Nilsen and her son, Matthew. This cleanup was a part of the county wide clean up initiative, and as of now about 700 bags of trash have been picked up in Jefferson and the county. <u>Eyeglass Collection Committee</u> - No Report Calendar - Calendars orders must be turned in ASAP. Two ads have been dropped. Notify Lion Jim if you know any potential business ads. Sunshine Report - Jack Rushton had pneumonia and is home from hospital, remember Jack and Sarah. Also Alice and Bill Rosenberg, Teddie Lohmeier, knee replacement; Ronnie Moore's father died last night; Larry Briggs suffering from cellulites. **MEETINGS:** Lion Jim Smith introduced Tim Sweat from Jackson EMC. Tim helped the Jefferson Lions Club construct 3 handicap ramps. Tim's program was about Marijuana Grow Operations in Jackson and nearby counties. In an average house, 50 plants can grow yielding 37,833 joints per 1-pound plant. If one smoked one joint each hour, or 12 in 12 hours, one plant would last 3,152 days, or 8.63 years of 365 days. From one pound, \$3800 could be earned or \$2.4 million per year. Tim described a house where marijuana might grow: in a cul-de-sac of a subdivision with price range of \$200,000 to \$250,000. Cubans would buy a house with a basement, cover all the windows, fence the back yard and/or enclose underneath the deck, install two heat pumps, steal the electric power by bypassing the meter (that is the reason Jackson EMC is involved). Currently 103 sites have been found, 63 arrests, and 6 outstanding warrants.

Gainesville Lions Club = These are the photos from our tree planting event. Let me know if you need help identifying the folks in the pictures. Once the Gainesville Lions Club decided to plant a tree, they needed to find the right tree and a place to plant it. A Lions Club member whose wife is a member of the Gateway Garden club helped to bring the two organizations together. When the club approached her, she said that the garden club would like a nice Redbud and they could use some manpower in planting it. This effort is part of an ongoing project of the garden club to improve the landscape of the art center. The particular Redbud variety that is being planted is called Ace of Hearts.



Lavonia Lions Club =



Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had a successful Vidalia Onion Sale as a fundraiser. We had a father and daughter attend our club as guest speakers for Camp Kudzu and they presented a DVD of the events at the camp. Very interesting as they learn how to regulate their insulin and see there are other children with diabetes and have fun too! We sold \$70.00 of State Convention Raffle tickets. We were responsible for the G-Braves ticket sales for June 2nd as a fundraiser with the \$660.00 funds that were generated for Georgia's Camp for the Blind. President Pete and Lion Judy attended Loganville Lions Club as Pete was the guest speaker. We did collect 125 used eyeglasses, 1 hearing aid and 1 cell phone and delivered then to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. We had 235 volunteer hours.

Norcross Lions Club = DG Ed Hashbarger, CST Trudy Rudert, PDG John Rudert, and Lion Yoriko Hashbarger attended the district picnic and Cabinet meeting at Fort Yargo State Park. The same Lions attended the GA Lions State Convention in Savannah, GA. DG Ed Hashbarger and PDG John Rudert attended the GA Lions Lighthouse meeting and the GA Lions Camp for the Blind meeting in Savannah. Lion Secretary Trudy attended the club secretary training in Savannah. The Norcross Lions Club recognized the Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. The student and her parents were invited to our club meeting to get the award. The Norcross Lions Club donated 15 pairs of eyeglasses, 7 cases, 5 pairs of sunglasses, and 3 cell phones to the GA Lions Lighthouse. We continue to collect used glasses. The Norcross Lions Club met with Zone Chair Wayne White and Loganville Legacy President Chuck Lynch about increasing our club's membership. We have plans to each invite a potential member to our next meeting which will be at a restaurant in town instead of our clubhouse. We are planning our next fundraiser: selling snow-cones and water at the Norcross July 3 fireworks. PDG John Rudert spent 27 hours this month at the GA Lions Lighthouse grinding lab.



Toccoa Lions Club = Programs: 23Feb -

report. Membership: Pancake Breakfast: Zone Meeting:

22Mar -

Calendar:

Sight Conservation: No

Union County Lions Club = *Sight/Hearing:* . The Board of Directors approved 1 application for glasses for a resident at the Misty Meadows Assisted Living Center in Suches. Glasses Collected: Activities: Discussed plans for fund raisers at the Union County Farmers Market and Georgia Mountain Fair. *Membership:* Donations: Lion Mildred read thank-you from the Lighthouse for \$500 donation toward the District Governor's goals and LCIF for the \$500 and \$300 donations toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Programs: 10 May -Following dinner – held annual Lions Auction to raise funds for the Administrative fund. Lion Tom Angley served as auctioneer with assistance from Lion Lisa Little. Over \$300 was raised for the administrative fund. 24 May – Lion Mildred reported that she presented the Annual Lions Scholarship to Evans B. Ferrell of Union County High School on Tuesday May 22. Evans had the winning essay with a topic of the role of civic organizations and the responsibility of citizens to civic organizations. Lion Lisa then let the club in a number of games of Lion's Bingo. One raffle ticket was given for each card purchased. Each game winner received an additional ticket. Those winning games roared like a lion when they won. Big winner at end of the game was Lion Sam Weisburg who had the winning ticket. He split the pot with the club with the remaining funds going toward the administrative fund. Lion Lisa acknowledged Club Members with family members who are deceased Veterans. She also read a Memorial Prayer to Confederate Soldiers and a poem entitled Mother's Covers. Lion Betty Gurr closed the meeting with a Memorial Day prayer.

WORKING LIONS - 149 hours NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 148 hours Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS Articles:* 1 submitted.



Janice Sedgwick of Georiga Eye Bank



Denny Smith of Christian Love Ministries

White County Lions Club - The Caring Hands Clinic had a festival on April 28th. Lion President John and Lion Felicia Thomas manned a booth and sold brooms and mops. This was a good start for our fund raising efforts. There are still a few brooms left so if anyone out there needs one or knows a friend that needs one, please contact John or Felicia. Unfortunately they were the only ones attending the booth that day. Hopefully there will be more help at the next occasion. They sold \$126.00 worth of brooms and mops. Way to go! Report on broom order from Felicia Thomas. A few more brooms have been sold. Motion made and approved for Felicia to place a broom order. Felicia will check with people from the Farmer's Market about selling brooms on Saturdays. Report on Installation of New Officers Ceremony from Howard Miller. Tentative date will be June 21st. Howard will check with Mountain Lakes about using facility and about having a simple menu catered. Report on future meeting place from Chuck Goetz. UCB gives 2 months free and then charges \$50/meeting. Chuck will also check with the library, City Hall Annex, and TMC. Bill Mundy delivered 8 more eyeglasses collection boxes to Felicia. Collection boxes are now at Ingles, IGA, Cleveland Library, JPN School, several churches, UCB. John Rogers presented Tommy and Charlotte with the new members packet and their pins. John introduced Charlotte Miller, guest speaker. Charlotte remembered she was so excited about her first plane ride and they all liked the free food. Her chorus group of 68 members from Perkins School for the Blind was flying to perform at the funeral of Helen Keller. Helen also attended Perkins many years before. They performed in front of 1200 people. They performed pieces from Mozart and Brahams, including How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place. Charlotte says she is grateful for specialty schools and she loved her schooling. She said they attended chapel every day. Charlotte was born 3 months premature. This was before doctors knew that giving too much oxygen to a newborn caused blindness. She had to stay in the hospital in Nashville for months before she could go home to Chicago with her family. Tail Twister Tommy Miller stumped almost everyone with historical questions and collected 10cents per question. New members Tommy and Charlotte Miller

Winder Noon Lions Club = Collected **195 used eye glasses.** Assisted in Blood Drive and served over 30 people. Volunteer Hours – 18. 11Apr Tommy Jennings – Pres. Barrow Cty Chamber of Commerce. 25Apr Dr. Al Darby & Glenn Wilson – principals-info-school functions & involvement. *Future Programs/Events* – 9May TBA, 23May – Dr. Terrelong with Barrow Regional Medical Center, 9Jun – Katie Thomas with UGA SBDC, 27Jun – Installation of new officers. We had a successful Golf Tournament that enabled us to donate to the various charities by April 30

























Did you submit yours?

E-mail =edmclionh@bellsouth.net or Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or



GA. Lions Lighthouse VP Lion John Rudert, PDG JRudert@comcast.net Check out the new Lighthouse Vide Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

Night of Spectacles 2012: A Night to Remember

On April 28, eye doctors took the runway in support of the Lighthouse Foundation. Over 500 attendees packed the event at the Buckhead Theatre. Grossing over \$229,000 for Georgia's uninsured, Night of Spectacles 2012 wowed guests with a juried runway show, silent auction, and doctor models from the Lighthouse's partner medical providers. The event was presented by Georgia Eye Partners of metro-Atlanta and chaired by physician Eugene Gabianelli, M.D., and his wife, Nancy.

Our annual fundraiser raises money for thousands of uninsured Georgians who receive sight-saving eye surgeries, eyeglasses and eye exams from the Lighthouse every year. The event features a scholarship challenge for student-designed dresses made from recycled eyeglasses and an opportunity for optometrists and ophthalmologists to take the stage as runway models. Doctors from Georgia Eye Partners, America's Best, Emory Eye Center, Clayton Eye Center, and more walked the catwalk to the cheers of their fellow doctors and other Lighthouse supporters.

The Lighthouse would like to thank the Lions who made NOS 2012 such a success. We would particularly like to thank the Ellijay Lions Club (featured above) who were "Spectacular Sponsors" for the event. With your support, Night of Spectacles 2013 will be even bigger!



Did you attend Night of Spectacles? Check out the photo gallery at night Of specatcles.org and find your picture!



Samantha Pinson, a member of Ellijay Lions Club and a contestant in the Miss Georgia 2012 pageant, designed and modeled her own dress.



Service Numbers From July to December 2011

People having eye exams 156 were from 18-D

People have better vision after receiving a pair of glasses

208 were from 18-D

Eye surgeries were performed.

44 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation 181 were from 18-D

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

Tuesday 5 June 24 June Athens Athens

Thursday 14 June Norcross

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair: Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 eskiemom@bellsouth.net Lighthouse volunteer Dr. Mary Lynch, MD wins the 2012 Joseph D. Greene Community Service Award



Atlanta, GA – May 30, 2012 – Dr. Mary Lynch was awarded the Healthcare Georgia Foundation's Joseph D. Greene Community Service Award this May for her work providing vision care to the uninsured with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Because vision is not included on most insurance plans, including many Medicaid and Medicare plans, vision care will continue to be a vital need for people all over Georgia and the nation as a whole, regardless of the Supreme Court's decision regarding healthcare reform this summer.

Dr. Mary Lynch began volunteering with the Lions Lighthouse in January 2008, giving full eye exams and eyeglasses to low-income clients in the Atlanta clinic. In the past four years, she has become an integral part of the organization as a board member and torchbearer for its rapidly evolving vision services program.

Dr. Lynch exemplifies the Lighthouse's commitment to equal opportunity healthcare. Since she began working in the clinic, she has held both herself and the clinic program to high standards, demonstrating a love of her work and an unshakable belief that there should be no barriers to good healthcare. She never hesitates to put in extra hours in order to be thorough in her exams, and sets patients of all backgrounds at ease with her warm-hearted yet professional demeanor.

Asked to join the Board of Directors in 2009, Dr. Lynch's enthusiasm for the Lighthouse has made her invaluable to the organization, both as the leading voice of the Medical Committee and an eager proponent for growth and innovation. During her tenure as a board member, she helped oversee a \$3.25 million capital campaign for new office facilities, spearheading the move to build an optical lab which will enable the Lighthouse to produce its own glasses at a much-reduced cost. She has been instrumental in shaping the expansion of our clinic program.

"Dr. Lynch defines what a volunteer should be. Six years ago we were seeing 900 people a year and now we're seeing 6,000 people across the state. It is not the staff doing all of that -- it is in part -- but we give a lot of credit to those volunteers that have increased our capacity," said Lighthouse executive director Christina Lennon. Lynch was one of five award winners this year, "Communities flourish as a result of the efforts of these five individuals because of their unselfish service in the promotion of better health and healthcare for under-served individuals," said Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D., president of the Healthcare Georgia Foundation.

Lennon also noted that "the Lighthouse is built on volunteer physicians, we have over 130 eye doctors that work with us. Until Mary came on board we really didn't have anyone spearheading that. Mary was the one that got the other doctors energized to help us grow, to recruit more doctors to get involved in our mission and our fundraising efforts. She has really been the cheerleader in the medical community."

Through Dr. Lynch's work, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation was able to serve more than 5,000 Georgians in 2011 – helping countless clients perform better at work and feel more optimistic about their futures.

The Mobile Clinic by the Numbers

5,000

The # of patients seen through the Mobile Clinic in 2011.

23

The # of clinic location throughout the state.

1

The minimum # of days a doctor can volunteer per year to make a difference.

Get involved today!

Do you know a doctor who might be interested in volunteering? Forward this message along!



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



My Fellow Lions,

2012 LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP

"HURRAY FOR US"

Being an election year, red, white & blue decorations came to mind when we began planning for the day. As ideas began being tossed around, we became centered on being happy, proud, and deserving of "Hurray" for the USA, the Lions, and our Camp. Then with red, white & blue, we became "patriotically" minded so we decided to honor our Lion veterans. And now we are inviting everyone to come to Lions Day at the Camp on July 21st, 2012 and celebrate "Hurray For Us". We can all wear red, white & blue and the military veterans can even wear their uniforms, if possible?

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. The campers will be going through a routine day and we are invited to observe their programming. There will be a couple of activities in which the Lions will be asked to participate. The day will be hot so dress appropriately. Wear comfortable shoes. The day is celebrated so that we can learn just what our Camp does, is, and accomplishes. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn why you are a Lion!

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. in the Flash Foods Activities Building. Cost is \$10.00 per person. When you arrive at the Camp, check in at the Activities Building and you will be given your meal tickets. Those who do not have reservations will be given a ticket of another color and will eat last to ensure that those who did make reservations have food.

Following lunch, the campers will entertain us with a program of their design. It is their time to shine.

In order to have the proper amount of food, please make a reservation to Lion Doy Barks at hankbarks@cox.net, or mail to her at 614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088 or call 478-923-5649 by July 19th. If you email, you will receive an email reply to confirm your reservation. Otherwise, it has not been received. Any checks mailed or paid at the door should be made payable to GA Lions Camp for the Blind.

The Camp is located 7 miles outside of Waycross, GA on Highway 1. You turn off Highway 1 right across the street from the entrance to the Okefenokee Swamp Park.. Just keep on the main road as it winds through the park . You will pass the Golf Club. Keep coming and you will come to the Camp on the right.

We never know what surprises we will have, but we know you will enjoy a day at our Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. You will learn, meet old and new friends, and have a great day. Come see your Camp in action!

Summer Camp 2012 = Family Camp- June 3-8

Pre-teen- June 10-18 Older Adults- June 22-30 Young Adults- July 5-13 Teenagers- July 15-25 Lions Day- July 21

Take Care and God Bless! Doy Barks





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

Dear Lions and Friends:

Message from the President





Reflecting on the past year and all that we've accomplished together, I am reminded of the many amazing things about this organization. One of the most meaningful is the passion and dedication of the people who work so hard to support our mission. Every day our team members train and care for our dogs, instruct our clients, maintain our facilities, raise money to support our operations and fulfill many other equally important roles. Every day we experience the dedication of our board members, the generosity of our donors, the perseverance of our puppy raisers and the loyalty of our volunteers who work in a myriad of crucial roles.

Collectively, about 1,100 individuals work to support our mission each year. That being said, I would like to start 2012 by thanking each of you for being part of the Leader Dog community and for your continued dedication.

Before we look ahead to 2012, I would like to update you on some accomplishments at Leader Dog during our last fiscal year. "The Year in Review" on page 8 spotlights some achievements, but there was other important progress in 2011 that I would like to share. We have improved the quality of our dog training and client instruction by hiring a Director of Education and Training to implement programs that will advance our guide dog mobility instructors' skill levels. We've introduced formalized standards into our programs, including a rigorous interview process for apprentice instructors and obedience and socialization standards for our puppy raisers. We've become more efficient allowing team members to focus on their core jobs, involved more volunteers, engaged more donors, worked hard to reduce kennel stress in our dogs and held the best attended kids' camp since its inception! Again, kudos to all involved!

So, what's our vision for the future? Together, we will continue this forward momentum by streamlining our priorities and focusing on key objectives. We are currently working on our next three-year strategic plan which will include input from many people devoted to Leader Dog. We've completed visioning sessions with team members; are conducting focus groups with our clients; are holding town hall meetings for volunteers, puppy raisers, and breeding host families; and are discussing key objectives and future strategies with our board of trustees.

So, we will continue to embrace change, strive for excellence and provide highly-trained Leader Dogs to our clients. This will continue to be a collective effort—as Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Busan Mr. Daniels

HELP SOMEONE WHO IS BLIND BECOME A LEADER DOG CLIENT

Lions Clubs play an important role in helping individuals who are blind learn about and apply to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Since we count on you to direct potential clients to our programs and services, we thought we would tell you a little bit about our application process.



People who are considering applying to any of our programs can call Leader Dogs for the Blind and talk with one of our Client Service Coordinators. The coordinators can help people access our services, and explain the program requirements and application process.



One of the coordinators' responsibilities is to help clients get in touch with Lions in their home area. The client may need help with the application video, transportation to the airport or other small things that their local Lions can help with. Sometimes clients need assistance with dog food or veterinary costs—or they may just want to know how to join a Lions Club so they can help you continue to support organizations like Leader Dog. We include information about a local Lions club in each client's letter of acceptance so it is helpful for us to have a copy of your district's club directory so we can provide the most up-to-date and accurate information to each client.

Having club contact information is also helpful because we inform Lions Clubs when a client from their area is coming to Leader Dog. When you receive this information, please don't hesitate to contact the client

coordinator who sent the letter to learn more about how you can help.

Thank you so much for helping individuals in your area learn about and apply to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

ACCELERATED MOBILITY PROGRAM

Our Accelerated Mobility Program (AMP) is a seven-day residential course designed to accelerate the learning process of cane travel with one-on-one instruction. Taught by certified orientation and mobility instructors, AMP assists clients in obtaining the basic skills needed to travel independently.

AMP teaches the skills of orienting one's self to an environment and learning to utilize a cane to navigate. The course is offered free of charge at our campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan (includes public transportation for individuals traveling within North America and room and board while training at Leader Dog).

Leader Dog currently has openings in upcoming AMP classes, so please encourage anyone who wants to fine tune their cane skills to consider applying to Leader Dog at **888.777.5332**.









Cycling for Leader Dogs is a 3,500 mile, trans-America solo bicycle tour from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine to increase awareness and raise funds for Leader Dogs for the

Blind. Lion Mark Mansell is a member of the La Center Lions Club (pictured at right. Mark is top middle in white T-shirt) in La Center, WA. The tour is being done in partnership with Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions Clubs along the trip route.

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









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Thank You to the Lions Clubs of Georgia

AUSTIN — For students who struggle to read print due to a visual impairment or disability, Learning Ally is bridging the gap and making reading accessible.

The volunteer-driven national nonprofit works year round to produce an online audio library of textbooks and literature titles to benefit thousands of students who cannot access standard print. On March 2, special guests joined volunteers for Record-A-Thon to boost production and raise awareness about students who use audio books to read and learn.

"I didn't really read until I was eight years old," said Mitchel.
"And even then, it would take forever for me to finish a reading assignment. I'd have to constantly get up and walk around between reading just a few paragraphs because it was so tiring." But when Kaaren began reading Louis Sachar's "Holes" out loud to Mitchel, he became hooked on reading. Later, when the family found out they could get all of Mitchel's textbooks in audio format from Learning Ally, they knew they found a solution.

"Learning Ally has really made a difference for Mitchel," said Kaaren. "So when they called and invited us to Record-A-Thon, I knew we had to be there." Mitchel spent the entire day visiting with the media, authors and representatives from congress. Attendees were especially interested in how he listens to books on his iPad using the Learning Ally Audio App. Mitchel even got to have a conversation with his idol, Louis Sachar who participated in recording and appreciated hearing that "Holes" was the book that helped get Mitchel interested in reading.

"I used to spend a lot of time on just my reading assignments every week. After I finished my eyes were fried and I couldn't do anything else I wanted to do because I didn't have the energy," said Mitchel. "Learning Ally has cut the time I spend on reading in half."

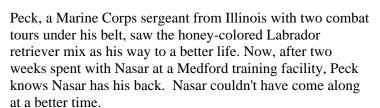
Mitchel is set to graduate as valedictorian of his senior class and has been accepted to the University of Texas at Austin. Visit <u>LearningAlly.org</u> to learn more about membership and volunteering; and to support Learning Ally, visit <u>Recordathon.org</u>.



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Medford nonprofit teams wounded vets, service dogs

John M. Peck knew Nasar would be his best friend the moment he set eyes on him.



Peck, 26, lost major parts of all four of his limbs two years ago when he stepped on an explosive device in Afghanistan's Helmand province. He has received extensive therapy and prosthetics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and now, as he continues to rebuild his life, he has met his future in a handsome dog that will help him navigate his life as a wounded veteran.

"He's hyper as hell, which is fun because he has so much energy," Peck said. "It keeps me in good spirits. Hopefully, I can teach him to catch a girl for me. He's the ultimate icebreaker -- a chick magnet."

The dogs that will now be their closest and perhaps most loyal companions help them cope, mentally and physically, both men said.

Once off duty, Nasar is a high-strung, cheerful hound -- which Peck said is the perfect companion for him. During a break in training, Nasar happily bound around the dormitory room where Peck is staying at Canine Companions, playfully wrestling with another dog and pulling at a squeaky toy.

In all, 194 U.S. troops suffered an amputation to at least one limb between January 2010 and March 2011, according to a Pentagon website. Two months ago, Army Surgeon General Patricia Horoho told a Senate subcommittee that the number of troops who lost three limbs in Afghanistan last year was double the number of such wounds in the eight prior years combined.



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Diabetes Forecast

The Healthy Living Magazine

A New Look for Diabetes Forecast

The American Diabetes Association's Healthy Living Magazine has a fresh new appearance By Kelly Rawlings, Editorial Director, PWD type 1



You'll still recognize *Diabetes Forecast* magazine as a favorite friend—one that's sporting an attractive makeover, however. With the June 2012 issue, the American Diabetes Association introduces a new and improved *Diabetes Forecast*.

The magazine's new logo sharpens the focus on living well with diabetes (while we work together to deliver a cure). *Diabetes Forecast* is available monthly by <u>subscription</u>, and now you can also find copies at Barnes & Noble booksellers and CVS/pharmacy stores.

The Parent's Guide to Diabetes

Tips for managing your young child's health By Tracey Neithercott



It is a truth universally acknowledged, that parents of young children recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes must be in want of a little clarity. In other words, if you just found out your child has diabetes and your emotions

are swinging from anxiety and despair to complete confusion, don't worry. It's totally normal.

Good news for you: Plenty of parents have been through the trenches and made it out with tricks they learned along the way. (Lesson No. 1: No matter how overwhelmed you feel right

now, it will get better.) Read on for sanity-saving tips from health experts and parents.

well-being.



Living with Diabetes
Celebrate Women's
Health
Learn 5 steps to emotional



Food & Fitness
Recipes for Healthy
Living

Free meal plans, tips and recipes, including gluten-free!



As Your Child Grows

There are plenty of free resources for you and your growing child. Here are a few from the American Diabetes Association to get you going:

Diabetes camps: connecting children with diabetes and teaching them about their disease diabetes.org/camps

Planet D: a website for kids and teens with diabetes diabetes.org/planetd

Safe at School: **information on your child's rights** at school and how to prepare the school to care for your child

diabetes.org/safeatschool

Message boards: a place to chat with others who have diabetes or are the parents of children with diabetes

diabetes.org/messageboards











"Vision of Peace"

2010-11 Grand
Prize Winner

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

"Imagine Peace" Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

For more than 25 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2012-2013 Contest – "Imagine Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on 15 January 2012 from Club Supplies.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Dear Lions,

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

MyLCI Scheduled to Launch for Leos August 2012

The Youth Programs Department is excited to announce the launch of MyLCI, the new and improved online membership and service activity reporting system for both Leos and Lions. Starting in August/September 2012, Leos and Lions can begin to utilize MyLCI to report Leo members, Leo officers and service activities for Leo clubs. It will also allow Lions at the club, district and multiple district level the ability to view information about Leo clubs within their respective areas.

Suggestions from Leos and Lions were incorporated into the design of MyLCI, allowing us to offer a tool that will be easier to use and more relevant to members around the world. Key new features include a custom home page with snapshots of information tailored to your responsibilities, a task list to keep you organized, and a single site for Leos and Lions, allowing Lions access to Leo reports for the first time.

Login instructions for MyLCI will be communicated via email to FY 2012-13 officers and advisors beginning in August 2012. Please note that access to the current Leo membership reporting system, LeoMMR, will end June 30. We hope that MyLCI will streamline the administrative operations of Leo clubs, districts and multiple districts so that you can focus more of your time on what Lions and Leos do best – serving your communities. Thank you for your continued patience throughout this transition.

Create a Free Web Site for Your Club

If you're looking for a free and easy way to create a Web site for your Leo club, the e-LeoClubhouse is for you!

LionNET is proud to provide this resource to help Leo Clubs around the world build a useful, professional looking Web site. Alpha and Omega clubs can choose between two predesigned Web site templates that incorporate the Leo brand. Designed with fill-in-the blank fields, the e-LeoClubhouse allows you to:

 Build and maintain a Web site for your club using a simple set of tools that make it easy to create a club Web site.

- Keep your members and community up-todate on the projects the club is working on.
- Promote your club's activities and recruit new members.

e-LeoClubhouse Features

Each e-LeoClubhouse features:

- Club Home Page: Feature a photo of your club members participating in a project or club activity and provide a brief history of your club.
- Calendar of Events: Use the system calendar or link to an already existing <u>Google calendar</u> to keep everyone informed of important dates.
- Club Projects: **Provide information on your projects and let your community know how they can support your activities.**
- Photo Gallery: Showcase your club's activities by posting photos or linking to your Flickr gallery.
- Contact Page: Post key contact information for people in your community to call so they can learn more about your club and get involved.
- Up to five additional pages for your club's special functions or news.

Member-Only Features

This section will provide a way for your members to communicate important club news, encourage attendance to meetings and recognize member dedication. Special features include a newsletter template, group email and text messaging, e-vites, message boards and integration of your club's social networking sites.

Get Started Today

Submit an application to create a Web site for your Leo club today.

http://e-leoclubhouse.org/start.php

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

"Service-Learning goes beyond charity or volunteerism. It encourages those involved in service ministry to ask the hard questions and search for real solutions. Service-Learning programs explicitly include features which foster participants' learning about the larger social issues behind the human needs to which they are responding."

Lions Quest on the Web



Social and emotional learning just got more "social." Now you can follow <u>Lions Quest</u> <u>on G+</u>, Google's social networking site.

And check out our new <u>Timeline Facebook</u>

Fan Page.

<u>Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School Time</u> Curriculum



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

summer. Click here to place an order.

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<u>USA/Canada Forum</u>, pre-Forum LQ session, September 12, Tampa

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