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District Bulletin



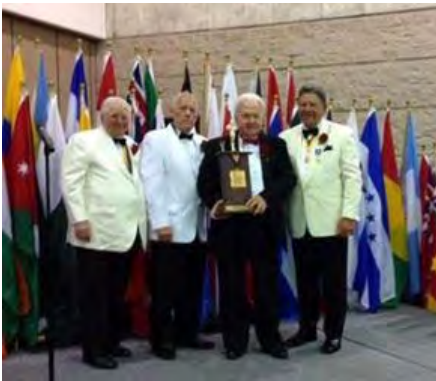
**District Governor
Ed Hashbarger**

Fellow Lions,

The time has gone by so fast and now I am forced to retire. I congratulate your new District Governor Vicki Hubbard, 1st Vice District Governor Anne Mundy and 2nd Vice District Governor Bob Norton. Please give them the support that you have given me and we should surpass anything we have done this past Lion's year. There is still much work that has to be done – making sure that the new Directory is up to date and all PU 101's have been submitted.

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

In all reports I had to send to International – I stated that **COMMUNICATION** was the **KEY**. We need as many Lions to participate not only in Club affairs, but also in District and State affairs. This includes the Lighthouse and Camp. We cannot be selfish and not spread the word among fellow Lions that there is more outside of the club and community. Even when I become Past District Governor again – I still have certain jobs that I have to do within my own club. I can't do everything that the club needs, but I can do whatever I am able to do. One thing that I enjoy is standing in front of a store with a bucket in hand asking for donations. I think that is the most terrific time I have.



Congratulations to upcoming Council Chair Olin Newby on getting the Ervin/Crumbley Award – such an honor. Also, congrats to Lion Kathy Ivie – an upcoming star within the District – a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

As always, I will be sending out all pictures in regards to the State Convention and also will have all the pictures that was sent to me on the web site for this Lions year.



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

I will continue to be busy as you know – I will be visiting clubs and going to Zone meetings and travel around District "I". As I indicated many years ago – Helen Keller said: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." We in District 18-I have done this and we will always continue this spirit for years to come.

As always, I sure am thankful that I know most of you and I am proud of who you are. **THANK YOU** again 18-I for a tremendous year, Bless you all, and I am proud to be a Lion serving alongside each of you. Thanks for being who you are - **LIONS.**

Publicity and Communication are the KEYS – use them.

Yours in Lionism,
Ed



GROW THE PRIDE

A Note from DGE, Vicki Hubbard

WOW!! That is the first word that comes to mind about this weekend's State Convention. I am hoping that many of you were able to attend; and those that weren't able I hope we see you in Tifton, Georgia next May. I would like to congratulate the State Convention Committee for a very successful convention. I know everyone that was there got some good information from the classes on Saturday and had some good food and fellowship Saturday evening at the District Governor's Banquet. The message that International President Barry Palmer brought to up was great!!

I wanted to take this opportunity to make sure that I shared some important dates with you. Our Cabinet meetings dates have been set and are as follows:

(The Cabinet meetings will begin at 11:00am, immediately following training)

26 July 2014 – 1st Cabinet Meeting - Certus Bank, 1465 Old Swimming Pool Rd, Jefferson, GA 30549

25 October 2014 – 2nd Cabinet Meeting/Hall of Fame Rally – Watkinsville First United Methodist Church, 1331 New High Shoals Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677

6-7 March 2015 – 3rd Cabinet Meeting/District Convention – Foundry Park Inn, 295 E Dougherty St, Athens, GA 30601

2 May 2015 – 4th Cabinet Meeting/Family Picnic – Fort Yargo State Park, 210 S Broad St, Winder, GA 30680

I am hoping that you will be able to make it to the Cabinet meetings. We will be having training at 9:00am at each Cabinet Meeting. The training for the 1st Cabinet meeting in Jefferson will be **NEW OFFICER TRAINING**. Please make your plans now to attend!! I think we will have some fun surprises in store for you; and of course the District's **NEW Tail Twister** will be ready to roll.

We will begin making plans for our official club visits as July get here. We can't wait to hear what you and your clubs have planned for the upcoming Lions year. Please continue to strive to support your own communities. Without our communities there would be no Lions clubs.

We have a few clubs that have not sent in their PU-101's or reported their new incoming officers for the 2014-2015 Lions year. If your club hasn't done so yet, please contact incoming Cabinet Secretary, Doreen Stallworth at stallwor@bellsouth.net or by phone at 770-860-1414. We need all of this information as soon as possible so it can be listed in the District Directory correctly.

If you or your clubs need anything, please don't hesitate in contacting me or any member of the District Governor's Team.

Our contact info (as of 1 July 2014) is listed below:

DG Vicki Hubbard – 770-851-8765 – lionvicki@gmail.com

1st VDG Anne Mundy - 706-201-0687 - annem@windstream.net

2nd VDG Bob Norton - 678-979-3900 - bob.nortonbob@aol.com

Cabinet Secretary Doreen Stallworth - 770-851-0716 - stallwor@bellsouth.net

Cabinet Treasurer Kathy Ivie - 770-267-6984 - kivie@waltonemc.com

Cabinet Advisor – PDG Ed Hashbarger - 770-995-0405- edmclionh@bellsouth.net

Thank you Lions of District of 18-I to allow me to serve as your District Governor



UPCOMING EVENTS

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND



*Lions Day 19 July 2014 –
Lion Day at Camp for the Blind*

**SEE YOUR CAMP IN
ACTION!**

WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 19 JULY 2014
Activities start at 9:30 a.m.

LUNCH & PROGRAM at 12:15pm
Cost: \$10.00

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.



26 July = District 18-I

*1st Cabinet Meeting:
to be held at 11am, Saturday at the
Certus Bank, 1465 Old Swimming Pool Rd,
Jefferson GA*

9am Club Officer Training

Planning Ahead

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

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

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

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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** 

International President

Barry J. Palmer

First Vice President



How to Keep Members Happy and Coming Back



There's nothing like the satisfaction of serving others. It's why new members become Lions, and why experienced members remain Lions. Whether seasoned or new, membership satisfaction is the key to keeping all members happy.

The [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) can help ensure your club continues to meet the expectations and needs of your Lions. Get tips for planning effective meetings, creating a positive club culture and identifying service projects and activities that match your members' interests.

Download the [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) today and keep your members happy and coming back!

Changes to the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel

The Leo Club Program Advisory Panel is a communication vehicle for Leos and Lions to share ideas about the program

with Lions Clubs International. The panel provides Leos and Lions with an opportunity to represent their respective constituents while evaluating matters affecting the Leo Club Program. Important changes were recently made to the panel composition and Leo nomination qualifications that make many more Leos eligible for nomination.

Please review the [Leo nomination form](#) and [Lion nomination form](#) to read about these changes and learn how your district or multiple district can participate in the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel.

Reading when School isn't in Session



Summer holiday is approaching for many students around the world. When schools close for seasonal or holiday breaks for days, weeks or months at a time, it's critical for students to keep their reading skills sharp. Sadly, children whose families do not have access to books can fall behind. Through the [Reading Action Program](#), Lions can promote literacy for children in need during off-school periods.

Learn how our [Reading Action Program partners](#) can help your club make the most of existing resources and keep students reading all summer long!

Submit Reports with MyLCI

Club and district officers sometimes feel as though administrative tasks, like tracking activity and reporting membership, take time away from the hands-on community service that truly makes an impact. Fortunately, MyLCI is an online tool that makes it easy to submit reports, so your club can run more efficiently and you can focus on serving the community. Maintain members' contact info, create club rosters and mailing lists, view and pay LCI statements, submit and view reports all in one convenient place!

[Visit the MyLCI web page](#) to learn more about the benefits of MyLCI, how to get started and other Frequently Asked Questions. Or, [go straight to MyLCI and register now!](#) For questions, [contact the MyLCI Support Center](#).



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how the Lions Message in a Bottle program is saving lives.

CONTESTS

[Together We Can Grow](#)

Win US\$250 in Club Supplies or MJF Donation

[Peace, Love and Understanding](#)

Purchase 2014-15 Peace Poster Kits

HIGHLIGHTS

[Digital LION Magazine](#)

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

[President's Service Blog](#)

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

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

LCIF and Carter Center Continue Partnership Fighting Trachoma and River Blindness

During a ceremony held at the Carter Center's headquarters on May 15, 2014, LCIF Chairperson Wayne Madden met with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter to express LCIF's intent to provide US\$8.8 million to the Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Initiative. The partnership will continue to focus on ending suffering from major causes of preventable blindness in Ethiopia, Mali, Niger, and Uganda.

"For 20 years, the partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation has been instrumental in supporting the Carter Center's leadership in the fight against neglected diseases," said President Carter. "The Lions' continued financial support will help The Carter Center, local Lions clubs, and other national partners defeat preventable blindness in some of the worst affected communities in the world."



As a part of this expanded partnership, local Lions clubs will help mobilize impacted communities to participate in mass drug administration, eyelid surgery campaigns, health education, and latrine construction. Lions will also serve as community advocates by working with local leaders to increase participation in activities related to river blindness and trachoma in their communities. Since 1994, Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded US\$42 million in grants to The Carter Center.

The past few weeks have been very exciting for LCIF! We achieved several milestones through our partnerships in vision and health that will help millions of people.

Just last week, I had the opportunity to meet with former United States President and Lion Jimmy Carter at The Carter Center's headquarters. And, I am happy to announce the [expansion of the Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Initiative](#) to prevent blindness and save sight. LCIF expressed its intent to provide more than US\$8 million over a three-year period to continue focusing on blinding trachoma and onchocerciasis where the needs are greatest.

Lions are also making great strides against another disease – measles – thanks to you. We challenged Lions to raise US\$1 million as part of our 30-day challenge in April for measles, and you surpassed it! Donations totaled US\$870,000 and will be matched with \$500,000 from Abhey and Past District Governor Aruna Oswal. I was so pleased to inform the Oswal family that LCIF has surpassed the goal and that with their support, US\$1.3 million will be given to secure life-saving vaccinations. Now, many more parents will not have to worry about losing a child to measles, like so many others have.



These contributions will be able to help even more people through our partnership with the GAVI Alliance. When [we pledged to raise US\\$30 million for measles](#) through the GAVI Alliance by 2017, GAVI agreed to double LCIF's donations through its matching fund. That means that the US\$1.3 million raised in April through LCIF for measles will be doubled to total more than US\$2.6 million! What a great accomplishment in such a short period of time.

It is through Lions like you and partners like The Carter Center and the GAVI Alliance that our service efforts are enhanced around the world. When we work together, we can help more people than ever before.

Helping Students Succeed with Sight for Kids

In India, Dr. K. S. Chandrakanth is making a difference for students, and it's not just because he is a Lion. He has been saving children's sight for six years through [Sight for Kids](#) in Lions District 318-E.



As Chairman and Chief Consultant at Malabar Eye Hospital in Calicut, Dr. Chandrakanth knows that vision is important for students; "Sight for Kids helps students in their education, studies, and future professions, allowing for good future employment," said Dr. Chandrakanth. "Sight for Kids is a great service and I feel proud to be part of it as a Lions doctor."

LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care's Sight for Kids program provides much needed eye-health education and school-based vision screenings for underserved children across Asia. The program also provides referrals to eye care professionals for eyeglasses and surgery. More than 19 million students have received vision screenings throughout Asia through Sight for Kids.



Florida Note Editor's Note



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Try this – it could work for your club:



Work project – need HELP.

Ask for volunteers (general public). After the project – invite them to dinner. This is the time you let them know what Lions are all about.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Make note: Try not to overload your Club Secretary.....Also – encourage the Secretary to go on-line to make out MMR reports, A-1 and PU-101 reports. Going on-line can save time and money.

For ALL members check out www.lionsclubs.org

Check out the **Calendar of Events for the new Lions Year 2014-2015:**

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

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

Do you remember the Five “Rs” of Lionism

- Refresh**
- Renew**
- Re-ignite**
- Revitalize**
- Reconnect**

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

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



Dear Lion,

Just wanted to share my May email message to club presidents with you...

Thousands of Lions clubs celebrated the Lions World Lunch Relay and Family and Friends Month in April. It was a great success that shows just how committed Lions are to adding new members and growing their clubs. Clubs around the world are doing their part. Now it's time to do yours.

I am encouraging clubs to keep the membership growth momentum going by inviting potential new members from their Family and Friends Month events. I'm also reminding clubs that they can earn special rewards for membership growth in the Together We Can Grow Contest. I want to thank you for making Family and Friends Month such a success, and ask you to join me in promoting strong and healthy clubs through membership growth!

We celebrated Family and Friends Month in April, which was a tremendous success thanks to club leaders like you. We came together as Lions, we raised awareness of our clubs, and we met some great potential new members at our special events. Be sure you follow up with every one of them and share the opportunity to be a Lion!

The strength of your club is built one member at a time. With each new member, you expand and strengthen your fellowship, and increase the services you can provide to your community.

And remember, your legacy as a leader is built one day at a time. As we near the end of the fiscal year, make sure you're positioning your club to leave it stronger than it was before your term began. Keep the momentum going and continue your recruiting efforts to finish the year strong!

Lion Barry J. Palmer

Your International President 2013-2014

Dues Discount for Family Members

New members mean more service, but they can also mean special rewards for your club. The Together We Can Grow Contest rewards clubs for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win a choice of US\$250 in credit toward club supplies from the Lions Clubs Supplies Store or a US\$250 donation to the LCI Foundation toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellow. Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!



Serving Your Community

Lions around the world have done a great job of supporting our Global Service Action campaigns. We've shared the gift of sight and supported youth, fed the hungry and protected the environment. Through your efforts, you've made your community a better place to live.

Over the next two months, I encourage you to host one more service project. Do something that's near and dear to your members. We became Lions to serve others, so host a project that will remind your members why they joined your club. Make sure you share your project through the online Service Activity Report!

Make Every Month Your Best Membership Month!

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

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



Pass the Baton – Create Your Lions Leadership Legacy

As we near the end of another Lions year, our tendency may be to think “short term”. Our focus is on achieving this year’s goals by the end of June, making this term of office a success, earning awards by the established deadlines – all critically important to our future as the leading organization providing needed humanitarian service around the world. But as a leader, while we continue to pursue our 2013-2014 goals, we must not lose sight of the “long term”.

The start of Lions year 2014-2015 marks the beginning of a new term of office for the GLT and GMT new district governor teams will be in place, and new club officers assume responsibility for leading our clubs. The challenge for Lions leaders is embrace the opportunities presented by this leadership transition. Passing the baton of Lions leadership takes careful thought, effort and focused action. Succession planning is too important to leave to chance. Consider the following:

1. Focus on competency, not commonality - Often, there is a tendency to seek a successor who is *just like them*. While this might be a very natural thing to do, there is an inherent danger in doing so. It can result in leadership cultures that are closed and resistant to change. The diversity of our association is one of the many aspects of our association that makes it so great. Take care not to overlook potential leaders because they are dissimilar to what has gone before. Instead, embrace their fresh perspectives and encourage their new ideas.

2. Pass on the ‘how’, but also, the ‘why’ - Research has found the key difference between organizations that thrive long term and those that don’t has little to do with charismatic leadership, strategic plans or an inspiring vision statement. Rather, the most significant factor in determining vitality in organizations is a consistent commitment to core values and purpose coupled with an active willingness to change approaches as needed. Many succession plans tend to focus almost exclusively on *how* things have been done in the past and *what* needs to happen to ensure the success of yesterday is repeated tomorrow. If a leader is to successfully transition to the next generation of leadership, the focus must be on the *why* more than the *how*. It is critically important to preserve the values and objectives that have led to success in the past but then empower your successors to change the ‘how’ as circumstances, needs and opportunities evolve.

3. Start NOW (if you haven’t already started)! - Planning for leadership succession is something you cannot set in motion too early, but take care not to start too late! The most significant things to pass on during the succession process are the intangibles. In addition to the nuts and bolts of the leadership position, it is often the mentoring, modeling and networking that the successor is exposed to as the baton is passed that is the most valuable. These lessons and insights happen over time – consider this a long term investment in Lions leadership.

4. Embrace your new role – don’t be reluctant to let go - Passing the leadership baton can be a difficult process for many leaders. A reluctance to let go can be a natural thing for an outgoing leader, but it can also be damaging to the organization. As an experienced Lions leader, you are extremely valuable to our organization – don’t let your skills and passion for leadership go to waste. Choose how you will continue to use your knowledge, skills and energy to enhance our service, to build our association, to encourage new leaders and to contribute to a bright future for LCI.

Remember, your real impact as a Lions leader will be measured not only by what you did during your tenure in a specific leadership position, but rather by what you enabled and empowered the next generation of Lions leaders to do. Passing the leadership baton can be challenging, but it can also represent the greatest opportunity to create your legacy as a Lions leader.

2014-2015 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES SCHEDULE (dates and locations subject to change)

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	October 4-6 2014 Oak Brook, USA		Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	March 7-9, 2015 Calgary, Canada
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Applications will be available four months prior to the event. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institutes is not guaranteed. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start date.

A list and brief description of the subjects covered at each of the three types of institutes, as well as a sample schedule of events for each institute can be found on the [LCI website](#).



Lions Clubs International

Membership = *Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.*

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

Dear Lion,



Our servicemen and women sacrifice so much for our country. On Memorial Day, we come together as a nation to remember and honor those who lost their lives while serving.

U.S. veterans serve our country with pride and distinction, and their contributions continue long after their military service ends. The *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program recognizes the contributions of veterans and their value to our communities and local Lions clubs. The program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2015. This special pilot program is offered only in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Hundreds of U.S. veterans have taken advantage of this special program, including Robert Aguilar, Jr., a former marine who recently became a Lion in California. [Read more about Robert's story.](#)

Like many other young men and women, Robert Aguilar, Jr. became a U.S. Marine because he wanted to serve his country. "I've always had a sense of duty and a desire to serve," said Aguilar.

Now that Robert has left the military, he's found a new way to serve – as a Lion. When Robert was invited to join the Seal Beach Lions Club in Seal Beach, California, he saw it as an opportunity to do some good in the community. "What I really appreciate about Lions is being around so many people who are active in the community and who like to have a good time," said Aguilar. "When there's a sign-up sheet, everyone raises their hands. Everyone is eager to help. I've been in situations where you have to beg people to help, but not here."



Robert has seen the can-do attitude of his fellow Lions. Recently, the Seal Beach Lions Club was hosting a car-show fundraiser when strong winds knocked down their booth in the middle of the night, but Lions quickly responded by rebuilding it before dawn to make sure the event was a success.

Although Robert hasn't been a Lion for long, he has seen enough to know that he's found the right place for himself, and for other veterans who want to get involved in their community.



"I think Lions is a great fit for veterans who have a sense of duty and a desire to serve. It's not only a humanitarian group, it's a social group," said Aguilar. "I would recommend Lions clubs to any veterans who want to be part of something special when they return home."

Don't wait...invite a veteran to join your club today!

As service members leave the military and come home, let's provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities and serve as Lions. Visit the [Involve a U.S. Veteran](#) Web page to learn more about the program.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/us-veteran-program.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20Involve%20a%20Veteran%20201405%20EN

Together We Can Grow Contest

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

Here's what your club needs to achieve to win:

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

Together We Can Grow winners will also receive:

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

Together We Can Grow Contest Rules

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

Enter our Innovative Member Recruiting Contest!

Twenty-four clubs from around the world will be recognized for their creative and effective approaches to adding or inducting new members. The 24 winning clubs will each receive:

- US\$250 in a Club Supplies Credit or a US\$250 donation from LCI to LCIF towards the club's next MJF
- Publication in LION Magazine and on the LCI website

Participating clubs must submit their member recruiting stories from August 1 to August 30, 2014. Winners will be judged on the quality, creativity and effectiveness of their invitations, recruiting campaigns and induction ceremonies. See complete contest rules below.

Innovative Member Recruiting Contest Rules

- Submissions will be accepted from August 1 to August 30, 2014.
- Entries must be 500 words or less.
- 3 clubs from each constitutional area and Africa will be chosen as winners.
- Winners will be selected by the international Global Membership Team (GMT).
- Clubs are eligible to win in both contest categories – membership growth and innovative recruiting.



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There's more rewards and opportunities to earn! Visit the LCI website for complete contest details and your chance to earn additional rewards in our innovative recruiting contest!

Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!

Win your choice of...

**\$250 MJF
Donation**



OR



\$250 in Club Supplies

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
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email: memberprog@lionsclubs.org | lionsclubs.org | [facebook.com/lionsclubs](https://www.facebook.com/lionsclubs)

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To place your order please visit our online **Lions Shop** <https://www2.lionsclubs.org/> or call us at 1-800-710-7822 or 1-630-571-5466 to order these and other fine Lions products
Looking for that special accessory to show your Lions pride? Find these *New Items for 2014* and more in our Lions Store!



Key Tag Bottle Opener

Bright nickel key tag with internal bottle opener. Includes split key ring attachment.
US\$2.95



Bottle Stopper

Unique, sculpted swirl design in highly polished nickel finish. Rubber stopper keeps beverage fresh.
US\$6.95



BBQ Mitt

Used in every home, great for your Lions outdoor barbecues!
US\$6.95



Cookie Cutter with Recipe

Make your next Lions function memorable with this lion-shaped cookie cutter!
US\$4.45



BLUE Weekender Duffel Bag

A perfect getaway bag for the weekend trip! Our popular Weekender Duffel Bag is *Available for a limited time only in this special BLUE color!* (Water bottle not included.)
US\$13.95



Zip Jute Tote Bag

This reusable jute tote bag is uniquely shaped like a basket and comes with a cotton brown rope handle and zippered closure. You will love this bag for shopping at the mall or grocery stores and even when traveling!
US\$10.95

Add Some Color To Your Summer Wardrobe! Lions T-Shirts, Ringers, Tye-Dyes, and Polos All With Fantastic New Color Options!



TIE DYE UNISEX TEE

Colorfully cool and what a way to stand out from the crowd. 5.4 ounce, 100% pigment dyed cotton, sewn with cotton thread for a finished look, rib knit crewneck, taped neck and shoulders, double needle sleeves and hem. Coordinating Lions emblem.

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CLUB REPORTS



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

Athens Lions Club =

Pictures of President-elect Richard Cronin and me presenting check to Leslie Hale from Books4Keeps April 28th at Alps Elementary school. We also assisted with book distribution (12 books/student) at each grade level. In addition, the club collected and donated books for the organization to sell at their annual Book Sale. Fun and extremely rewarding project!



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Lions Club cook sausage and ham biscuits and coffee, orange juice at the Farmers Market had a good day, little cloudy look like it going to rain all day but didn't. Saw a lot friends and relatives there. We are recycling used eye glasses and cell phones. We are going to try and be at the Farmers Market each Sat. if we have enough workers. Need to have fellow club members to help and by volunteering to work. **Clermont North Hall Lions club has been at the Clermont Farmer Market every Saturday morning in May cooking sausage and country ham biscuits with coffee along with selling our brooms and mops and collecting used glasses and cell phone. As soon as the crops start coming in from the back yard gardeners we will get a lot busier. It has been a great opportunity to see our friends and neighbors and tell them about the Lions Club and what we are trying to do as a service organization. We are still working on establishing a branch club in White County and will be inducting our first members first of June meeting. The Clermont Days Cupcake Challenge 5K race organize committee has met and start the planning of the event on September 20th at 8:00 start.**

Conyers Lions Club = The Conyers Lion Club met twice in May, on the 4th and the 19th. At the first membership meeting 154 pairs of used glasses were turned in. Lions Tom Linek and Nancy Morton-Linek worked with 125 children at the Kids Workshop at Home Depot. On the third Monday, 11 May, the Board of Directors met at the Lineks' home to plan for next year. At the second membership meeting Mr. Lyndon Smith spoke on fire prevention. There are 3 types of smoke/fire detectors: photoelectric, ionization and heat. Older people are at greater risk from a house fire. Lion Mary Michael turned in 163 pair of used glasses. Lion Bobby Gresham reported that 6 club members collected \$1074 at the 'Road block' held on 9 May. PDG Ben Poole challenged the club to find a local person in need of a Leader Dog and apply for one.

Covington Lions Club = May was a bitter-sweet month! The loss of our dear Charter member, Lion Dr. Bill Dobbs on May 4, PU-101 was submitted on time, Board Meeting was held on May 5, Membership Meetings were held on May 8 and May 22, each with county speakers, 4 members attended the Georgia Lighthouse “Night of Spectacles”, 6 members attended the wedding of Lions Debbie and Ronnie Umphrey, 6 Scholarships were awarded, and 9 members attended the Lions State Convention in Macon.

The Covington Chamber of Commerce gave an extremely informative talk on “The Economic Impact of Newton County’s Film and Television Industry. Television and Film credit Newton County for 61 Hollywood shows; most recently “Resurrection” in 2014, “Prisoners” in 2012 and Vampire Diaries have shot 5 segments and 1 more to go (2009 to 2014). People remember “Dukes of Hazzard” in 1978, “The Prizefighter” in 1979, “Cannonball Run” in 1980, “I’ll Fly Away” in 1991-92, “In the Heat of the Night” in 1988 – 94, “Sweet Home Alabama” in 2002, “Halloween II” in 2009, “Footloose” in 2010 to name a few. The Covington Chamber holds the patent “Hollywood of the South”. Who knew! This industry has supported 1,030 jobs, generated \$107.87M in direct tourist spending, created \$4.17M in state tax revenues and generated \$3.22M in local tax revenues. Visitors come from as far away as Canada, Dubai, Germany, Scotland and a huge visitor count from Brazil. Another speaker talked about the impact on Georgia—because of tax incentives, great infrastructure, local professionals (hair, make-up, lighting, catering and proximity to Hartsfield International Airport). In 2008, Georgia saw a huge jump in the film industry—economic spending soared to \$3.3B, ranking Georgia just behind California and New York—something to be proud Georgians!

The Lions discounted ticket to the “Night of Spectacles” enticed 4 members to attend; and, WOW – did they have a great time. Lots of excitement, good fellowship, great food, lots to see in the Silent Auction, but great fun with the live Auction and the Fashion Show featuring designers’ artistic abilities using eyeglasses in their dresses, which were not only unique, but beautiful. A great evening to say the least!

Several Lions attended the three High School “Awards Night” to present our Scholarship Awards. Two “Legacy” Scholars attended our May 8 Membership Meeting to receive their Scholarships, and another attended our May 22 Membership Meeting to receive his Scholarship. Covington Lions Club gave a total of 6 Scholarship Awards.

Nine members plan to attend the Lions State Convention in Macon on May 30, 31 and June 1st. They are looking forward to hearing what IP Barry Palmer will share with us.

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS = Church Sunday School – 6 hours, Knights of Columbus – 119 hours, Newton County Miracle Field – 4 hours, Lions 2020 International Convention – 10 hours, Covington 1st United Methodist Church – 16 hours, Communion for shut-ins – 2 hours, Homeless Shelter – Club Food Delivery – 2 hours, FFA Wildlife – 6 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Distribution – 3 hours, Homeless Shelter – Cooking – 4 hours, Newton Medical Center – 91 hours, Family Promise – 30 hours, Conyers Presbyterian Church – 60 hours, Meals on Wheels – 8 hours, Book Buddies – 6 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop – 75 hours, School – 2nd Grade Reading Program – 3 hours, Gideons – 2 hours, Covington Lions Club – Cooking Crew – 12 hours, Friends of Newton County – Chimney Park – 48 hours, Ebenezer UMC – 12 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, District, Scholarship Presentation, Other) – 22 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, clubs visits (3), Scholarship Presentation, telephone calls) – 10 hours

TOTAL HOURS - 555 hours



Dacula Lions Club = I am please to inform you that we have made one little boy in Fort Daniel Elementary School really happy this morning. Isaac and his Mom Georgia, who has four other children, was so appreciative that we were able to present her with a check for Isaac to go to a camp of his choice "Free Chapel". Lion Ed and his wife Jean was so kind this morning to take time out of their schedule to be at the school. Dacula Lions Club appreciates you and as Lions we continue to stay committed. " WE SERVE".



Dahlonega Lions Club = COOK PANCAKES AT LUMPKIN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER. PICK UP AND DELIVERY food bank / food distribution TO SIX CHARITIES IN LUMPKIN COUNTY FOR ONE MONTH.

Dawsonville Lions Club = Dr. Janice Darnell, Director of Student Services in the Dawson County school system, spoke to the club about what was happening in the Dawson County schools.



Decatur Lions Club = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 79 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 1004 pair. Two (2) members worked a total of 32 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 503 man hours. Lion Betsy Grenevitch presented a very interesting program on growing up blind including the challenges and accomplishments she has had. She displayed some of the items she uses, such as her Braille writer, slates and styli. She printed out the Braille alphabet and her name in Braille for each member present. A \$25.00 honorarium donation was sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. A \$100.00 donation was given to the Decatur Civic Chorus, which was started by the Decatur Lions Club.

Evans Lions Club = It won't be long before summer hits. Mark your calendar Columbia County because the Food 2 Fight Hunger is coming back. Evans Lions Club vs. The Salvation Army representing Columbia Co and Richmond Co respectively. Show the Augusta area that we are Columbia County Strong. July 26th at Kroger in Evans on Washington Rd. Come see us at 10am and help us build the best pyramid ever!!!

Forsyth County Lions Club = This summer, the Cumming Playhouse will be presenting the musical play "Oklahoma!", and they have partnered with the Forsyth County Lions Club yet again to give us a portion of the proceeds. For more info, please click below... <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/forsythcoga/page-10.php> Their very last performance will be "Lions Day", where you can purchase tickets directly from our Club for that particular performance (for a limited time only). Please see attached flyer for details. Please feel free to distribute this information to all Lions in District 18-I and beyond, plus family, friends, and associates. If you wish to order tickets for "Lions Day", or have any questions, then please let me know.



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Hartwell Lions Club = Community golf tournament held at the Hartwell Golf Course in May.



Jefferson Lions Club = 12 May 2014 = Regular Meeting - Lion Mark Bradley serving as District 18-I Coordinator of Lions Service for Children and Lions Opportunities for Youth as well as MD 18 Liberty Day Chair was our guest speaker. Lion Mark serves as the coordinator for the programs that are available to Lions Clubs so that they may fulfill their responsibilities to young people. Lion Mark informed us about several of the youth programs that are available for Club participation. One is the Lions Quest Program that provides three programs: Skills for Growing (K-5), Skills for Adolescence (6-8), and Skills for Action (9-12). These programs help foster important life skills, healthy attitudes, strong character, positive relationships, and active citizenship. Another program sponsored by Lions is the Leo Club. Leo Club provides youth ages 12-30 with volunteer opportunities in community service projects. The Peace Poster Contest helps millions of young people ages 11,12, express their creativity and their hope for the world.. Lions Service for Children deal with the varying degrees of problems that children face from country to country concerning health and education services. Many of these services include: collecting food, clothes, or books; organizing vision or hearing screenings; providing immunizations; starting literacy programs; support nutritional programs for undernourished children; sending a child with diabetes or physical challenge to a specialized camp. Lions also help construct or support hospitals, schools, orphanages and children's centers. We also learned about Lion Mark's role in Liberty Day that provides copies of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence helping them to understand the true purpose and meaning of the founding documents. Lion Jim Smith passed out worksheets for the Club's annual Lions Club Calendar Sale. . Lion President Jerry Legg reminded everyone of the Annual Jefferson Lions Club Spring Picnic for family and friends to be held on May 19, 2014 at the Jefferson Club House. Ballots were passed out and everyone voted for the Lion of the Year to be announced at the Installation of Officer Banquet to be held on June 23, 2014 at JEMC.

19 May 2014 = Regular Meeting - The Jefferson Lions Club Annual Spring Picnic was held on May 19, 2013 at 6:30PM at the Jefferson Club House. There were 17 Lions, 11 family members, and 2 guests in attendance. Everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Lion Gay Bradley spent many hours compiling a beautiful Club Scrapbook for 2013-2014 year. Lion Dot Hunt provided news clippings and pictures from the local newspaper as well as materials from meetings. It was presented for State Competition. Lion Secretary Rita Gunter with the help of Lions Edna Briggs and Sandra Friedlander applied for 5 State Awards for the 2013-2014 year for the Jefferson Lions Club.

LaVista Lions Club = Both May meetings were about "Club Excellence". Lion Grace Clower led the first one on May 13th. Lion Pete Stamsen presented the second one on May 27th. This was our third meeting on the Club Excellence process. We also had a board meeting on May 20th to finalize our Club Excellence Goals. Lion Stamsen visited us at the May 13th meeting promoting the Gwinnett Braves game on June 21st. We will have nine members and family at that game. On May 24th we had a very successful broom sale. To date our net profit from Brooms and Mops for the Lions year is approaching \$2,000. Nine Lions participated in the six hour sale. Another sale is scheduled for June 21st. The Club has chosen Lion Jim Horton as our "Lion of the Year" for 2013-2014. Lion Jim was a key member of the committee that planned our 60th Reunion celebration last October. He was also one of the leading pecan salesmen last fall – selling more than 110 bags. He also is the editor of our monthly newsletter, "The Lions Roar", a publication that he always publishes by the first day of each month. Lion Jim has been a Lion since 1978 and is active in all club activities. An amazing feat for someone who is single, has very limited vision and doesn't drive. Jim is an outstanding example of someone who hasn't let his blindness slow him down. Kudoes to an outstanding Lion.

Lavonia Lions Club - The Lavonia Lions Club held a "Surprise 90th Birthday Party" for Lion Ruth Davis at their May 6th Lions Club meeting. Several people noticed that there was not a desert for the meal but no one made the connection or if they knew they did a good job of disguising it. During the meal the birthday cake was delivered. Lion Ruth is pictured displaying the cake before the Lions enjoyed a piece. The Lions then took turns telling funny stories about Ruth. Lion Ruth enjoyed the festivities. With 90 years to talk about, there were plenty of stories. During the meeting, Zone Chair, Lion Bill, administered the CEP "How Are Your Ratings" survey. Lion Bill indicated that in all probability, Next Lions Year Zone Chair, Bryan the Lion, will give the results to the club. The Lavonia Lions are pictured taking the survey.



Lawrenceville Lions Club = We wrote a check to our Georgia Lions Lighthouse for White Cane Day. We are in the process of selling tickets to G-Braves Ballgame as a fundraiser. We had a successful fundraiser with our Annual Vidalia Onion Sales. We had 4 members plant 3 trees at Jenkins Elementary School as a project for their Class Team Leaders.

Loganville Lions Club = Pres. Knight called meeting to order at 7pm. Members present 15 Lion Walter Stearman opened in prayer Lion Jerry Gower led pledge of allegiance to flag Dinner Lion Junior Hall recognized birthdays and anniversaries State Rep. Tom Kirby gave the state legislative update Minutes and treasurers report were approved.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = 2 LIONS CONDUCTED BUCKET BRIGADE EFFORT, NETTING \$ 62.00. APPROVED FINAL RESULTS OF OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR LY 2014-15 AND PU101 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. AUTHORIZED \$350.00 DONATION TO FAMILY OF INJURED CITY OF LOGANVILLE FIREFIGHTER WHO WAS INJURED IN A TRAINING ACCIDENT. TOKENS OF APPRECIATION WERE GIVEN TO LION KIM MOORE FOR HER WORK AS ALERT CHAIR, AND BETSY GREVENVICCH FOR HER ROLE AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR BOTH THE CAMP FOR THE BLIND AND LIONS LIGHTHOUSE - ALL COMING FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. PLANS CONTINUE TO FIRM UP FOR LEGACY PARTICIPATION IN JULY 4TH PARADE..... LEGACY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN VISION SCREENING 6/3 IN SNELLVILLE. APPROVAL GIVEN FOR ADDITIONAL MOP AND BROOM ORDER..... 2 LEGACY LIONS SLATED TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION....INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND AWARDS SCHEDULED FOR JULY.

Norcross Lions Club = While IP Barry Palmer visited the GA Lions Lighthouse, a luncheon was held in his honor. PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the luncheon. DG Ed Hashbarger, PDG John Rudert, Lion Yoriko Hashbarger, and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the GA Lions Multiple District Convention in Macon. 90 prescription glasses, 17 prescription sunglasses, 12 other sunglasses, 12 broken frames, and 158 lenses were turned in. PDG John Rudert reported on work and events at the GA Lions Lighthouse including a grant for pediatric hearing aids, the opening of the Lions Museum on the third floor of the Lighthouse, Night of the Spectacles fundraiser, and providing 600 pairs of glasses to needy Georgians in the month of April. A playground for Norcross children was built on the property next to our clubhouse. The builders used our clubhouse as a place to store and power their tools and our refrigerator to cool drinks and food. The club made plans to sell snowcones and water at the annual July 3 fireworks in downtown Norcross. We have 2 pictures on loan to the City of Norcross. They hang in City Hall. PDG John Rudert worked 16 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other tasks in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Trudy Rudert worked for 2 hours in the lab. The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. He, his mother, and his sister enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.

Monroe Lions Club = Thanks to all those that came and supported the Monroe Lions Club today by buying the famous brooms and mops. We had a successful day. If you are interested in getting one message me. Join us down town Monroe at the Farmers Market. We are bringing back the brooms and mops. We have all sizes. — at Monroe Farmers Market.



In January I got a chance to visit my home in the Philippines. One of my must sees was the Lions Head that leads to Baguio City. This is probably most memorable attraction that I went to since the Lions Club is so very dear to my heart. The **Lion's Head** is a famous attraction along [Kennon Road](#), a major highway in [Luzon, Philippines](#) that leads to [Baguio City](#). Located in Camp 6, the Lion's Head measures 40 feet in height. It was conceptualized by the [Lions Club](#) members of Baguio City, during the term of Luis Lardizabal as mayor of Baguio City from 1969 to 1970 and as the club's president, to become the club's symbol or imprint in the area. Prior to the artistic sculpting, the [limestone](#) was prepared by a group of engineers and miners, then the "actual artistic carving of the façade" was rendered by Reynaldo Lopez Nanyac, an [Ifugao](#) artist and woodcarver from the [Cordillera Administrative Region](#). The construction project began in 1968 but was interrupted. The project was continued in 1971 by another Lions Club president, Robert Webber, and was unveiled in 1972.



Oxford Lions Club = The Oxford Lions Club awarded bicycles to a most improved boy and girl from each of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at Flint Hill Elementary School at their awards programs. The Covington Pilot Club contributed the helmets. Top left are 3rd grade recipients; Calvin Brown and Melyssa Valencia. Top right are 4th grade recipients; Kevon Smith and Larekia Terrell. Bottom are 5th grade recipients; Darius Green and Shaylee Anderson. Lions presenting were John Burson, Mike Willard, Larry Willard, Ronnie Jones, Bob Gregory, and Photos by Richard and Nancy Henderson. Pilots presenting were Mary Barnes, Ann Cargile, and Dean Willard.



Social Circle Lions Club = On May 2 our club participated in its major fundraiser golf tournament held at the Hard Labor Creek State Park. This fundraising effort was led by Lions Jim (Madeline) Burgess who worked tirelessly organizing teams and sponsors and motivating our club to rise to the occasion of fundraising. This event raised over \$10,000 that will fund the many organizations this club supports. Lions Larry Knox and Howard Barton are working diligently again this year with F.I.S.H's Lunch-for-Kids Summer Feeding Program. F.I.S.H is a non-profit organization that promotes Faith In Serving Humanity (aka F.I.S.H). The lunch for kids program started in May and runs through July. Our club is so proud of its own, DG-elect Lion Vicki Hubbard, in her leadership role at the State Convention this month and the coming year.



Toccoa Lions Club =

The regular meeting on May 8, 2014 = Lion Chaplain Larry Earhart led the group in prayer. Lion Tamer James Black led in the Pledge. God Bless America was sung and table assignments were given. After the meal the election of officers was completed. Lion Frank Edmonds moved that the slate be accepted. Lion Ray Cornell seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Georgia Lions Lighthouse is opening the first Lions Museum in the country. They are accepting any appropriate Lions memorabilia. Steve Spruill gave a report on the pancake breakfast. 360 meals were served. Expenses were around \$1200 which is down from recent years. We should clear around \$900. Since Applebee's staff would not accept a tip, a donation to a charity was made in their name. He said he is hoping to get a donation to cover the expenses.

Lion Ray Cornell was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He was presented with a letter, a plaque, and a pin. Cornell said, "I am very honored that my fellow Lions selected me to receive this award from Lions Club International Foundation. I know our club donates every year to LCIF which is one of the best charities in the world. I also remember our club wrote a grant request to LCIF asking for funding for two Habitat for Humanity homes. LCIF gave us the funds to build two habitat homes in Stephens County."

Substitute Tail Twister Larry Earhart told a funny story. He levied extra fines on Lion Bryan for starting late, Lion Jack for singing a song, and Lion James for encouraging Lion Jack. The total raised from all members was \$24.00.

Toccoa Record editor Tom Law was the speaker of the day. He talked about his observations of the current state of Toccoa-Stephens County. He said current problems include: losing industry and population, lost revenue at the hospital, increase in property taxes, shrinking tax base, and the Wilbros situation. Encouraging things include: the widening of Hwy 17, steadfast leadership that has kept things from getting as bad as they could have been, the new land use plan, excellent school facilities, and purported progress on the Wilbros situation, a problem that must be solved in order to open the door to growth. When asked what civic groups could do, Mr. Law suggested airing concerns to those in authority and mentoring students in the schools. He also stressed the vital importance of keeping the hospital open. He stated that 90% of crime is drug and alcohol related. Meth is still a big problem although law enforcement is making inroads.

Toccoa Lions Club May 8th, 2014 Noon Meeting = The Toccoa Lions held their regular meeting on May 8th. Club President, Bryan the Lion was late starting the meeting and received a \$2.00 fine from acting Tail Twister Larry for his late start. Lion Steve gave an update on the recent successful TLC Pancake Breakfast. TLC Club President, Bryan the Lion, presented Past President Ray Cornell with a Melvin Jones Award for all the great work he has done for the Toccoa Lions.

More information on this will be published in a separate post. Acting Tail Twister Larry Earhart told one of the funniest jokes we have heard lately involving a senior driving a corvette and a Florida State Trooper. Today's speaker was Tom Law, Editor of the Toccoa Record newspaper. Tom gave the Lions a clear and unvarnished assessment of Toccoa and Stephens County. There was a brisk and informative question and answer session on what the Lions can do to make Toccoa & Stephens county a better place to live.

Toccoa Lions Board of Directors hold May Board Meeting - The Toccoa Lions BOD held its May Board meeting on May 13th at 7am in Dr. Kay Royal's office. the following Board members were present: Lions Bill, Sheila, Dr. Kay, Russ & Michelle. A quorum of board members were not present because several board members were traveling or had medical issues, therefore no items were voted on.

Lion Bill opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge. The minutes of the previous board meeting have been circulated to board members. No secretary or treasurer report was given. The Sight Conservation Committee gave an update on the new procedures being developed by the committee to improve the eye glasses intake procedures. These new procedures will go into effect July 1, 2014. The board members had a considerable discussion on the recent Pancake Breakfast & Golf Outing fundraising events. Much of the discussion centered on the need and payback of paid advertising for these events.

Lion Bill gave an update on the upcoming Lions Clubs Day Proclamation. The City of Toccoa will issue a Proclamation declaring June 7th as Lions Clubs Day at their May 20th City Council meeting. The Stephens County Commissioners will issue a Proclamation declaring June 7th as Lions Clubs Day at their May 27th County Commissioners meeting. Plans are to have a picture and article in the June 6th issue of the Toccoa Record about the Proclamation. Dr. Kay encouraged all Lions to participate in the upcoming Open Arms Clinic's Dinner & Auction. This will be held on May 22nd at the Elk's Lodge in Toccoa, GA.

Toccoa Lions & Maddux Drug Store presents Diabetes Awareness - The Sweet Spot = This month, Lion Steve brought alone a pharmacist completing her internship at Maddux Drugs. Looks like a future Lion to me!

Lion Steve Spruill, owner of Maddux Drug Store, presentation on Diabetes Awareness this month was a presentation on “Diabetes FAT-UCATION”. This was a very lively and educational presentation.

Some of the topics were: Why do I eat unhealthy foods?, Know your ingredients, Nutrition facts labels, make smart swaps, The Greek Yogurt trick, and many more.

The next Sweet Spot Presentation will be on the 2nd Wednesday of September. Lion Steve says the public likes to take the summer off.

Toccoa Lions Branch Club Meeting - May 20th, 2014 - The Toccoa Lions Branch Club held its regular meeting on May 20th, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall of the Toccoa Church of God. Club President, Lion Nicole, was not present so Lion Dr. Kay presided. Dr. Kay opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Open Arms Clinic Annual Auction and encourage everyone to participate. Lion Bill gave a brief update on the Lions Club Day Proclamation.

The Sight Conservation Committee is changing their procedures and the Branch Club is helping by becoming very involved in the Club’s Sight Conservation Program. At this meeting, Branch Club members reviewed the 12 applications for eye glasses received this month. Eleven applications were approved and one was rejected because of inconsistent information.

Toccoa Lions Support Open Arms Clinic at their Annual Auction Fundraising Event - Nine Toccoa Lions attended the Open Arms Clinic (OAC) Auction held at the Elk’s Lodge in Toccoa, GA on May 22nd. This is the major fundraising event of the year for Open Arms. Everyone had a great time, there was good food, great company and lots of fun.

Several Lions were instrumental in establishing the Open Arms Clinic including: Dr. Kay Royal, Steve Spruill & former Toccoa Lion, PDG Ruth Payton.

The Open Arms Clinic provides desperately needed medical care for low income people in Stephens County who do not have any medical insurance. OAC Director, Sherrie Beavers told the crowd several stories about how OAC has made a life & death difference in the patients of OAC. She also gave special recognition to Steve Spruill, for his work with the Clinic. Lions Dr. Kay & Michelle (Board Chair) are on the OAC Board of Directors.

The Toccoa Lions Club held its regular meeting on May 22nd, 2014 - Our speaker was Elaine Brinkley, CEO of Camp Fire Georgia. Camp Fire has been in Georgia since 1923 and in Toccoa since 1927. Camp Fire is a National Youth Organization. They changed their name from Camp Fire Girls to Camp Fire in 1978 and it is not just for girls or youth anymore. She said that the biggest challenge is with older teens. They focus on the development of independence, self-reliance, coping skills, and “grit.” Elaine said the Camp Fire Counselors are trained to help youth develop self confidence and initiative.

Camp Fire is open year-round. They do environmental education, business retreats, after school programs, and so forth. The programs are all-inclusive. Scholarships can be provided for those with financial need. Camp Fire has been asked to run the new public pool in Toccoa when it opens. There will be two pools, one with a sloping entrance, 3 and a half feet at the deepest point, with a water feature for small children. The other pool will have a uniform depth of 5 feet.

Kudos were given to Jack Barnard for the article in The Record about his song writing. Kudos were also given to new member Jack McLaughlin for assisting with transport of a potential Lions eye surgery patient. Also, kudos were given to new member Linda Scofield for bringing a new member to the club.

Toccoa Lions help Celebrate Memorial Day - Toccoa Lions help the Veterans celebrate Memorial Day at the Stephens County Old Historic Court House on May 26th, 2014. A good crowd turned out to help the veterans celebrate and they all heard a very good speech on the meaning of Memorial Day and those who made it possible. Lion Bill noted, “if you want to attract veterans to Lions Clubs you need to support them in their events”.



Toccoa Lions



Towns County Lions Club = Towns County - Congratulations to Janice King who has been elected as our new Lions Club President! Also, thanks to Julie Payne for serving as our President the last few years! Towns County LEO's - Great Summer Kickoff Celebration today! If you missed it and are interested in community service activities, contact us! Anyone ages 14 - 18 is welcome! Elected new officers, got a lemonade demonstration by Lexi, met new potential members and played a little corn hole. Summer Kick-off Celebration = Sunday, June 1st at 2 PM. Location: pavilion at the top of the fairground parking lot (next to Hamilton Gardens). Food, fun, and our famous fresh-squeezed lemonade. All members and ANYONE high school age who would be interested in community service are invited to attend!



Union County Lions Club = Held its regular Board meeting at the Civic Center 4-H room in Blairsville, GA on May 1, 2014.

- Lion Mary passed out information the Reese Farm where we will have our June 12th picnic. Lions can get a guided tour of the site between 4:30 and 5PM. Mary will provide a turkey and the club will provide a ham. Members will bring a covered dish.
- The Board approved 1 application for an eye exam and glasses.
- Farmer's Market – Lion Mary passed out the work schedule. Lion Bob Wood reported that the County is making progress on new building at Farmer's Market but that it may not be ready for the opening. We will finalize our plans Farmer's Market at the next meeting.

May 8, 2014 Regular Meeting – President Mary Arnold introduced guest speaker Billy Turnage. Mr Turnage has an impressive background in community service as well as oversees the Cottage Food Bank in Union County. He and 20 plus others all volunteer their time to this food ministry. This food bank is an outreach of The House of Prayer Church. This food Bank is open to needy families from 9am to 12noon Monday through Friday. Food Bank volunteers are responsible for keeping statistical records to comply with USDA requirements in order to take advantage of discounted resources available through Atlanta Community Food Bank. In addition to the USDA source of food, other sources are Enabled Food Products from Wal-Mart at no cost. This is food that Wal-Mart has to remove from their store for various reasons. There is also General Food supplied by members of House of Prayer each week & placed in a basket in church foyer. There is also a garden maintained by volunteers & church members to supplement with fresh vegetables, plus produce from the Feed America Program. This is given out on Mon, Wed, & Fri. The newest food ministry is the Soup Kitchen, started in February, where by a good hot lunch is provided each Wednesday from 11am to 12noon. More volunteers are always needed. There are currently about 35 persons who come.

May 22, 2014 Regular Meeting - In honor of Memorial Day Lion Jack Gross presented information on the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Lion Mary presented each member with a VFW award metal. Lion Mary introduced Dr Larry Flegle who is starting a new community radio station. It is a noncommercial, nonprofit station featuring old time country music, gospel music, and community programming such as an animal program, a computer help program, and local weather every thirty minutes. It goes on the air on June 16th with full broadcast on July 4. It will be WUCG 93.1 FM. Lion Mary then presented the following awards:

- Lion Bob Qualtieri -In recognition for the building of 16 new eyeglass donation boxes.
- Lion of the Year was awarded to Lion Betty Gurr
- Special President's Award for Lion Betty Gurr as Club Reporter for writing newspaper articles featuring club activities.

Melvin Jones Committee Chairs Arthur and Betty Gurr then presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Paul Clark.

Lion Les Myers passed away on May 24, 2014. The funeral will be on Wednesday May 28 with internment at a later date at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA. A memorial service for Lion Jimmie Schumacher who passed away in January in Arizona will be held on Saturday May 31. Lion Les and Lion Jimmie were both long time members of the Union County Lions and will be missed greatly.



WORKING LIONS - 173 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 124 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 9 hours
Total: 306 hours
Submitted: 3 news article

Washington Lions Club = 4 members provided Bingo to nursing home people. 3 members helped with food pantry during the month of June. Cooked 200 chicken halves to sell as money making project for different projects in community.

Winder Noon Lions Club = The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church in May by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors were provided with a snack and a drink after they had given blood. 175 pairs of glasses were collected during the month.

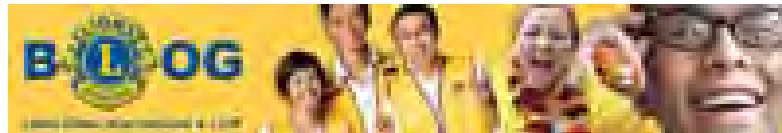


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Join the Gwinnett Braves and the Lions Clubs of Georgia

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

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Order form and payment must be received by **FRIDAY, May 23rd**

All checks payable to your local Lions Club

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Return order forms and payment to your local Lions Club by May 23rd

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Lots of fun and exciting activities are planned for the convention in Toronto; you won't want to miss the event of the year. [Register](https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?D=d&EventCode=HPH) (<https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?D=d&EventCode=HPH>) today for the 97th International Convention in Toronto!

Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city, is situated on beautiful Lake Ontario and is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant places on earth. Lions will find an abundance of vibrant nightlife, stunning architecture, great museums, wonderful vintage stores, luxury shops and everything in between. Discover and experience a world of arts, culture, and energy around every corner in a friendly atmosphere that welcomes everyone. Toronto is expecting you!

Convention-goers can look forward to an inspiring week of business and pleasure, as we unite to shape the future of our great association. The festivities include our own culturally diverse International Parade of Nations through the heart of Toronto along with interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President.

Please also remind your Lions to book their convention hotel through LCI. Of course, bus shuttles will be available from LCI's official hotels to all official convention events. As an added incentive, Lions who reserve their housing with LCI will receive a very special thank you gift (while supplies last).



Online Registration for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Is Open

The Island of Enchantment is beckoning you. The beauty and history of San Juan, Puerto Rico will be the backdrop for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September 11-13, 2014.



While there may still be plenty of time to register, early-bird discounts won't last. [Click below to register now.](http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails) You will be redirected to our official forum registration page. You'll be glad you did!

Welcome to the Island of Enchantment



What do you think of when you think of Puerto Rico? Do you think of it as a destination rich in culture and island entertainment? Puerto Rico, officially known as (Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico), or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an island in the northeastern Caribbean, east of the Dominican Republic and west of both the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. The island of

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

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



LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

IN SUPPORT OF LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 | 7:00 PM

BRAVES VS ATHLETICS

TICKET PRICE: OUTFIELD PAVILLION \$34

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

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

# TICKETS	SEATING	COST	TOTAL
	OUTFIELD PAVILLION	\$ 34	
		TOTAL	

Club Name _____

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GA. Lions Lighthouse
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
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We are so excited to announce a new branch club at the Lighthouse, the Chamblee-Lighthouse Lions Club, sponsored by the North Decatur Lions Club. The club is made up of Lighthouse staff and invites will be extended to community members as well. Like us on Facebook! @Chamblee-LighthouseionsClub



Service Numbers

From July to Apr 2014

People having eye exams
282 were from 18-I

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
94 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
451 were from 18-I

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

Contact Judith at
 800-718-7483 or
JKerr@lionslighthouse.org
for more information about volunteer opportunities.

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 I District Chair:
Ken Massingale, PDG
 E: g_massin@yahoo.ie



Our district I diabetes awareness event in Snellville has been confirmed for Lions of District I to conduct vision screening on June 7 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. The City of Snellville and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. have partnered to provide the 2nd annual Snellville Community Health Fair. The vendor setup is at 8:00 a.m. The location for health fair is the Snellville Senior Community Center across from City Hall.

The event planner will present us as Lions Club International – GA District I Lions (I will have a banner made with this title to place on our table). Since your clubs are in the immediate areas of the event location, this will be great local visibility for your club and membership recruitment. Each club represented should have their banner up during the event. From the past vision screening event, we had 135 participants, however, we are expecting this number to increase to at least 200 participants so we will need as many local district lions on site to manage the crowds and ensure each participant completes and sign the screener log. I would like for your club members to participate in vision screening---and all clubs to at least participant in performing a vision screen.

The event sponsor will provide Lions a table and close access to two electrical outlets (I'll bring extension cords). The event sponsors will also provide Lions extra chairs for participants to manage the overflow crowd waiting for screening. (Lion Richard Henderson is our witness at last year's event of the standing crowds around our the Lions table waiting for screening). I've copied Lion Richard on this email so if you want ask him about the screening event last year and the large crowd.

The Monroe Club (Lion PJ Shippey) has confirmed use of their vision machines---I will pick up vision machines on June 3 at PJ's office. Thank you Lion PJ for the support from the Monroe club! I will have the vision screen forms and disclaimer statements for each screener. Also, I will have the screening log, machine wipes, etc. The Loganville club has agreed to provide a member or two for assistance. Also, the Social Circle Lions will be represented with me as well. All clubs that participate can have their flyers, upcoming events, etc....available on the table for participants. The event is expecting participants from Snellville, Loganville, Oxford, Lilburn, Norcross, and Grayson. At the least, Lions needs to be present on standby in our vests...looking good! "united in service"

Also, hopefully I can download flyers from the GA Lions Lighthouse website to place on table ----to refer participants for financial assistance. Who is our district contact person to the GA Lions Lighthouse?

Please, please...in the coming days and/or weeks....let me know if you need additional information or have questions. Thank you in advance for making this service activity a success!

FYI, the next screening event will sometime in September (Covington or Conyers---so Oxford club---get ready J again.

Thanks,
Lion Dede = United in Service! District I rocks!

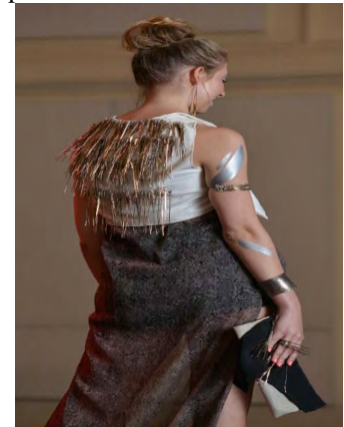
Executive Director Roberta Green is interviewed by CNN.com at the Night of Spectacles;



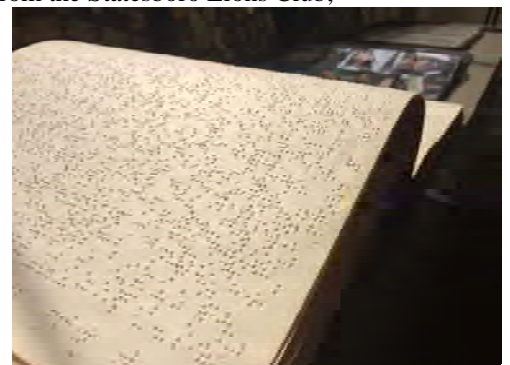
Lighthouse Outreach Coordinator Kelcie Lewis represents GLLF at Clarkston First Baptist Church for Refugees;



It's in the details: third time contestant Lily Johnson of GSU took home a \$1,000 scholarship for her design which featured over 500 polished eyeglass parts.

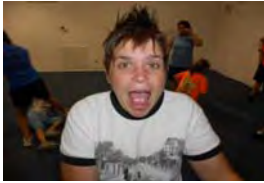


Visit the Lions Club History Museum at the Lighthouse to see this multi-volume Braille bible from the Statesboro Lions Club;





Lions Camp for the Blind
Olin Newby, PDG
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Lions of Georgia,

2014 Summer Schedule

- Session 1 June 16-20 Kids Camp 4-12 years old*
- Session 2 June 22-29 Older Adults 32 and up*
- Session 3 July 6-13 Young Adults 18-31 years old*
- Session 4 July 16-25 Teenagers 13-17 years old*

Fellow Lions,

There are several projects that are currently underway at the Camp. The Memorial Garden is still progressing with new bricks being placed on Lions Day. If anyone would like to purchase a brick and to be able to set it at Lions Day in July, get the applications to the Camp by the 15th of June. That way there will be time to turn them in and have them engraved by Lions Day.

Another project that is underway is the installation of six RV plugs for people that would like to come to the camp with an RV, either to visit or work. We have had a lot of interest from people who have campers and we decided since we had some funds donated for that purpose we would go ahead and install six to start with. If we have an interest in more than six, we will consider increasing the number later on when funds become available.

Another project is the barbeque shelter which is on the east side of the bathhouse. We have put a shelter over the barbeque grill and also screened in at the east end of the bathhouse for a picnic area. It also has been funded by a donation.

We have just completed the repairs on the activities building which consist of replacing 25 sheets of tin on the top and also the removal of two pecan trees that caused the problem.

At the State Convention remember to bring a basket for the silent auction as the proceeds from the auction will go to the Camp operating fund. Last year's auction was a success.

Hopefully this year will be better than last year's. See all of you at the State Convention. Thanks for all of your support.

Olin Newby - District I Vice President for the Camp for the Blind



Join the Gwinnett Braves and the Lions Clubs of Georgia

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

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

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

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

We all know the dire situation with our Camp and this is a fantastic way for our District I to not only enjoy time with family and friends, but help the needs of our Camp. Please make this a part of your next Agenda item and encourage lots of Lions families to attend. Maybe we can make this ballpark a BRIGHT YELLOW!

Complete your form and return it to Lion Pete Stamsen, mail your check (tickets sold X \$5) to Gwinnett Braves and your check (tickets sold X \$3) to the Camp. Lion Pete must receive your order forms by Friday, May 23rd. (I'm sure Lion Pete will let us know shortly thereafter whether we X \$3 for 200+ tickets OR X \$2 less than 200 tickets sold – so **let's work together to sell 200+ tickets to get the \$3 per ticket for the Camp.**)

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

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

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



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey s_rousey@truvista.net



Follow us on Twitter – Follow our [Twitter feed](#) to keep updated on life at Leader Dog.
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Canine Development Center Project Campaign Update

Leader Dogs for the Blind is celebrating 75 years of empowering more than 14,500 individuals who are blind or visually impaired with the tools and skills needed to live, work and travel safely and independently. It was the vision and support of Lions that began and continues to support this service and we thank you.

The current kennel environment has served us well for many years, but as we look toward the future, we are now creating an environment that optimizes our dogs’ experience at all stages of our training program through a needed building redesign project to create a modern Canine Development Center. A link to a short video of an overview of the work we do and the canine development center project is below. Click on the link or copy/paste in your browser: <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtI8>

With continued work on the plans and with final approvals soon in place, we look forward to a ground breaking ceremony on August 4. Transition plans are in place to ensure that our work continues as seamlessly as possible during the renovation/construction phase.

The overall cost of this project is estimated to be \$14.5 million and fundraising is already underway toward this goal. Leader Dogs for the Blind will approach many friends to help to ensure the success of this campaign. Lions have long been champions and long-time friends of Leader Dog. Thank You. You make our work possible. Your involvement and support of the campaign for the Canine Development Center is important to making it a reality.



Frequently Asked Questions

What breeds are used as Leader Dogs?

Leader Dogs are Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, German shepherds or Labrador/golden crosses.

Where does Leader Dog get their dogs?

A majority of dogs are from our own breeding colony. On occasion, we receive dogs from other service dog organizations.

How are the dogs trained?

Leader Dogs are educated in the same way as many pets—with lots of repetition and positive reinforcement. For the first year, they grow up in homes with [volunteer puppy raisers](#). The raisers teach them basic obedience and expose them to the world. Leader Dogs then participate in four months of formal harness training with a professional guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI). During this time, they learn guide dog skills such as stopping at curbs, avoiding obstacles and finding doors.

Do you use clicker training with your dogs?

Yes. Clicker training is a form of operant conditioning using positive reinforcement. Using a small handheld clicker device, a GDMI “marks” with a “click” when the dog performs a desired behavior and follows with a reinforcer (such as a treat). Over time the use of the reinforcer (treat) is reduced and the “click” becomes the reinforcer.

Who can get a Leader Dog?

Leader Dog recipients must be at least 16 years old, legally blind, physically and emotionally capable of caring for a dog and must agree to use the dog in the intended manner. Leader Dog recipients must have demonstrated safe traveling skills.

How does someone get a Leader Dog?

Prospective clients complete an application, submit medical and physical exam forms, and supply personal references. They also send us a 10–15 minute video of themselves walking in their home area, demonstrating independent travel and the ability to safely navigate lighted intersections and street crossings. This video is important not only because it lets us know if a prospective client's orientation and mobility skills are advanced enough to work successfully with a guide dog, but also because it allows our instructors to begin the matching process of selecting a dog with the right size, gait, experiences and temperament for each client.

Do you only train dogs for people who are blind?

Yes. Leader Dog recipients must be legally blind to be considered to receive a dog. We also have [a program](#) for people who are deaf and blind.

Is there a charge for the services?

There is no charge for any of our programs and services, including the guide dog, equipment, training, transportation to and from our school, and room and board for 26 days.

How does a dog know when to cross the street?

Leader Dogs don't know when to cross the street. They wait until their handler gives them the command to go forward. Then the dog decides whether or not it is truly safe to cross. If the Leader Dog doesn't see any approaching traffic, it will cross the street and stop at the curb. Then the dog's handler will tell it again which way to proceed.

How does a dog know where to go?

Leader Dogs rely on their handlers to know how to get to destinations. Sometimes when a team has frequently walked to a certain destination, the dog will remember the route.

What happens when a Leader Dog gets too old to continue working?

When a Leader Dog is no longer able to work in a safe and responsible fashion, it is time for it to "retire." Some people will choose to keep the dog in their home as a pet, while others will place their dog with family or friends.

Can people take their Leader Dogs anywhere?

Any public place is accessible by a guide dog team. There are federal access laws that protect a guide dog handler and his or her canine partner from discrimination.

How do you become a Leader Dog instructor?

A three-year apprentice program at Leader Dogs for the Blind is required to become a guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI). During this time, apprentices attend in-class lectures and receive hands-on training alongside a seasoned GDMI. Learn more about [how to become an instructor](#) at Leader Dog.



Blinded Marine Goes the Distance



I thought that I would let you know that Leslie and I have both graduated from the University of South Florida. Leslie finished her degree in psychology and I finished my degree in history.

Leslie will be transferring to Kyser University in Lakeland Florida and enrolling in a program to receive a second bachelor's degree in dietetics. She would like to become a registered dietician. I will be starting a full time job next week at Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. as a Community Outreach Coordinator. I am looking forward to going back to work with such a great organization.

We have finally done it! The degrees are finished and we are both moving on to different positions. I think that Leslie will be a great dietician and I know that I will thrive with SEDGI. We hope that you are doing well and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for all of your help over the last five years. I could not have finished my degree without Learning Ally and of course, Barbara Zustovich.

I still remember sitting in that presentation that you made to the Blinded Veterans Association in 2007 out in New Mexico. I was thinking that I will not need this organization. **Little did I know that only a couple of months later I would be calling frantically to get my textbooks!** Again, thank you for all of your help.

Semper Fidelis,
Mike Jernigan

Watch a [video about Mike Jernigan's amazing story on Learning Ally's YouTube page.](#)



A Higher Purpose ©by Tory Cheshire

When people look at our dog, not more than a pup,
They say they could never do it, never give them up.
To which I respond, you could if you saw,
The faces of those receiving these dogs.



To the sick woman, standing strong
Although her husband is long gone.
To her the dog is a reason to try
And face each morning with fire in her eyes.

To the autistic boy who just can't relate
To anyone close to his own age.
He can't even hold his mother's hand,
But he'll grip the leash of his new faithful friend.

To the girl with Downs that hates going to school
Because kids at any age can be cruel.
When she walks through the door a dog at her side
The other kids are filled with excitement and surprise.

To the man who lost both legs fighting overseas,
Defending our homeland and our right to be free.
The dog gives him back his independence
his sense of self-worth, and his confidence.

To the many soldiers whose bodies come back just fine,
But the battlefield still haunts them when they close their eyes.
All they need is a friend to sit silently by,
And not judge them when they break down and cry.

To the child whose diagnosis is bleak,
Surrounded by doctors, tears and white sheets,
The facility dog brightens their day,
Providing an escape from their grim reality.

To the athletic teenager, so fit and strong,
Until a car accident made everything go wrong,
Now learning to navigate life in a wheelchair,
With the help of a dog, things don't seem so unfair.

To the person who grows up without hearing a thing,
From an alarm clock, to a fire drill, to a telephone ring,
A dog can alert them to all of these sounds,
And a dog can hear better than anyone around.

And to the child who grew up in a chair,
Dependent on parents who won't always be there.
A dog is a chance to strike out on their own,
Without the fear that they will ever be alone.

So when people ask how we can give our dog away,
After we love and bond with them day after day.
I just smile and tell them after much thought,
The question is not how can we, but how can we not?



Diabetes Awareness Chair

Kathryn Higgins

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 American Diabetes Association.



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

Community News

community.diabetes.org

Eye Complications

You may have heard that diabetes causes eye problems and may lead to blindness. People with diabetes do have a higher risk of blindness than people without diabetes. But most people who have diabetes have nothing more than minor eye disorders.

With regular checkups, you can keep minor problems minor ([see our Eye Care page](#)). And if you do develop a major problem, there are treatments that often work well if you begin them right away.

Eye Insight

To understand what happens in eye disorders, it helps to understand how the eye works. The eye is a ball covered with a tough outer membrane. The covering in front is clear and curved. This curved area is the cornea, which focuses light while protecting the eye.

After light passes through the cornea, it travels through a space called the anterior chamber (which is filled with a protective fluid called the aqueous humor), through the pupil (which is a hole in the iris, the colored part of the eye), and then through a lens that performs more focusing. Finally, light passes through another fluid-filled chamber in the center of the eye (the vitreous) and strikes the back of the eye, the retina.

The retina records the images focused on it and converts those images into electrical signals, which the brain receives and decodes.

One part of the retina is specialized for seeing fine detail. This tiny area of extra-sharp vision is called the macula. Blood vessels in and behind the retina nourish the macula.

Glaucoma

People with diabetes are 40% more likely to suffer from glaucoma than people without diabetes. The longer someone has had diabetes, the more common glaucoma is. Risk also increases with age.

Glaucoma occurs when pressure builds up in the eye. In most cases, the pressure causes drainage of the aqueous humor to slow down so that it builds up in the anterior chamber. The pressure pinches the blood vessels that carry blood to the retina and optic nerve. Vision is gradually lost because the retina and nerve are damaged.

There are several treatments for glaucoma. Some use drugs to reduce pressure in the eye, while others involve surgery.

Cataracts

Many people without diabetes get cataracts, but people with diabetes are 60% more likely to develop this eye condition. People with diabetes also tend to get cataracts at a younger age and have them progress faster. With cataracts, the eye's clear lens clouds, blocking light.

To help deal with mild cataracts, you may need to wear sunglasses more often and use glare-control lenses in your glasses. For cataracts that interfere greatly with vision, doctors usually remove the lens of the eye. Sometimes the patient gets a new transplanted lens. In people with diabetes, retinopathy can get worse after removal of the lens, and glaucoma may start to develop.

Retinopathy

Diabetic retinopathy is a general term for all disorders of the retina caused by diabetes. There are two major types of retinopathy: nonproliferative and proliferative.

Nonproliferative retinopathy

In nonproliferative retinopathy, the most common form of retinopathy, capillaries in the back of the eye balloon and form pouches. Nonproliferative retinopathy can move through three stages (mild, moderate, and severe), as more and more blood vessels become blocked.

Macular edema

Although retinopathy does not usually cause vision loss at this stage, the capillary walls may lose their ability to control the passage of substances between the blood and the retina. Fluid can leak into the part of the eye where focusing occurs, the macula. When the macula swells with fluid, a condition called macula edema, vision blurs and can be lost entirely. Although nonproliferative retinopathy usually does not require treatment, macular edema must be treated, but fortunately treatment is usually effective at stopping and sometimes reversing vision loss.

Proliferative retinopathy

In some people, retinopathy progresses after several years to a more serious form called proliferative retinopathy. In this form, the blood vessels are so damaged they close off. In response, new blood vessels start growing in the retina. These new vessels are weak and can leak blood, blocking vision, which is a condition called vitreous hemorrhage. The new blood vessels can also cause scar tissue to grow. After the scar tissue shrinks, it can distort the retina or pull it out of place, a condition called retinal detachment.

How is it Treated?

Huge strides have been made in the treatment of diabetic retinopathy. Treatments such as scatter photocoagulation, focal photocoagulation, and vitrectomy prevent blindness in most people. The sooner retinopathy is diagnosed, the more likely these treatments will be successful. The best results occur when sight is still normal.

In **photocoagulation**, the eye care professional makes tiny burns on the retina with a special laser. These burns seal the blood vessels and stop them from growing and leaking.

In scatter photocoagulation (also called panretinal photocoagulation), the eye care professional makes hundreds of burns in a polka-dot pattern on two or more occasions. Scatter photocoagulation reduces the risk of blindness from vitreous hemorrhage or detachment of the retina, but it only works before bleeding or detachment has progressed very far. This treatment is also used for some kinds of glaucoma.

Side effects of scatter photocoagulation are usually minor. They include several days of blurred vision after each treatment and possible loss of side (peripheral) vision.

In focal photocoagulation, the eye care professional aims the laser precisely at leaking blood vessels in the macula. This procedure does not cure blurry vision caused by macular edema. But it does keep it from getting worse.

When the retina has already detached or a lot of blood has leaked into the eye, photocoagulation is no longer useful. The next option is vitrectomy, which is surgery to remove scar tissue and cloudy fluid from inside the eye. The earlier the operation occurs, the more likely it is to be successful. When the goal of the operation is to remove blood from the eye, it usually works. Reattaching a retina to the eye is much harder and works in only about half the cases.

There are two types of treatment for macular edema: focal laser therapy that slows the leakage of fluid, and medications that can be injected into the eye that slow the growth of new blood vessels and reduce the leakage of fluid into the macula.

Am I at Risk for Retinopathy?

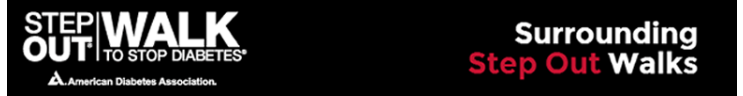
Several factors influence whether you get retinopathy:

- **blood sugar control**
- **blood pressure levels**
- **how long you have had diabetes**
- **genes**

The longer you've had diabetes, the more likely you are to have retinopathy. Almost everyone with type 1 diabetes will eventually have nonproliferative retinopathy. And most people with type 2 diabetes will also get it. But the retinopathy that destroys vision, proliferative retinopathy, is far less common.

People who keep their blood sugar levels closer to normal are less likely to have retinopathy or to have milder forms.

Your retina can be badly damaged before you notice any change in vision. Most people with nonproliferative retinopathy have no symptoms. Even with proliferative retinopathy, the more dangerous form, people sometimes have no symptoms until it is too late to treat them. For this reason, you should have your eyes examined regularly by an eye care professional.



We Step Out to do our part to Stop Diabetes! Participants are changing the future and making a positive impact in the lives of those who are affected by diabetes.

Step Out participants are committed to walk and raise money in this inspirational event not because 26 million people in the United States have diabetes, but because they walk among us in our lives and at the event.

Once you register, you'll be given your very own web page and will have access to lots of tools to help you fundraise your Step Out Center. You'll be able to customize the page with your reason for walking, send emails to ask others to join you or donate, and even download Facebook and smart phone apps. And of course, your Step Out Specialists (ADA staff) will be here to help all along the way!

Check back often for updates on the Step Out Walk!

Forsyth Park, Savannah Ga | [Event Details](#)

10/11/2014

Drayton St, Savannah, GA 31401

Need more info?

Your Event Coordinator: Maggie Harney

Email: mharney@diabetes.org

Phone: (912) 353-8110 x3093

Please mail checks to our local office:

American Diabetes Association

ATTN: Step Out

5105 Paulsen Street

Ste C-236

Savannah, GA 31405

9 teams. 18 walkers.

Turner Field | [Event Details](#)

11/8/2014

755 Hank Aaron Dr SE Atlanta, GA 30315

Need more info?

Your Event Coordinator: Tiffany Rozier

Email: trozier@diabetes.org

Phone: 404.320.7100 ext 3096

Please mail checks to our local office:

American Diabetes Association

ATTN: Step Out

233 Peachtree Road NE

Suite 2225

Atlanta, GA 30303

33 teams. 76 walkers.



Peace, Love and Understanding

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

Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

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

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

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

[Order a Kit](#)

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

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

Promoting the Contest

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

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

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

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

Ordering Essay Contest

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

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

Essay Contest Guidelines

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

View past grand prize winning essays:

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

For More Information

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

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



Children's, Hearing and Sight Programs:

Please share this message with Clubs in your districts

When children have books to read outside of school, they experience greater academic success when they return to school. We're glad to share that LCI's partner, Scholastic, Inc., is offering Lions clubs the opportunity to purchase new books for children at reduced prices through **Scholastic's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) "Bring Literacy Home"** initiative.

If you have questions:

- please contact Jackie Harvey, Scholastic's Director of Community and District Wide Partnerships: jharvey@scholastic.com
- or call Scholastic's FACE Customer Service: 800-387-1437.

Be sure to identify yourself as a Lions club member.

Learn more about opportunities to utilize Scholastic's resources when you access our recorded "Family & Community Involvement (FACE) [webinar](#).



Teachers will be out of school for children's summer vacation – what can Lions do? Let's help by Reading with your kids for 20 minutes each day will ensure that they reach their full potential. What are some of your favorite books to read with your kids?

Project Ideas and Resources

Whether you are an educator with a passion to help a child learn how to read, an entrepreneur ready to help develop a community-based literacy program, an information technology expert who can help introduce new technology to the visually impaired, or someone who simply enjoys reading to a child, no effort is too small to make a big difference. The following are a few project ideas that members of your club and district may consider taking on:

- **Serve as a volunteer reader**
<http://www.reachoutandread.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- **Promote Braille literacy**
<http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/braille/resources-for-teachers-of-braille/tips-for-promoting-braille-in-your-community/1235>
- **Provide support to your local library**
<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/what-we-do/global-development/global-libraries>
- **Help build a classroom for underserved children**
<http://www.roomtoread.org/page.aspx?pid=283>
- **Organize a book drive**
<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/booklists/multicultural-books.htm>

Resources

Use the resources below to plan and promote your reading action projects.

- **Call to Action Flyer:** Get an overview of the Reading Action Program.
- **Planning Guide:** Use this step-by-step approach to organize your project.
- **Press Release:** Send a press release to local media to help publicize your project.



- [Service Activity Report](#): Use the online service activity report to share what your clubs is doing as part of the Reading Action Program.
- Artwork: Download artwork to print your very own [bookmarks](#).
- [Diploma](#): Recognize Lions who serve through the Reading Action Program; or recognize members of the public that have benefitted through the program.
- [Webinars](#): Access recorded webinars featuring LCI partners and more ideas.
- [Project Idea Sheet](#): Refer to this sheet to get ideas for a possible project.

Project Ideas

- Organize a virtual book drive to support a reading program in your community
- Read to children at a local library or after school program
- Host a book fair and invite an author or illustrator
- Hold a monthly reading challenge for children at your library (encouraging them to read a designated number of minutes every month to win a prize)
- Work with a deaf education teacher to organize a book reading group for children or adults who are deaf
- Volunteer at an after school program to tutor a child in reading
- Donate computers or other technology for learning to a local school, community center or library
- Work with your local school or library to increase access to information in braille
- Supply new parents with books for young children and include facts about the importance of early reading
- Collect new books for a children's hospital
- Sponsor a community spelling contest
- Purchase a children's magazine subscription for a local school or library
- Distribute large print and audio books to local senior centers
- Provide free books for children at a vision or hearing screening or other service activity for children
- Help people who are blind or visually impaired enroll in free, distance learning courses from [The Hadley School for The Blind](#)
- Provide assistive devices to children or adults who have low vision
- Sponsor a creative writing workshop and encourage the children to write a story about their favorite toy, food or an action hero and then have them read it
- Read a book aloud to a small group of children and encourage each child to paint a picture of the story
- Serve as a volunteer reader at a senior center
- Host a board game evening for adults
- Organize a book exchange
- Teach an internet class at a local library – show others how to use the internet for greater access to information
- Organize a community event in connection with the International Literacy Day, held during the month of September, to raise awareness about the importance of reading

- Work with a local school to provide backpacks filled with books and school supplies to children in need
- Host a computer literacy course for adults

"What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die." -- Anne Lamott



Duck Derby August 8th

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



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

You can ask Addie from Carrollton about the very large rubber duck in her Easter bucket. The duck will also surprise your little one and may also win you a prize.

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



1st Place:

iPhone 5c 16 GB

2nd Place:

.55 Carat Diamond Stud Earrings on 14K White Gold, courtesy of Dynasty Jewelry and Loan

3rd Place:

Six Flags White Water Family Ticket Package, courtesy of Six Flags White Water (includes family 4 pack of tickets, Platinum Cabana including food and drinks all day, and free parking)

4th Place:

Surface RT Tablet 32 GB

5th Place:

\$300 Publix Gift Card

6th Place:

\$150 QuikTrip Gift Card, courtesy of QuikTrip

Thank you to our sponsors [Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies](#), [Rooms To Go Children's Fund](#),

Clay Shoot September 25th

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



Bob Busse Golf Tournament November 3rd

Special Olympics Georgia once again proudly hosts the [Bob Busse Golf Tournament](#) at a prestigious golf club Nov. 3rd in Sandy Springs. This event promises to be a great way to spend your day. Each year, this tournament grows and becomes better than the last. Expect a great golf game, prizes, a silent auction and wonderful reception. Email [Riley Cerone](#) for more information.



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Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at

<https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx>, and in the

Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia

(code 57973) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself!



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

You're Invited to the Leo Lion Summit!



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

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



Johnson & Johnson



For every photo you share, Johnson & Johnson donates \$1 to a cause you want to help - which does things like fix up a public park, get medicine for an infant, or help kids play sports safely. You choose the cause you want to help, Johnson & Johnson makes it happen. Description

Donate a Photo, the new, free app, from Johnson & Johnson takes your photos and turns them into a way to do good. For every photo you share through Donate a Photo, Johnson & Johnson donates \$1 to a cause you want to help—which does things like fix up a public park, get medicine for an infant, or help kids play sports safely.

Here’s how it works:

1. Choose a cause
2. Take a picture (either with the app or from your camera roll)
3. Share it (It’ll go in the Donate a Photo gallery and you can post it for all your friends to see on Facebook and Twitter.)
4. Johnson & Johnson gives \$1 to the cause you chose

You can donate one photo a day, every day. And when your friends see your photos in their feeds, they’ll get inspired to help, too. So you can all raise more money and awareness and help your causes meet their goals even faster.

Johnson & Johnson has curated a list of trusted causes, and when a cause reaches its goal, or its donation period ends, a new cause gets added. Even if a cause doesn’t reach its goal, Johnson & Johnson will still give a minimum donation. You can track all the causes you’ve helped, see what your photos have helped do, and get notified when your causes reach their goals or when a new cause is added.

It’s never been easier to help the causes you care about. Get the app and get started.

*Donate a Photo is not intended for users under the age of 13.

You can donate one photo a day, every day. With a photo a day, you’ll make a difference by raising money and awareness for causes you care about. Share with your friends and you’ll help your causes meet their goals faster.

How does your photo make a difference?

1. Your photo raises money = Johnson & Johnson has curated a list of trusted causes, and for every photo you share through Donate a Photo, Johnson & Johnson gives \$1 to the cause you want to help. That \$1 does things like fix up a public park, get medicine for an infant, or help kids play sports safely. Each cause will receive a minimum donation and will appear in the app until its donation period ends or its goal is reached.

2. Your photo raises awareness = When you share your photo, you spread the word about causes that need help, and you and your friends can help those causes meet their goals.

3. Your photos add up = You can donate one photo every day. Those days turn into weeks, months, and years. And you can see all the causes your photos have helped, and how

4. Your photo can inspire others = Share a picture that means something to you, chances are it’ll mean something to your friends, too. And the more photos you inspire, the more awareness you’ll raise.

Frequently asked questions

How will my photos be used? All photos shared through Donate a Photo will become part of the Donate a Photo gallery. Those photos may be used to promote Donate a Photo, but they will never be used to sell any products or for any other commercial purposes.

Is there a limit on how many photos I can share? You can share one photo per day to support a cause. Every cause in Donate a Photo sets a goal. When a cause's goal is met, another cause takes its place. Johnson & Johnson hopes to use Donate a Photo to help nonprofits for as long as possible.

Why did Johnson & Johnson create this? For over 125 years, Johnson & Johnson has been dedicated to helping people and causes all over the world. Through Donate a Photo, Johnson & Johnson hopes to raise more awareness for the causes that need help and connect people to nonprofits, helping everyone make an even bigger difference.

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