



We Serve

18-D

# District Bulletin



## Good Lions Come From All Walks Of Life



District Governor  
Bill Holley

I hope that this message finds you and your family in the best of health and spirits. We have had a very busy, but productive year together. I want to thank you for all of your participation and support my governorship.

The goals and objectives we set at the beginning of my term were met by several clubs. For those of you who have not yet sent in your information, there is still time to do so. This will allow our district, to move into the new era of District I with momentum and empowerment.

This is my final message as District Governor of MD-18-D. I believe that pictures are worth one thousand words and stand as a testament to hard work and dedication. Please join me in reflecting upon all of the work we do to help others.

Again, I thank you for all of your many kindnesses and multiple examples of Lions working together.



Leading by example: Together we serve  
District Governor William "Bill" Holley, Jr.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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*Lions Day 20 July 2012 –  
Lion Day at Camp for the Blind*

**SEE YOUR CAMP IN  
ACTION!**

**WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 21 JULY 2012**  
Activities start at 9:30 a.m.

**LUNCH & PROGRAM at 12:15pm**  
Cost: \$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.

**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**

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# Planning Ahead



**27 July = District 18-I  
1st Cabinet Meeting:**

**to be held at 12 noon, Saturday at the  
Certus Bank, 1465 Old Swimming Pool Rd,  
Jefferson GA**

**9am Club Officer Training**

**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.

**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](#)

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**International President  
Wayne A. Madden**



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



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

## **New Tools for Inviting Members and Keeping Them Satisfied**

Growing your Lions club is important because of the difference each new member can make in your community. Along with welcoming new members, it is also important to make sure new and current members are engaged and satisfied. To help your club, check out the new [Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide](#) and [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me301.pdf> from Lions Clubs International. The Just Ask! Guide will walk your club through the process of inviting members, and the Membership Satisfaction Guide will help ensure your club members are getting the experience they expect from your club.

## **The Reading Action Program Makes a Lasting Impact**



For the past year, Lions have addressed the global illiteracy issue by promoting early reading and improved access to education in their communities. With over 2 million volunteer hours and 6 million people served as part of the [Reading Action Program](#) in 2012-13, the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors is extending the campaign for a minimum of 10 years. That means Lions can continue focusing projects on literacy and education, as well as collaborating with partners to expand resources and volunteer opportunities that help children and adults everywhere build brighter futures. Read the [Lions Blog](#) to see how Lions have participated in the Reading Action Program.

## **Lions Eye Health Program**

The [Lions Eye Health Program](#) (LEHP) provides attractive, easy-to-read educational resources to help fight blindness in your community. Your Lions club can personalize the various materials and choose from three

different LEHP modules, such as [Making Vision a Health Priority](#). All are co-branded with the National Eye Institute/National Eye Health Education Program. Distribute LEHP materials at vision screenings, diabetes screenings and health fairs. Offer to place handouts in a local physician's office. Or, use a LEHP PowerPoint and Speaker's Guide to host an eye health presentation. Check out LEHP!



## **LIONS QUARTERLY**



**Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions help people with disabilities lead full lives.**

## **CONTESTS**

### [2013-14 Peace Poster Contest](#)

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

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

### [Digital Lion Magazine](#)

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

### [Lions Club iPhone App](#)

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

## **EVENTS**

### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

## **CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**





Dear Lion,

As I was preparing my monthly message, tragedy struck the city of Moore, Oklahoma and its surrounding communities. The pictures and stories that followed have left me both saddened and inspired. We sympathize with the grieving families, and pledge our support to those within the community seeking to rebuild. To the clubs and Lions in the affected area – your Foundation is there for you. In the coming days, I will have the opportunity to visit Oklahoma Lions. There, I will offer my support, and the continued support of LCIF.



The [response to the disaster](#) was immediate – by Lions and their neighbors. I was moved to see those who lost everything, lending a hand to help their friends, their neighbors, or even complete strangers. Lions members are part of that effort, and LCIF is there to support their relief and rebuilding efforts. International President Madden and I immediately approved a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, made possible through the generosity of Lions financial support to the Disaster Relief fund. This will be a start, but certainly not an end.

The disaster in Oklahoma and outpouring of support from our worldwide Lions' family, reminds me why I first began to support LCIF more than 32 years ago. At every point in my journey as a Lion, I supported our Foundation: as a new member, as a club president, and as a member of the Board of Trustees. As the Chairperson of LCIF, I now have the unique perspective of meeting so many impacted by the work of Lions and with the support of LCIF. I know my support of the Foundation over all these years has [made a significant difference](#) in the lives of many.

Our Foundation supports club and district initiatives in many areas beyond disaster relief. The wonderful thing about LCIF is its ability to help local Lions have a greater impact in the community they serve. With a [donation to the Disaster Relief fund](#), you help those recovering after one of the most significant moments in their life. With a [donation to the Area of Greatest Need](#), the Foundation has the flexibility to respond to Lions' humanitarian initiatives worldwide – both large and small.

I thank you for your past support and for your consideration of support in the weeks, months and years to come.

*Sincerely,*

*Wing-Kun Tam, Chairperson, L C IF*

## LCIF & Lions Responding To Oklahoma Destruction



As many of you are aware, a deadly tornado touched down near Oklahoma City yesterday afternoon killing more than 20 people, including 7 children, and injuring hundreds. The storm ravaged the suburb of Moore, Oklahoma with 200 mph winds destroying the Plaza Towers Elementary School, a hospital and many homes. The storm system has impacted towns and cities not only in Oklahoma but also in Iowa and Kansas, trapping people in shelters and rubble.

Without delay, Lions Clubs International Foundation responded, helping local Lions with a major catastrophe grant of US\$100,000 from the disaster relief fund to assist with recovery and long term reconstruction. As always, local Lions are assisting their family, friends and neighbors with immediate care and attention, but they need your help.

Please assist your fellow Lions by donating or encouraging clubs and Lions in your district to donate to the disaster relief fund. All disaster relief fund donations are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible. You can donate at the following link: <https://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-disaster-donation.php>

### Learn About Donor Recognition in a New Video

Donations make LCIF's worldwide efforts to restore sight, provide disaster relief, support youth and address humanitarian needs possible.



[Recognizing Lions' kindness](#) is one small way LCIF can say a big *thank you*.

Learn about LCIF's donor recognition programs through a new video that highlights both [individual giving](#) and [club and district giving](#) in support of LCIF, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship program.



# Editor's Note



## 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 [Club Resource Center](#) to download frequently used club forms, publications and information.
- Access training on how to be an effective club officer with [Club Officer Leadership Development](#).
- Use PR Tools to help [communicate your club's activities](#).
- Discover helpful resources you can use to [sponsor a Leo Club](#).
- Get the [finance](#) information you need to manage club funds.
- Learn strategies you can use to [strengthen 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](mailto:districtadministration@lionsclubs.org)

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

Watch historic newsreel footage and other rare films of Helen Keller with Anne Sullivan in the digital May [LION Magazine](#).



[View these videos in the LION Magazine](#) to see Helen speak about her greatest disappointment and meet with Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Frank Sinatra and other legendary figures. Also, a 1950s documentary presents Helen's daily life.

Go to this web site: <http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=154477>

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## MEMBERSHIP



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

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

We cannot continue in the wrong direction.

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



## Reading Action Program

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

[American Foundation for the Blind](#)

[Perkins School for the Blind](#)

[The Hadley School for the Blind](#)

[National Federation of the Blind](#)

# Message from President Madden



Dear Lion,



**"It ain't over, till it's over."**

**Yogi Berra, former New York Yankees manager**

Throughout the year I've drawn analogies to sports in my speeches and messages. Consider this – many baseball games are won with 2 outs in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning, there have been a number of World Cup soccer matches decided in extra time, and yes – many auto races are decided during the last lap of the race.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year, our "last lap" of the race. By now you have held all of your pit stops, you have hopefully done your community needs assessments, participated in the Reading Action Program and Global Service Action Campaigns, attended or soon will attend your district and multiple district conventions, and completed your qualifications for the Club Excellence Award or District Governor Team Excellence Award. In short, you have completed the necessary steps that should ensure a successful year.

But if history is an indication, we know that much can happen in the last two months of the year. June is particularly significant with regard to adding new members and new clubs as well as keeping members. Here is the reason:

- 23% of new clubs are chartered in May/June
- 18% of total adds occur in May/June
- BUT – 30% of drops occur in May/June

The above statistics are an average over the past three years of comparative data. But clearly, the percentages cited paint a clear picture that the months of May and June are crucial to whether or not we have a strong finish to our year-long race.

With that in mind, and considering the above quote from Yogi Berra, we still have work to do.

Club presidents – have you surveyed your members? Have you engaged your new members? Member satisfaction is all-important to the overall health of a club. It determines whether a member stays, or a member leaves. The new [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) is a valuable resource all clubs should consult on a regular basis.

Take another look at the requirements for the [Club Excellence Award](#)– specifically the membership requirement club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club..." Remember – you must achieve all requirements. Have you fulfilled the service requirement? There is still time to engage in a community project, like the [Reading Action Program](#).

District governors – now is the time to survey the clubs in your district. You should also review the requirements for the [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#).

Your actions, and your success during the months of May and June will determine whether we struggle to the finish line, or take a victory lap in Hamburg!

Sincerely,  
Wayne A. Madden, International President

Finish Line! Apply for the [Club Excellence Award](#) The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2013.



**Lions Clubs International**

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

### District I Club Officer Training

Here is the training schedule we set up Saturday:

Zone Chair Training – Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at Winder Lions Clubhouse at 354 East Broad Street  
Club Officer Training – Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at Certus Bank, 1465 Old Swimming Pool Rd, Jefferson  
Certified Guiding Lion Training/Club Excellence Process Overview –  
Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at Watkinsville  
Member Orientation Training – Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Watkinsville  
Club Officer Training – Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at Comer

Join us for these important training dates for this coming Lions year. . Even if you have served in an office for several years, there is something new for everyone.

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

Thanks for all you do!

*PCC Grace Clower*

*18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

### **Servant Leader Course Launch**

We serve! But Lions must also constantly strive to be good leaders and problem solvers. The [Lions Learning Center](#) provides online courses that allow Lions to develop skills in categories including Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. The newest course, Servant Leadership, takes you on a journey along the Servant Leadership highway, through real-life scenarios and activities that help you develop new skills while discovering and reflecting on your own leadership strengths. Do you think you are a servant leader? Lions online courses typically take 60 minutes to complete. For more information, read the [Lions Learning Center FAQs](#).

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

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



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- Access training on how to be an effective club officer with [Club Officer Leadership Development](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php). = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php>
- Use PR Tools to help [communicate your club's activities](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/communicating-your-activities/index.php). = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/communicating-your-activities/index.php>
- Discover helpful resources you can use to [sponsor a Leo Club](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/leo-zone/sponsoring-a-leo-club/index.php). = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/leo-zone/sponsoring-a-leo-club/index.php>
- Get the [finance](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/finance/index.php) information you need to manage club funds. = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/finance/index.php>
- Learn strategies you can use to [strengthen membership](#).



## Global Membership Team

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

### Quick Ideas to Increase Motivation

#### Increase Involvement

**Share your Enthusiasm** - Attitude is infectious. How you feel about making positive changes to –your club will affect how members respond. Be upbeat and enthusiastic your members will be motivated to support your efforts.

**Have an Informal Gathering** - Invite members to meet with club officers in a casual, non-club setting. This will help them become acquainted informally with the leadership team where they can ask questions..

**Share Praise Freely** – Important to all members and especially new members, is positive reinforcement for a job done well. Often, simple acknowledgement are best- a special thank you during a club or committee meeting, a personal note of thanks, a word of-encouragement. Consider creating a "Kudos" column in your newsletter or Web site to list those members who have done their jobs well, made great suggestion, or gone above and beyond the call of duty.

**Emphasize Social Involvement** - You want to involve members in your club socially as well as through activities. Socialize with members during and outside of meetings. Share happy occasions – birthdays, anniversaries, a special achievement or the achievement of a spouse or child. The club newsletter and Web site are great places to list these special occasions.

**Communicate Constantly** - Open communication is vitally important to the success of your club. It creates a comfortable, productive environment that will motivate members to do their best. It creates a comfortable, productive environment that will motivate members to do their best. Encouraging input from members and using your club meetings, newsletter and Web site to communicate club happenings will help you with this task.

#### Club Dynamics

**Attendance Cues** - Paying careful attention to attendance trends can help uncover retention problems. .Not attending meetings is one of the first signs of lack of member interest. Confer with your secretary and get a list of members who are "slipping." If they have missed three meetings or more in a row, call them to find out why. Personally calling them will show that you care about them.

**Retention is for All Member** - While making sure new members feel welcomed, involved and comfortable, it is important to remember long-term members. As people belong to an organization for a longer period of time, their goals and needs may change. Let long-time members know that their continued membership is important by periodically asking them if they are still satisfied with the club.

**Scramble Seating Arrangements** - Changes eating arrangements at meetings from time to time to allow all members to become better acquainted.

**New Members Make Great Greeters** - Have new members serve as greeters for club functions for the first several weeks of their membership. It's a great way for them to meet all club members.

**Make it Fun** - Have some fun while encouraging members to mix with their fellow members. Before a club meeting begins, select a member to be the "Secret Lion." In a clique-free club everyone mingles freely and will eventually meet the Secret Lion. As the meeting nears a close, you ask the Secret Lion to identify those members who never made contact, and encourage the Tail Twister to humorously levy a fine. Done with a light touch the Secret Lion method gets the "no-cliques" message across.

**Think Positively** - When considering any changes to your club, keep a positive attitude. Your club might be steeped in tradition and used to doing things a certain way, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try something new. Today's "experiment" could be tomorrow's" new tradition.

**Mix it Up** - Keep your club meetings fresh by trying something new every once in awhile. Consider having people change where they sit every few meetings to encourage camaraderie with new people add a new quick agenda item to boost morale (such as suggestion of the month or recognizing a member who went beyond the call of duty) or change the order of your agenda items (make sure everyone involved knows if you do this so they will be prepared!)

**Change Meeting Places**- By changing locations you will also give a new perspective to the meeting. Possible venues include different restaurants, parks, hotels etc.

**Give Ownership** - Allow members to lead the activities. This will make the members feel needed and increase their motivation to do more in the club.





Hey Ed. Here's the confirmation of the Lion's Visit to Camp Barney on August 6, 2013 (Tuesday)

- Please let me know how many folks plan to visit.
- Address to Camp Barney is below:
  - 4165 Highway 129 N.
  - Cleveland, GA
  - 30528-2309
- **The “agenda” for the day looks like this:**
  - **10:15 am – arrive and check in with Sarah / Vic**  
(call either number above once you are at the gate, if no one is there to greet you!)
  - **10:30 am – brief overview of Camp Program**
  - **10:45-11:45 am – visit to program area(s)**
  - **11:45 am – Questions/Answers**
  - **12:00 pm – Tour of Med Lodge, Meet with Clinicians and observe BG Checks**
  - **12:30 pm – Lunch (optional)**

Of course, we're very flexible with the schedule and can decide what specific areas of program(s) you'd like to see on your visit. Also, if there's something specific you need us to prepare / data we need to have in a report, etc. please let Sarah know and she can pull this information prior to your visit.

Most importantly, thanks for the support!!! We really appreciate it.

Call me if you have any questions.

DIABETES AWARENESS CHAIR

**Kathryn Higgins (Mike)**  
488 Miller Drive  
Dawsonville, GA 30534  
H: 706-216-8873





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



*Dear Lion Leader,*

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

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

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

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

*Sincerely,*

***Doug Lozier***

*PID Doug Lozier, General Chairperson*

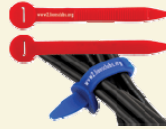
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**A Great Fund Raiser...**

Nexstep Commercial Products (formerly known as Cornelia Broom Company and France Broom Company) - exclusive Licensee of O-Cedar - is now the area and only Official Broom Supplier to The Lions! Nexstep Commercial Products manufactures 100% American Made Lions Clubs Corn Brooms in our Factory, Broom facility. For over 75 years, the Lions Clubs Broom Sale has proven to be a major fund raising event that is a very easy way to generate funds.

**Here's what your fellow Lions have to say:**

"Broom and Mop Sales have been a mainstay of our Lions Fund raising activities for over 40 years. They are a useful product used by every household and every business. Many of our customers wait all year for our annual Broom and Mop Sale to make their Broom and mop purchases. To these fine customers, Lions Clubs Brooms and Mops have become the symbol of a quality product sold to support a worthy community project."

Lynn Bob Watson  
District 11E  
Columbus, Georgia

"When I was invited into the Lions of Tallahassee 52 years ago, broom sales were our major fund raiser. To this day broom sales still remain one of our major fund raisers. Selling brooms produce many dollars for our projects and efforts on the opportunity to be seen and heard in the community."

Lion Chuck Mader  
District 14F  
Tallahassee, Florida

"The Lions of Spartanburg, South Carolina have been selling brooms to the public for over 20 years. During that time, the Broom Project has been a major fund raiser year after year with many repeat customers."

Dr. Eugene Spinks  
DC 2008-2009, District 22A  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

**Again, Lions Clubs Brooms and Mops are the symbol of a quality product sold to support any worthy community project.**

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Ship To: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Date for Merchandise Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

PRICES ARE EFFECTIVE ON ALL ORDERS SHIPPED IN 2011

Case Quantity	Item #	Description	Case Pack	Case Price	Extended Price
	1002L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Household Broom w/Velvet Finish	12	\$81.00	\$
	1003L-BC	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom w/Hanger Cap	12	\$64.80	\$
	1003L	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom	12	\$63.60	\$
	6107L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Janitor Broom	12	\$99.00	\$
	1007L	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom	12	\$87.00	\$
	1007L-B	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom w/Band	12	\$88.20	\$
	6400L	Lions Clubs Large Angle Broom, Flagged Bristles	12	\$68.40	\$
	2104-6	Kleenette™ 100% Corn Kitchen Broom	6	\$41.10	\$
	6402	MaxiSoft™ Plastic Broom (Assorted Bristle Colors)	12	\$66.00	\$
	6202-6	100% Corn Toy Broom	6	\$14.70	\$
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	3007	100% Corn Whisk Broom	12	\$30.00	\$
	6506L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Industrial Deck Mop	6	\$33.00	\$
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	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
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	96418	18" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
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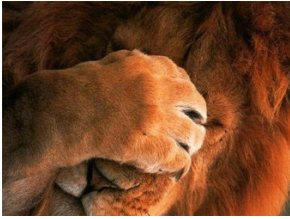
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# CLUB REPORTS



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

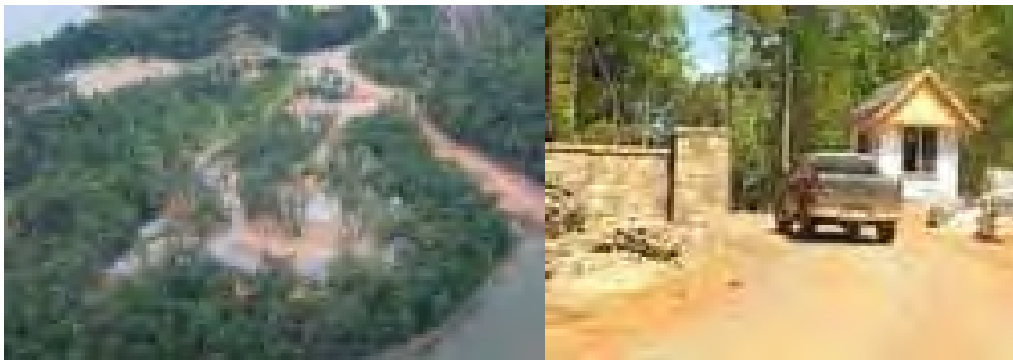


**Certain things can happen when your Lions Club gets involved. If we have to find something new – go for it – because the more we raise – the more we can give. Also, the more members who get involved also create a bundle of fun and more money raised. The information that appears may benefit another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

## Athens Campus Lions Club =

**Buford Lions Club =** Guest Speaker was Maureen Kornowa, Executive Director of the North Gwinnett CO-OP. Where learned what they do to help the needy in our community with regards to food, clothing, and financial assistance. 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm was held at Ivy Springs Manor, a new Senior Adult facility here in Buford, Ga. It was hosted by Lion Courtney Legg who also provided us with a very nice lunch. Grace Clower also attended our meeting and discussed the past present and future of the Lions Club.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club =** The Clermont North Hall Lions Club is still going strong and have added a new member to our club. Danny Head is a citizen of Clermont area and is active in many organizations. He is a type of member that what he had works on, he is in 100%. He has demonstrated that he gets the job done and a good worker you can count on to raise his hand to do a job. We believe that he is going to be a great addition to the club. } At our May 6th meeting we had a guest speaker from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The new Don Carter State Park, Will Wagner Manger, he has been work along with the contractors to build the park on North Browning Bridge Rd. in northern Hall County. It is schedule to open later this summer. It is on over 1000 acres bordering on Lake Lanier and US Forrest Service with additional 1100 acres. It will have overnight camping spaces and beach, picnic table, day use area, playgrounds, walking trails, bike trails, cabins, store, bath houses, and many more amenities. } The club has been working to be the sponsor of the 5k run on September 21 at Clermont Days, "North Hall Lions Club Cupcake Challenge" starting at 8:00 am. We also will have booth at the festival. We got in a new supply of mops and brooms to sell at the festival. } We have a Facebook page "North Hall Lions Club" started and need you to visit and "like us" to keep up with what we are doing in the club. We also have a web site hosted by e-clubhouse to also let people find us. It is not finish but will be adding to it. Visit with us often.



**Dahlonega Lions Club** = Dahlonega Lions Club held their Annual May "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 11th at the Park and Rec Building in Dahlonega. 18 Lions held with the event and roughly 200 people were feed Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee and Orange Juice. Jim and Pam Schwartz with the Gainesville Lions Club were in attendance, along with retired Ga House of Representative Amos Amerson. Lumpkin County Tax Commissioner Rachel Pruitt was the guest speaker at Dahlonega Lions Club meeting on Thursday, May 23rd, 2013. Meeting was held at University of North Georgia Dining Hall. Rachel presented to the group about the TAVT (Title ad valorem tax), and what it is and how it was effected beginning March 1, 2013. In addition the Tax Commissioner presented on Homestead exemption for senior citizens, disability tax exemptions, and go an overview of the tax situation in Lumpkin County.

**Dawsonville Lions Club** = Dawsonville Lions helped put up Veterans Memorial flags on East 53. Lion Don Cargill dropped off donations at the Lighthouse Board meeting 6 PM followed by the regular meeting at 7 PM. Joe Fulmer of Veterans Affairs of Dawson County spoke to the club. We had no speaker. We discussed the 60th anniversary banquet. The Dawsonville Lions Club presented scholarships to five Dawson County High School seniors. Lion Martha Holbrook presented the awards. Eyeglass collection boxes are set up community wide. Our club advertised this and collected 165 glasses, 7 lenses, and 62 eyeglass cases. These were sent to the GA Lions Lighthouse.



**Forsyth County Lions Club** = Dear Fellow Lions Leaders, For the third year in a row, the Cumming Playhouse ([www.playhousecumming.com](http://www.playhousecumming.com)) is partnering with the Forsyth County Lions Club to help us raise funds. From June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Playhouse will put on "The Sound of Music". For each ticket sold, the Playhouse will donate \$5.00 to our Club. Our Club has a limited number of tickets at \$30.00 apiece for the Sunday matinee performance on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. If you are interested in purchasing Sunday matinee tickets, then please send a check, payable to "Forsyth County Lions Club" (noting "Sound of Music" and number of tickets desired), plus a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE), to the following postal address...

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For other performances, please contact the Cumming Playhouse directly at the following web address...  
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**Hartwell Lions Club** = 15th annual golf tournament. The Hartwell Lions Club signature fund raising event

**Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee:** Jerry Legg reported that we collected 8 Used eyeglasses 2 used sun glasses 2 cell phones 6 chargers. **Sickness, Distress and Praise: Committee Reports:** – A donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 was made to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation on May 8, 2013, from the Jefferson Lions Club for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse 2013 White Cane Contribution. We provided a basket of goodies to be raffled off at a fundraiser for Meals On Wheels for the elderly.

**Old Business:**

**Programs:** Lion Ken Brand introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Janet Davis from Jackson EMC. She spoke on the Relay for Life Project and also related some of her experiences with cancer and the treatments. The Relay for Life Project provides a way to honor and support cancer survivors. Ms. Davis will be trying to help others by participating in the Relay for Life that will be held at East Jackson County High School.

**New Business:** The Club members voted to accept the proposed changes to the Club's Constitution and Bylaws. The Club members voted to accept the 2013-2014 Club's Officer Nominations as submitted. It was announced that the Lions State Convention will be in Augusta, GA May 31 - June 1, 2013. Committee Reports: Lion Jim Smith told the Club members that the absolute due date for 2013 Lions Community Calendar Worksheet is May 27. The Club's next meeting will be the Annual Spring Picnic for Lion members, families, and friends is May 13, 2013.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club =** We donated \$1749.00 to Georgia Lions Lighthouse that from a Wal-Mart Grant and funds that were collected by fellow Lions. We had 2 members attend our 4th Cabinet Meeting. We held our Annual Vidalia Onion Sales as a fundraiser. We sold tickets to G-Braves baseball game as a fundraiser for Camp For The Blind.

**Loganville Lions Club =** 7PM CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRES. KNIGHT 10 MEMBERS AND SPEAKER SHERIFF JOE CHAPMAN WERE PRESENT OPENING PRAYER LION GENE KNIGHT PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY LION GOWER DINNER SPEAKER CHAPMAN SPOKE ON THE POSSIBILITES OF NEW JAIL SIGHTS POINTS OUT THE POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES OF EACH LION KNIGHT REPORTED THE CLUB COLLECTED \$1382.00 FOR WHITE CANE LION KNIGHT REPORTED THAT PLANNING FOR THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WOULD START SOON MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT WERE APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10PM.

President lion Dan Curry called meeting to order at 7pm Eleven members present Opening prayer Lion Walter Stearman Pledge led by Lion Jerry Gower Lion Curry reported \$1382.00 collected during "April White Cane Month" and a letter acknowledging receipt and thanks has been received from Lions Lighthouse. Lion Curry mentioned it being time to began planning for our annual September golf tournament and our community calendar fund raiser would start soon. State Rep. Tom Kirby presented Lion Walter Stearman a Georgia Flag and a U S flag that was flown over the Georgia State Capital in honor of Lions Stearman's 90th birthday. Lion Stearman has been a Lion for 55 years. Lion Royce Petty was also recognized for his upcoming 85th birthday. Our Club was asked by Lion Past District Governor Ed Hashbarger to participate at the upcoming Peachtree Corners festival June 8 and 9. We are very hopeful to establish a new Club in the new Gwinnett County City. Minutes of previous meeting and treasurer report were unanimously approved. Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

PRES. CURRY 6 HOURS TREASURER KNIGHT 5 HOURS SECRETARY BYRD 6 HOURS EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AID RECYCLING 7 HOURS HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER HOWARD NAZARY 32 HOURS FOOD PANTRY CURRY 18 HOURS WALTON COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAROLD TRIBBLE 6 HOURS

**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = We hope your 2013 has been coasting along in the most fruitful way. We are happily reaching out to you with some very fun information. This year the City of Loganville will be hosting an Independence Day Celebration. Planning has been underway for quite some time now with a festive Independence Day Parade kicking off at 10:00am heading down Main Street and continuing the celebration on the new Town Green from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. We are inviting civic groups, clubs and fundraising organizations to submit a vendor application to set up on the Town Green with concession type items. We are also inviting groups to volunteer at various activity stations. You are receiving this email as a past parade participant in the 2012 Loganville Christmas Parade and we would like the opportunity to feature you in the Independence Day Parade. The canned food donation drive has been such an amazing success that we will follow suit for the Independence Day Parade. Please visit [IndependenceDayCelebration.com](http://IndependenceDayCelebration.com) for all the details you need and to also download an application. We would absolutely love to have you participate in one of Loganville's great events once again.

You are always welcome to call or email regarding any questions or concerns. \$2500 was donated to White Cane as a result of Bucket Brigade and check was presented to Grace Clower. 11 LLLC members participated for service hours this event. Golf tournament progressing both Monroe and Legacy are in agreement on dates. Follow up meeting with Monroe Club scheduled for 5/17/13. Results will be reported at the next Board meeting. June 14<sup>th</sup> Father/Daughter Dance - brochures and flyers for Father/Daughter dance are being distributed. Guiding Grace Clower reported on the recent Cabinet meeting in Comer and presented appreciation certificates and Lion's towels to President Chuck Lynch and Zone Chair, Wayne White. Chuck indicated LLLC will be responsible for marshalling the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Legacy Lions supported Memorial Day event supporting Legion Riders Veteran's Benefit Parade.



We joined in to celebrate those who have battled and won, still fighting, and remember those who are no longer with us. Thank you John & Jan Morgan for helping us with the t-shirts for this event, also a HUGE thanks to Beverly and Mark Hollis for heading up this event w/o using LLLC donations. Thank you to Maggi & Marli Grant for the soccer game, Bekki Gaunt & Maggi for all the cookies they baked and sold! Thank you to The Hollis & Moore family for being there and all of us who took turns walking till 3AM then packed up to go get some sleep!

**Norcross Lions Club** = DG-elect Ed Hashbarger, Lion Yoriko Hashbarger, and PDG John Rudert attended the Multiple District 18 State Convention in Augusta. Speaker Brian Bentley, Program Leader, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, discussed possible partnerships with events held in the parks. Club voted to participate in the Peachtree Corners Festival, June 8 & 9 as a food vendor. We will do this in cooperation with other Lions Clubs in the county. We are hoping to start a club in Peachtree Corners. PDG John Rudert worked 59 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse.

**Oconee Lions Club** = Three Oconee Lions helped two Lighthouse employees to support a volunteer Eye Doctor to get low income individuals obtain eye glasses for three hours on 5/7/13 at Merci Health Center in Athens, Georgia.

**Toccoa Lions Club (including Branch Club)** = Please visit [www.billtheblindlion.podbean.com](http://www.billtheblindlion.podbean.com) to hear the key note speaker, PCC Kembra Smith, from our Toccoa Lions Club 80 Year Anniversary Celebration. We had 13 Lions Clubs help us celebrate 80 years of outstanding service by the Toccoa Lions Club. I have included a picture of PCC Kembra during her talk. I have also included a picture of PCC Kembra Smith and TLC Branch Club President Kembra Landry. Lion Kembra Landry is PCC Kembra's daughter and sometimes reluctantly goes by the moniker of "Kate" to reduce confusion. PCC Kembra and Lion Kembra are pictured with the LION portrait given in appreciation for her speech. We all owe Bryan the Lion a special, and large, note of appreciation for all the work he did in arranging our 80 Year Celebration of Service to our community. Bryan the Lion you did a GREAT job! You definitely went above the call of duty, but that seems to be your normal mode of operation. We also owe our appreciation to Lion Flo Gordon. Lion Flo painted the LION portrait that was given to PCC Kembra. Lion Flo has painted a number of these portraits. Each portrait is unique and painted for the intended recipient. Lion Flo first painted Lion Portraits for our participating Optometrists. The paintings were a tremendous success. Shortly after that Lion Flo got a request from the Lions of Georgia to paint LIONS Portraits for the members of the GA Lighthouse Foundation Board. Lion Flo continues to use her special talents to let people know that the Toccoa Lions appreciate their work to further the Spirit of Lionism! Thank You Flo for all the great work you do.

The Toccoa Lions Celebrate 80 Years of Service in Toccoa/Stephens County - The Toccoa Lions gathered at Gate Cottage on the Campus of the Toccoa Falls College on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to celebrate the club's 80 Year Anniversary. The key note speaker was GA Lions Past Council Chair Kembra Smith. Thirteen Lions Clubs helped celebrate 80 years of outstanding service by the Toccoa Lions Club. PCC Kembra gave the audience a brief history of the Toccoa Lions Club, including the fact that the Toccoa Lions Club started its Sight Conservation program in 1944. During a 25 year review of the program in 2000 it was noted that Stephens County residents in need received 1200 pairs of eye glasses. Last year the club assisted over 100 people in obtaining eye glasses. Lion Bryan Gordon recognized some of our long term members including: Andy Crawford (67 yrs), Willard Kimsey (62 yrs), Frank Edmonds (58 yrs), Loyd Prewett (52 yrs), Claud Smith (48 yrs), Welton Carpenter (48 yrs), M.C. Stowe (39 yrs), Marvin Mauldin (38 yrs), James Irvin (37 yrs), Wayne Carpenter (32 yrs), Randy Shirley (26 yrs) & Ray Cornell (19 yrs). These Lions have a combined 525 years of service in helping others. Lion Bill Graham notes "We all owe Bryan Gordon a special, and large, note of appreciation for all the work he did in arranging our 80 Year Celebration of Service to our community. Bryan the Lion you did a GREAT job! You definitely went above the call of duty, but that seems to be your normal mode of operation." We also owe our appreciation to Lion Flo Gordon. Lion Flo painted the LION portrait that was given to PCC Kembra. Lion Flo has painted a number of these original oil portraits. Each portrait is unique and painted for the intended recipient. Lion Flo first painted Lion Portraits for our participating local Optometrists. The paintings were a tremendous success. Shortly after that Lion Flo got a request from the Lions of Georgia to paint LIONS Portraits for the members of the GA Lighthouse Foundation Board. Lion Flo continues to use her special talents to let people know that the Toccoa Lions appreciate their work to further the Spirit of Lionism! Thank You Flo for all the great work you do.



The first picture is a general group picture of the meeting of the Toccoa Lions evening branch club. They were meeting in the Eagle's Nest in the student center at Toccoa Falls College on Thursday evening May 16th. The second picture is zone chair Bill Graham presenting Sheila Rousey a certificate of appreciation and a Lions towel for her service as Lions district representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Grant the Leader Dog was working with Sheila at the Eagle's Nest at Toccoa Falls College when the picture was taken. The third picture was taken in the lobby at the Open Arms Clinic in Toccoa on Thursday, April 11th. The Toccoa Lions ask their clients to come to the Open Arms Clinic from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month to apply for free glasses voucher. Picture from left to right are Sherry Beavers, Open Arms Clinical Director, Lions Mallory Allen, Sheila Rousey and Margo Taylor.





Official Minutes of Branch Club Meeting - Lion President Kembra opened the meeting for discussion on Old & new business items - Lion Bill, Chair of the White Cane Committee, gave an update on the recently completed White Cane Campaign. Lion Bill related that the club had a very successful fund raising project again this year. Lion Bill thanked the Toccoa Lions Evening Branch Club for their outstanding support for the campaign. 66% of the Branch Club members worked one or more shifts during the campaign. Lion Bill presented Lion Dale with an "Top Lion" Award for her outstanding efforts in working 4 shifts during the campaign and extraordinary efforts during the fund raising. Lion Bill also presented Lion Nicole with a Lions Medallion for her contributions. Bryan the Lion gave members an update on the upcoming Toccoa Lions Club 80 Year Celebration. The Celebration will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Gate Cottage on the campus of the Toccoa Falls College. The meeting will begin at 7pm. Social time will begin at 6pm. Everyone is invited. Bryan the Lion also told members about the upcoming Chilly Open Golf Tournament. We need golf team members and volunteers to help with the Chilly Open. The Relay for Life service project was discussed. The sponsorship fee was higher than anticipated and due to the short time frame we may not be able to participate in this event. Lion President Kembra is checking into this. Bryan the Lion told the group about the Atlanta Braves/Leader Dog project. Bryan the Lion indicated that we may send our Little League team to the event as an end of season event. A TLC Calendar of Events was passed out indicating upcoming events. Our speaker for this meeting was Tim Hale. Tim is on the Citizen's Advisory Panel on Litter & Blight. Tim showed a very interesting, humorous, and unfortunately true, view of some of the litter and blight in Toccoa & Stephens County. Tim then lead a discussion on what the Keep Toccoa Beautiful subcommittee is doing. Tim passed out an attachment which is attached. He indicated that the Keep Toccoa Beautiful Project is asking Community Service organizations such as the Toccoa Lions to consider in adopting a road for periodic clean up. Bryan the Lion indicated that the club will try and get a group of Lions to participate in this project. Tim thanked the group for allowing him to discuss this very important program.

The Toccoa Lions Club congratulates Toccoa Little League LIONS Team Head Coach Tim McLaughlin, his coaching staff and all the team members on a great season! The Lions season ended today by splitting the double header and finishing the season 10-5. As Coach Tim says "It was so much fun coaching these young men and teaching them baseball and hopefully some life lessons as well." Look for Tim McLaughlin as All Star coach for the Sr. League team too!



The file labeled "GA State Sen John Wilkinson..." is a picture of the speaker. The picture Labeled "Bill and Ray..." is a picture of Zone Chair Bill Graham presenting a Leadership Certificate and a embroider towel to Toccoa Lions Club President, Lion Ray Cornell. The award was from District Governor Bill Holley. The picture labeled "Bryan Flo and Bill..." is a picture of Lion Bill Graham presenting an appreciation gift of an embroider towel and a Lions wood emblem to Lions Flo and Bryan for their outstanding work on the Toccoa Lions Club 80 Year Anniversary Celebration. The speaker, state senator David Wilkinson, was introduced by his father-in-law, Lion Andy Crawford. Senator Wilkinson said that his first introduction to Lions was when, as a young man, he set up tables for the meeting at the Sheraton. He said he has a lot of respect for the work Lions do. Senator Wilkinson expressed his belief that the problems facing the country cannot be solved legislatively. Change has to occur within people in order to solve our problems. Senator Wilkinson said there were three positive outcomes in the last session. A balanced budget was passed, there was no tax increase, and the session ended a month early. Another positive note was the passage of an ethics bill. The issue of gun-rights has been carried over until the next session. Senator Wilkinson then entertained questions. Dave Stancil gave a report on the golf tournament. There were 12 teams, 22 sponsors, and the club netted \$4,300. This was a very successful tournament. Thanks go to Lion Dave for his hard work and excellent organization as well as to others who worked on the committee.

The Toccoa Lions Club was the only club to receive the District Governor's certificate of special recognition for leading by example. This is the second year in a row the Toccoa Lions Club has been singled recognition as an outstanding Lions club. According to Ray Cornell, president of the Toccoa Lions Club, "Our members, old and new, provided a lot of community services including buying glasses for 107 needy people in our county this past Lions year."

The Toccoa Lions Club had four members who received Golden Chain awards at the Georgia Lions State Convention in Augusta last week. The second picture is of three Toccoa Lions holding four Golden Chain Awards. According to Bryan Gordon, "the golden chain award is like a good citizenship award that roughly only two percent of all Lions earn." These four Lions sponsored eleven new Lions into the Toccoa Lions club in the last year. Lions Bill Graham and Bryan Gordon each received their third Golden Chain awards and Lions Dale Graham and Sheila Rousey received their first Golden Chain awards.



**Towns County Lions Club =** Tuesday night, May 28, 2013, the Towns County Lions Club held its bi-monthly meeting in the Anderson Music Hall. President Julie Payne reminded all members of our upcoming Fair in July and encouraged everyone to sign up to work in a booth or at the gates. She also shared the names of our 2013 scholarship winners. Congratulations go to two of our LEO Club members Kayla Taylor and Dillon Diehl and to Brittany Ledford. They each will receive a Lions Club Scholarship of \$1500 distributed at \$750 per semester.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Frank Riley, Jr., Executive Director with the Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development) in Demorest, Georgia. Riley's topic for the night was the Fire Adaptive Communities (FAC) Pilot Project. According to Riley, our RC&D is one of only eight locations selected to participate in this pilot program. Riley also stated that the Fire Wise program the RC&D has developed in Towns County is the leading Fire Wise Communities program in the state with six certified communities and "earned for us the opportunity to be a part of this elite eight pilot program." FAC encompasses Fire Wise, Ready-Set-Go and other fire education programs.

"Fire Adapted Communities are communities with people, structures and landscaping that are prepared to withstand the effects of wildfires," Riley said. "A Fire Adapted Community is one where the population understands the threat posed by wildfires and takes the personal actions necessary to help minimize the risk. Ideally, a Fire Adaptive Community is one that can stand on its own, with no intervention from the fire service, against a wildfire. Achieving Fire Adapted Communities is an approach that concentrates on plans and activities that reduce risk before a wildfire occurs."

Developing a Fire Adaptive Community requires a coordinated effort by many entities and programs. It includes preventive education of the public, development of a community protection plan, creating fuel buffers, developing codes and ordinances, initiating cooperative fire agreements between fire officials and agencies, forest management, establishing an internal safety zone, implementing a Fire-Wise communities, using the Ready, Set, Go program, and accessing local capacity for these efforts. Riley said that all of the above would be looked at this coming year as part of this pilot project. The result will be safer communities for all of Towns County.

In closing, President Payne stated that our next meeting will be on June 11, 2013 and our guest speaker will be from the Leader Dog program.



Shriners Convention  
June 14th & 15th,  
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GABMA "Motorcycle"  
June 21 & 22, 2013

**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing:** Board of Directors approved 1 application for eye exam and glasses. **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected:** Eye Glasses-265 pairs, Lens- 46, shades – 74 pair, 3 lens, Hearing aids- 6, Cell phones -40. **Activities/Community Service Activities -** Lion Mildred then discussed the Farmer’ Market. It begins on June 8th. The goals for the Market will be to acquaint the local community with what Lions do and to serve quality food. We will be serving sausage biscuits, hotdogs, hamburgers, fried baloney sandwiches, and cheese straws. **Membership: Programs: 9 May -** Lion Paul Clark introduced our guest speaker – LaDale Trimble who presented the club with a \$100 donation. Ms. Trimble is with Bat Conservation International and presented a very interesting program on bats. She discussed and dispelled many myths about bats. There are 1200 bat species worldwide. Of the 1200, 900 are insect eaters. The remaining species are plant and nectar feeders. Of the 47 species in the US, all but 3 are insect eaters. A single bat can eat 600-1000 mosquito sized insects in an hour. Annually, bats provide 23 Billion dollars worth of insect reduction to agriculture. They also provide 1/3 of the pollination for plants like guavas, bananas, papayas, cacao, and cacti. Bats also are important seed dispersers. Ms. Trimble then discussed the many threats to bats. The most serious is white-nosed syndrome which is a fungus that was first discovered in NY in 2006. Since then it has killed 5-6 million bats. Another threat is windmills which kill 750,000 bats annually. Bats are also eaten for food in some parts of the world. **23 May -** Lion Mildred Thompson introduced our guest speaker – Sandy Nicolette, the Chairman of the Community Council at The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center. The Community Council serves Cherokee and Clay Counties, NC and Fannin, Towns, and Union County, Georgia. Activities include Children’s Educational Programs, Adult Outreach Seminars and Tours, and Preservation Projects such as a native plant garden.

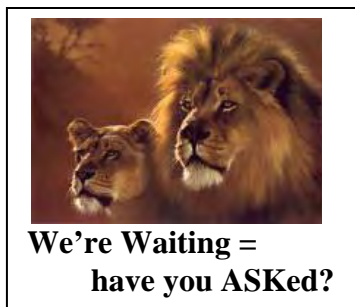


WORKING LIONS - 202 hours  
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 Union County Lions *NEWS* Articles: 3 submitted.

**White County Lions Club –** Our next meeting is this coming Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Ma Gooches. We will have a speaker with a short program. The speaker will be Mr. Raymond L. Crowell. Mr. Crowell is a public interest attorney whose goal is to protect individual rights. He specializes in Social Security Disability claims for adults and children. This should be a very interesting program and I urge all of you who can attend to do so! Please make an effort to support your club and maybe learn something in the process.

**Winder Noon Lions Club =** Members learned about Camp Twin Lakes which provides year-round recreational, therapeutic, and educational programs for children and young adults with serious illnesses, disabilities and other life challenges. President Bob created a club visitation program this year and ask members to join him. The visitation team visited twelve (12) different Lions Club during the year. One visit actually had twelve (12) members travel to visit another Lions Club. During our visits we learned so much about the things that were making clubs successful. We also found other clubs asking us what they might do to help their club. It was a great meeting new people in Lionism and the exchange of the good and not good things that clubs were doing. PID Buddy Ouzts (right) inducts Prince Craig(left) into our club and presents her with a Lion’s Pin and New Member Packet Eight members attend District 18-I Cabinet Meeting in Comer, GA





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Dear Lions,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

*Sarah Epting Gardner*  
 Partnership Director

*Jim Adams*  
 Executive Director



### Service Numbers

From July to December 2012

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

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

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

Hearing aids through the dispensation  
**179 were from 18-D**

### Get involved!

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

**7 May**  
**Athens**

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

### Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

**18 D District Chair:**  
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274  
[eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)



Dear Lions,

## Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart of Georgia Lions Lighthouse, making it possible for us to continually increase the number of people we serve. With your gift of time, you can bring sight and sound to even more Georgians and other people in need around the world.

### Which Opportunity is Right for You?

- [Volunteer in eyeglass recycling center](#)
- [Take eyeglasses on your next mission trip](#)
- [Help patients select eyeglasses at a GA clinic](#)
- [Volunteer in optical lab](#)
- [Help out in the office](#)
- [Assist in special events](#)
- [Donate or collect eyeglasses or hearing aids](#)
- [Host a vision screening](#)

If you would like to volunteer at the Lighthouse, please fill out the [Volunteer Application](#) go here = [http://www.lionslighthouse.org/get\\_involved/individual\\_volunteer\\_app](http://www.lionslighthouse.org/get_involved/individual_volunteer_app)

### Volunteer as a Group

Although individuals are welcome to volunteer in our eyeglasses recycling center, it's the perfect place for volunteer groups. It's also a lot of fun. The Lighthouse recycles used eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries, where eyeglasses are often unavailable. Our volunteers wash used eyeglasses and are trained to determine the prescription of each pair. For more information, please complete the [Group Volunteer Request Form](#). One person should complete the form, as the contact person for a group.

### Times available for volunteer groups:

**Monday – Friday: 2:00 – 5:00**

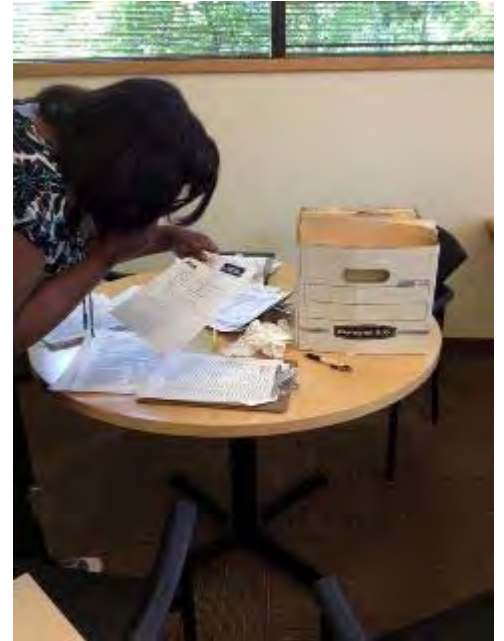
**Thursday: 9:00 – 5:00**

**Saturday: Hours can be scheduled for 6 or more volunteers.**

[View a calendar of volunteer opportunities.](#)

It shall be the policy of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to treat each applicant interested in Volunteering, and each Volunteer, on his/her individual merit without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by applicable law.

**Our super intern Belinda, working hard to create a new system for our hearing providers.**

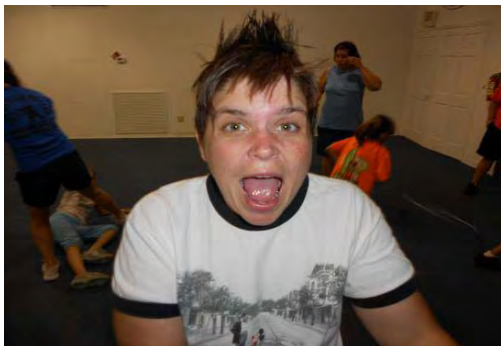


**Congratulations to Shamae Crosswhite for being one of four finalists for CFO of the year award in the nonprofit organization category. Shamae is the Vision and Finance Director at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and has been with the organization 6 years. She was recognized at the Georgia Aquarium.**





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



*The Campers are coming!*

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I can't even begin to tell you how excited we are getting down here. Everyday applications are coming in, and everyday our feet get a little lighter.

Next week, some of my summer staff will start arriving. We are so very excited about getting started. We have planned so many things for each camper to try.

Won't you consider joining us for Lions' Day? Lions' Day this year will be on July 20th. Please mark your calendars and plan on a fun filled day down here at the camp.

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Dear Georgia Lions,

Things around here are progressing at a rapid rate. Once again, camper registration is in full swing, and the countdown has begun! Please, please remember that when you send money to the camp, notate your district information, club information and category where the money needs to be applied. I will certainly appreciate it so much.

Just a Reminder:

- **KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING:** We are still accepting donations along with sponsorships for summer campers. If you sponsored a camper last year, please continue to do so.



Thanks to all of you for the support and to the clubs/individuals who have been so gracious to sponsor those campers who need help with their fees. We are looking forward to a great summer! If there's anything you need from us, please call or email me at [glcblindsec@accessatc.net](mailto:glcblindsec@accessatc.net).

Merri Blount  
 Camp Secretary



Just thought I would give you all an update on what we were able to accomplish this year during our work weekend tasks. As you know on the first weekend, we completed about 30 of the 57 tasks. This outstanding help that was provided by a lot of you Lions continued into the second work weekend.

Only a couple of the minor tasks were not completed, but there were some extra ones that came up. As far as I am concerned, I consider this at least a 97% accomplishment of all the items. Way to go Lions!! Thanks to the Greenville Lions club for helping in some repairs, painting, and getting the gutter up at the girl's dorm. I know the campers will appreciate not getting wet during the mornings as the dew falls on the building and trickles down the roof!

The McDonough Lions club also took the long drive to the southeast part of Georgia and came to help us out with some needed touch up painting in the activities building and the inside and outside of the main dormitory. The Leos from the Douglas Lions club came and took on the task of cleaning the outside amphitheater that has really been taken over by the bushes and weeds. If you did not know that there was such a place here, it is probably because you could not see it! That is not so now. This is the beginning of one of the goals I have set for us: get the walking trail and surrounding sites cleaned up and back in working condition, so they can be used as they were intended.

Thanks also to their adult supervision for helping these young adults out. Mr. Jim Schwartz and Mr. John Evans from the Gainesville Lions club also took the long drive and took on the task of putting a shelter over the added set of bleachers at the horse arena. After getting over the fact that someone, a.k.a. me, had a little problem with having to find a board stretcher, I think they did a fantastic job. They did have another helper from their club show up to help, but, sorry, I forgot his name! They worked all day Saturday and left late that evening to drive back home. As you may see, we were able to install a couple of side rails so the campers would not fall off the sides, or jump!!

Another special thanks comes from me to Johnny Barrentine (not Johnny Valentine:) for coming early enough on Friday to help me pour the concrete for the sidewalks that were formed up on the previous work weekend. If he had not come early, this project could not and would not have been completed. We were actually out there after dark doing some finish work on the edges of the walkways. Not only thanks for doing this, but for cutting all the bricks out at the Memorial Garden on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Dave Forest and his son along with Mr. Jim Walker from Sylvester, Georgia, Mr. Ron Horn and his son, Bryan (after pressure washing) of the Moultrie Lions club participated in getting the sections of A, B, and C completed at the Memorial Garden. Mr. Paul May and his wife, Mary Anne, came and finished the painting in the dining hall and cleaned out the gutters on all the buildings. Thanks Frank for removing the temporary walls that were at the barbeque pit area and putting up the poles for the brail nature walk signs. Mrs. Jeannette from the Calvary Lions finished staining the cabinet drawers for the bunk house dorm.

As you can see, a lot has been done and this could not have been completed without the help of a lot of you dedicated members of the Lions Clubs of Georgia. I know many of you cannot make it here all the time, but when you do, a lot can be accomplished! This is your camp; it is put here by folks like you, so someone with vision impairment can come here to participate in activities and be able to do the things that are not normally part of their everyday lives.

I personally thank you all every day for the opportunity to be a part of this camp and look forward to helping keep this place in tip top shape! Without your help, whether it is in labor, love, or monetary contributions, we would not be here. We should all strive to serve God and others before thinking of ourselves. Thank you again for being that person!!





## Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey



**Improved the continuity of care for our dogs** by changing our dog care team scheduling from location-based to dog-based so the dogs are cared for by the same people throughout the entire training process. We also enhanced our canine support program to allow our volunteers to have increased interaction with our dogs when they are being introduced to the kennel and throughout their formal training.

**Established In-For-Training standards for all puppies in our puppy raising program.** The standards help our puppy raisers raise their puppies to achieve behaviors expected when they return to Leader Dog for training. The data collected will also help us correlate the puppy's behavior upon return with graduation success.

**Implemented a Voice of the Client program to track client satisfaction and provide feedback for continuous quality improvement.** Also improved the follow-up services we provide to clients in their home environment by utilizing qualified guide dog mobility instructors who are contractors, allowing us to improve our response time when a client contacts us needing assistance.

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Ozella Tate and her Leader Dog, Josie

**Began using a new model for scheduling Accelerated Mobility Program clients that allows us to service more clients without adding staff.**

**Procured a donation of dog food from Purina to support the puppies being raised in our Iowa prison program.** Purina even delivers the food for free!



### Our Veterinary Department

- 501 dog spay/neuters
- 538 entry/training exams
- 44 specialized dental procedures
- 966 breeding/puppy program exams
- 1,491 procedures done under anesthesia
- 983 hours served by volunteers (veterinarians, vet techs, assistants and records)

**Increased our use of volunteers to transport clients and their Leader Dogs to/from the airport from 10% to 100%.** This has provided more time for our Guide Dog Mobility Instructors, who used to be in charge of transport, to work with clients and their dogs.

### Our Training and Client Services Departments

- Certified a new Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) for our Deaf-Blind program
- Trained 205 guide dog teams
- Trained five Deaf-Blind guide dog teams
- Trained 51 accelerated mobility clients
- Hosted 20 teens at summer camp
- Supported 435 clients in their homes with follow-up services
- Completed 200 potential client in-home visits



**Established standard breeding criteria for selection and inclusion of dogs in the breeding program, and welcomed 519 new puppies from our breeding stock of 80 moms and 16 dads.**



# GEORGIA LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

*From eating hot dogs to meeting a famous baseball star,  
GA Lions Club at Turner Field invites individuals and  
High School Baseball Teams to the annual fundraising event.*

(MediaQuire) Georgia Lions Club invites you to support the *Leader Dogs for the Blind* and buy your tickets to watch the Braves vs. San Francisco Giants on Saturday, June 15th.

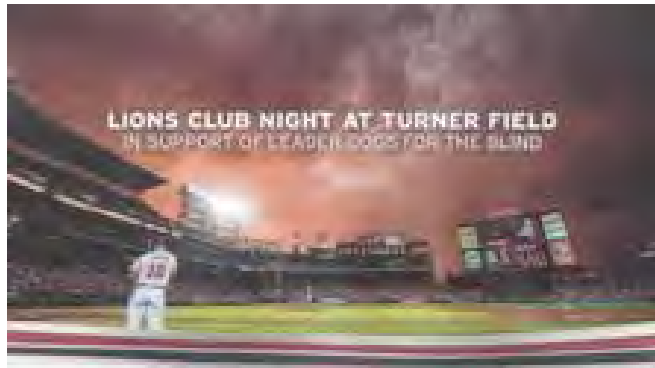
Georgia Lions Club day at Turner Field is a fundraising event for *Leader Dogs for the Blind* with proceeds of ticket sales, cash donations and T-shirt sales will go to *Leader Dogs for the Blind*. There are 25 Lions Clubs throughout Georgia who will be sponsoring a High School Baseball team to attend the Braves game. There will be 15 tickets per team available as well as individual tickets sold to supporters of the *Leader Dogs of Lions*.

In addition, *Georgia Lions Club* at Turner Field will have a variety of game perks that will include; a hot dog lunch, a "locker room tour", and the chance to meet a retired baseball star. Everyone is invited to attend this game, so purchase tickets while they are available.

The Lions Club supports **Leader Dogs for the Blind - Leader Dog's Mission** is to **"Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel and work."**

Come join the fun: Atlanta Braves vs. San Francisco Giants.  
Saturday June 15th | 4:00 p.m.

Donations from ticket sales will help benefit someone to get a Leader Dog. Visit [www.atlantalion.org](http://www.atlantalion.org) for more information.



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



#### DEAR LIONS AND SUPPORTERS,

Thank you for your support of the Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Lions Club. Your support is what makes it possible for us to continue our mission of providing support and resources for the visually impaired community. We are proud to have you as a part of our team and we look forward to seeing you at the game on Saturday, June 15th.



PLEASE VISIT US AT  
[WWW.ATLANTALIONS.ORG](http://WWW.ATLANTALIONS.ORG) | 404-525-1234

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DIVORCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support of the Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Lions Club. We look forward to seeing you at the game on Saturday, June 15th.



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

## Learning Ally in the Classroom: Audiobooks Help Students Succeed

Educators and Students describe the impact of Learning Ally.

**Len Byron (Reading Teacher, Woodlynde School):** “Learning Ally helps a child who, in a room full of other students that are opening the book, and reading very quietly, helps them feel a part of a reading community. And then they learn to enjoy books! And then they start to make the imagery and the images in their minds and that’s really what reading’s all about. “

**Jill Dougherty (Upper School Principal, Woodlynde School):** “Learning Ally allows student access to information, access to books, access to the world around them, access to success.”

**Matt (student with learning differences):** “Before Learning Ally I had a lot of trouble following along with the books in class, sometimes they might be going too fast, too slow, I might read ahead and get a little bit antsy. With Learning Ally I can control my pace, and how fast I want to read, how much I want to read; it really did make a big difference in my life.”

**Hannah (student with dyslexia):** “I remember going home and crying for hours because I thought I was stupid because I couldn’t read at the same level as everybody else, even though I was just as smart as they were. After I started using Learning Ally, it became so much easier. I could move up levels in reading. I went from being in the lowest reading group in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to being in honors English going into AP. That’s a great feeling to be able to accomplish something like that, given the tools. And that’s what Learning Ally has given me, is a chance to succeed.”

**Gretchen Schroeder (Librarian, Woodlynde School):** “The kids are loving the fact that this can be in their back pocket, that it can be on their phone, it can be on their iPod Touch, that it can travel with them; that they can order it directly from their device. And so it’s incredibly user friendly for them.”

**Jill Dougherty:** “Learning Ally is one of those things that really honors what a kid is able to understand, what a child is able to learn, and when you honor that learning, you make it rewarding. And when you make learning rewarding, you motivate a child. And when a child is motivated, and a teacher will tell you, they can learn anything.”



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

## Trained Facility Dog Visits Victims Injured in Boston Bombings

Boston, MA - Last week, Laurie and Wena were invited by Boston Medical Center officials to visit the hospital’s Trauma Unit, and meet patients and their families recovering from the recent Boston tragedy. Laurie Myers, head of a non-profit victims advocacy group was accompanied by her specially trained four-legged partner, Wena, a 3-year-old black lab and golden retriever cross. They’ve been a team since 2011 when Laurie applied for a facility dog from Canine Companions for Independence, the nation’s largest non-profit providers of assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities.

One of the first she met was a six-year-old boy who had just been removed from a life-saving ventilator the day before. The young boy told Laurie how much he missed his dog, and loved every minute he spent with Wena. Laurie also met with a husband and wife who both lost legs in the bombing. The couple had their own black lab, and said they were thrilled by the visit. Laurie met with 3 other victims and their families, leaving them literature about how to apply for their own assistance dog with Canine Companions once their medical condition allows it.

Since November of 2011, Wena’s job had been to be at the side of an abused child or violent crime victim when they are giving recorded interviews that will be used in court.



Wena graduated from Canine Companions after completing Team Training, an extensive training session at Canine Companions’ Northeast Regional Center in Medford, NY. During Team Training, Laurie learned all of Wena’s 40-plus commands and how to properly care for her. Team Training is an essential part of the program because it gives the recipient an opportunity to learn how to work with and benefit from an assistance dog. The process consists of daily lectures, exams, practice, and public outings.

Thanks to generous supporters, Canine Companions assistance dogs are provided free of charge to children, adults and military veterans with disabilities, creating life-changing transformation and independence.

Canine Companions for Independence is the largest non-profit provider of trained assistance dogs with five regional training centers across the country. There is no charge for the dog, its training and on-going follow-up services. To learn more, visit [cci.org](http://cci.org) or call 1-800-572-BARK.



Lion  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

## Summer Time Changes Every Day Routine

Wittmann, AZ

The summer is a fun and exciting time. Kids are on break from school and families are taking vacations together. I love this time of year, but it's also the time of year that makes me a little nervous.

My 5 year old son, Caleb, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 3 years old. As a teacher, summer time means a change in our every day routine and this change can be dangerous for kids with diabetes. At my house, kids sleep later, eat meals later, have different activities and have a tendency to snack much of the day.

All these changes can affect Caleb's blood glucose levels.

During the summer, my husband and I become even more aware of Caleb's diabetes. I find myself being extra diligent about keeping track of his more frequent snacks and accounting for it with insulin



I also make sure he's drinking enough water and staying hydrated, especially when he's running around outside.

My husband and I are also more aware of potential lows after a full day of outdoor activities. I've noticed, especially with swimming, that Caleb doesn't seem to wear out until he gets out of the pool and that's when his blood glucose starts to drop. I make sure I have a snack ready for him as soon as he gets out of the pool to avoid any severe lows. We also keep tabs on his blood glucose later that day, in case it starts to drop as well.

We try to stick to a fairly well balanced diet but the hot months always seem to bring about more occasions for eating out and splurging. I am grateful for the different snacks that now contain sugar alternatives and give Caleb more options.

Traveling also seems to affect Caleb's blood glucose levels – probably from all the excitement. We always let our doctor know when we plan to travel so she can help us anticipate any changes in Caleb's diabetes management.

It seems that every season affects Caleb's blood glucose in some way. We need to stay more aware of how the day's activities affect blood glucose, but Caleb has so much fun during the summer and I just love this time of year.

## Away from Home



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### Plan Ahead

If your child will be away from home for an extended trip, it's a good idea to go to your doctor to get a check-up and be sure to ask for:

- Written prescriptions for insulin and any medication. Then, if the travel supplies are lost or damaged – you are only a pharmacy visit away from replacements.
- A doctor's letter describing everything needed for treatment, including medical devices. It should also note any food or medicine allergies or sensitivities.

If your child will be going away without you, always make sure an adult is around who knows how to help with daily management of diabetes (BG checks, insulin shots, etc.), as well as when high or low blood glucose (BG) levels occur. Spend some time with the adult helping them to understand your child's unique signs of a high or low BG. Then demonstrate how to:

- Check BGs
- Count carbs or stick with the food plan
- Measure and give insulin
- Treat highs and lows
- Respond to an emergency – especially when it requires glucagon
- Help the adult caring for your child to know what your child can eat and how that relates to his diabetes care. If possible, create a menu with your child and the adult in charge so that you all can agree on meals, snacks and insulin doses ahead of time.

### Start Packing

Be sure to pack twice the amount of diabetes supplies that you think your child will need. Your packing list should include:

- Insulin
- Syringes
- BG testing supplies
- Pump and/or continuous glucose monitor (CGM) supplies
- Ketone testing strips
- Glucagon
- Glucose tablets or fast-acting sugar to treat low BG
- A medical ID card (your child should always wear a medical ID bracelet)
- Day and night phone numbers for your D-team
- All your contact numbers
- Batteries
- Snacks like peanut butter and crackers
- First aid kit
- Anti-diarrhea pills
- Anti-nausea drug



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

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

### *Our World, Our Future*

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

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

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

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



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

### *Our World, Our Future*

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

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

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

- Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.

- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

- Essay entries cannot have already been published.

- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

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

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



**FAYE H. SMITH, MD 18 YOUTH & EXCHANGE CHAIR / 155 WOODLAKE DRIVE, NEWNAN, GA 30265 / 770-683-0038 / 770-301-614**

*LIONS – HELP!*

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

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

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



### **LEO Club Twinning**

The International Club Twinning Program is a voluntary and mutual agreement between clubs in different countries. Lions and Leos can participate; however, twinning must occur between like clubs (i.e., Lions with Lions, Leos with Leos). Twinning provides an opportunity to learn about another club and its culture. Club twins actively illustrate the Third Purpose of the Association =

*To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.*

## ***International Friendships***

Members of international organizations often develop international friendships. This is certainly true of Lions and Leos who attend international forums or conventions. After an initial meeting, Lions or Leos often continue their friendship through long-distance correspondence. After many months or years, the two clubs may decide to formalize their friendship as international club twins. At this time, the two clubs may decide to sign the International Club Twinning Recognition Application and become club twins. Often, the clubs organize a formal signing ceremony to celebrate the official club twinning relationship.

- Club twinning guidelines
- After twinning has been established, apply for the Twinning Award
- Include your club in the club twinning list
- View the list of Leo clubs interested in entering into a Lions club twinning relationship. Go to = [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/leo\\_twinning.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/leo_twinning.pdf)

## **Club Twinning Guidelines**

Twinning provides Lions and Leos the opportunity to learn about another club and its culture. Twinning is not to be initiated to persuade others to adopt one's ways nor is it to be entered into for financial or material assistance.

### ***Selection of a Club Twin =***

*The selection of a club twin varies from club-to-club. Twinning can occur:*

- As a result of friendships that develop when club members from different countries meet at international forums or conventions
- As a result of searching the Lions Clubs or Leo Clubs twinning lists
- As a result of searching the Club Locator
- After assistance from a Lions international relations (or international understanding and cooperation) chairperson

In the last instance, a club international relations (IR) chairperson contacts the district IR chairperson for twinning suggestions. The district IR chairperson contacts the district governor to see if there is an active district twinning program.

If the district does not participate in a district twinning program, the club can search the twinning list, the Club Locator, or accept a suggestion from the IR chairperson. When selecting a club twin, consider similarities in history, culture, and language. Most club twins do not experience a serious language problem. If a translator is needed, request assistance from club members, their families and acquaintances or students/teachers of language. Or use a third language which is understood by members of both clubs.

## ***Developing a Twinning Relationship =***

*Initial correspondence should include:*

- Interest in becoming a twin
- Details about club members
- Club activities
- The community
- Local customs

Upon acceptance of the club twinning invitation, the local club IR chairperson notifies the district IR chairperson. The file is then closed at the district level. The two clubs continue their friendship through the exchange of:

- Club and district bulletins
- Pins and banners
- Magazines, periodicals, newspapers, books
- Photographs
- Music
- Other items that foster mutual friendship and understanding

Some clubs exchange membership rosters to enable members and their families to correspond. In some instances, school children correspond with school children in the area of the twin club. Another consideration is the organization of a joint service project possibly on behalf of a third country. This is a voluntary and mutual endeavor. Each club should contribute.

### ***Twinning Recognition***

After clubs have become friends (this usually takes at least a year), they can apply for an International Club Twinning Banner Patch Award. Clubs that enter into additional twinning relationships within the fiscal year receive a letter of congratulations. Clubs can only receive one twinning award per fiscal year.

- The Club Twinning Award indicates participation in the International Club Twinning Program. The club does not receive annual recognition for twinning. It is expected that the twinning will continue.
- A club is eligible to receive another International Club Twinning Recognition only if it enters into a new twinning during a different fiscal year.

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

- \*\* Provide a safe messable place where kids can explore a variety of art materials
  - : Offer recyclables such as paper and cardboard with crayons, chalk, markers, glue, stickers, finger-paints, clay, etc.
  - \*\*Make homemade musical instruments and put on a concert: Be accepting of all compositions. Make room for movement so spirited kids can show off their grace to the max.
  - \*\*Change the endings of well-known stories: How else could this story end?

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