



18-D District Bulletin

We Serve



**District Governor
Ed Hashbarger**

Fellow Lions,

Well, here we are again. You have given me another opportunity to provide you Leadership with a New Vision. I am honored and I know that we will work together to increase our visibility within the Northeast and increase our membership so we will be able to help those that are unable to help themselves. When I left office before, we had 186 countries – today – **We're active men and women in more than 206 countries and geographic areas.** We have been growing everywhere except here.

I really think that is about to change – the new Lions International President Dr. Tam's theme is "I Believe." If you look on the back page of this bulletin you will see his logo – the Chinese character is Believe – but if you notice the line within the character to the left it sort of breaks off to look like an "I" – which almost translates into "I Believe."

During this Lions Year 2011-12, Districts will be encouraged to BELIEVE in and take action to strengthen our membership. We should be looking at the following: Believe in Projecting our Image – Believe in Leadership – Believe in Club Members – Believe in Service – Believe in Nurturing our Future – Believe in Giving Back – What can you add to this list? "Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us." Go to this web site and read what incoming President Win-Kun Tam "I Believe" brochure - http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/intprogram_Tam.pdf

As I indicated to you before – "We have to open up and extend our hands within our Community. Whether young or old, we have to guide, shape and mold, but at the same time we must **listen**." Fresh and new ideas are overflowing with great results. We all have ideas, but listening and communicating could be the answer for increasing involvement resulting to more new Lions and projects. We will no longer be "Lions, the best kept secret in the world" for it depends upon each and every Lion to **"Believe"** and get out and pass the word "We are the Lions of your community and we're here to do what needs to be done." Remember, we are not changing anything – we are simply improving ourselves.

We shall have our 1st Cabinet meeting at 10am, Saturday the 16th of July in Clarksville. This is the start of trying to improve the way we supposedly do things. I will be handing out your District Directory with all of the items that you will need to know and be able to plan ahead. Also, I should have (I hope) the State Directory that a few will get. What is important is the fact that within our District Directory – you will find those individual Lions who have stepped up to assume certain committee duties. They will be contacting your Club so they can give you a Lions Program that will be informative and give you more insight on what is going on within Lionism. They are here to support you, your Club and your Community. Remember – "alone we can do very little, but together we can do so much."

Also, the web site has been updated – <http://edmclicon.com> - so please check-out three areas of importance – **"Dates to Remember, District Committees, and District Governor's Visit."** Of course, you have dates one-year in advance – so plan on your calendar the dates you must take off from work and/or just be prepared to attend some type of meeting. **Communication** again is the **KEY**. I will try to do my best in Communicating.

Yours in Lionism,

Ed Hashbarger



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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

GET OUT YOUR BOOTS & COWBOY HATS!

PLAN TO COME TO “CAMP HAPPY TRAILS!!

GEORGIA LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP!!!

35TH ANNIVERSARY!!!!

WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 23 JULY 2011

Activities start at 9:30 a.m.

LUNCH \$10.00

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE TO LION DOY
BARKS**

**at 478-923-5649, hankbarks@msn.com or
614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088**

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

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

Planning Ahead

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.

**Fellow Lions,
1st Cabinet Meeting on Saturday,
16 July start time 10am.**

The 1st Cabinet meeting will take place at the Habersham Electric Membership Corp. at 6135 St Hwy 115, Clarkesville. As you come into Clarkesville from S. Go through the 3 red light we have and turn Left immediately. It is just out of town, maybe 1/2 mile. Go to this web site to see map - <http://www.habershamemc.com/yourcoop/hours.php> for the Clarksville Office. Just reduce in size to get good idea on where it is at.

President, Secretary and Treasurer Training will begin at 11:30 am. It has computer access, that way we will try and show you how to surf the web and get info you will need. Bring laptop, paper and pencil for fast notes. District Directory will be passed out.

Any questions, please do not hesitate on asking.



Where in the World

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

[Lions News Network](#)

• [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



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



[P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK](#)





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



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

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

Help Us Plan Our Centennial Celebration

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

LIONS QUARTERLY



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

HIGHLIGHTS

Convention Mobile Phone App

Download our 2011 Phone App for the latest convention news.

Helping Youth

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

Lions Mentoring Program

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

New Membership Award

Receive a Membership Achievement Award for adding new members.

CONTESTS

Peace Poster Contest

Sponsor a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest in your city

EVENTS

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CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

As I write you this message, I am filled with a sense of pride for all that we have accomplished together over the last 12 months. It is also bittersweet for me that this is my final message to you as Chairperson of our great Foundation.

Just last week I visited our Lions in [Haiti](#) and our disaster relief projects.



Although there have been challenges, they remain committed for as long as it takes. You can read more about all of our disaster relief efforts in this message.

We give hope with active, reliable and needed cooperation following disasters to people around the world. Every day presents a new challenge, yet every day Lions offer the start to a promising solution which is returned every day with a happy smile of gratitude from those in need.

To reach even more people, we established four main priorities for our Foundation this year. And I'm so happy to say we have achieved each of these.

To help with developing and implementing these goals, one of the priorities was the creation of a [Steering Committee](#). The committee is comprised of Lions leaders from around the world, and Constitutional Area is represented.

Our first goal was improving our communications flow. Just last month we launched our [new Web site](#) in English, and it will launch in languages at our

International Convention.

I am convinced you will agree this is a huge advance toward meeting this goal. This new site gives you more tools and resources to promote the good work we Lions are doing. It also offers you many opportunities to contact us at anytime. Your thoughts are important and help us to move forward. Please visit www.lcif.org, if you haven't already.



[Lions Quest](#) is a program that is particularly near and dear to my heart. More than 12 million children have benefited from this life skills program. And that's why reaching even more children was another priority. We held trainings and created a How-to-Kit to help Lions' expansion efforts. Just last month

Indonesia began this program. I'm happy to say it's now in six new countries, for a total of 66 countries. At this time, there are more than 20 countries ready to start this program-the only world program focused on social and emotional education.

Another priority was activating our volunteer coordinator structure. To strengthen Lions' engagement with LCIF, new fundraising goals were set, with district and multiple district coordinators helping lead these efforts. We created several [new resources](#) for our coordinators. I enjoyed hosting several Webinars to provide updates to our coordinators and to encourage them to work closely and effectively with our DG Teams. Most exciting is the fact that our efforts are paying off. Donations for this year are up by US\$10.5 million, or 33 percent! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to helping LCIF continue to be the #1 NGO worldwide.

We have set a solid platform with international structures to build upon next year! I can assure you I will remain committed to our Foundation for years to come, and I hope I can count on you to do the same.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF

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SightFirst Awards Grants

US\$4.26 million was awarded during the May SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting. This includes grants to China to support elimination of blinding trachoma, a nationwide low vision services project and a blindness prevention program; a grant to India to construct and equip a Lions ophthalmology clinic; a grant to Kenya for refractive error services; and a grant to the Philippines for inclusive education for children with visual impairments. [View the full list](#) of recent grants

Rebuilding Lives Following Disasters

We Lions have a special dedication to [providing relief and rebuilding lives](#) in our communities for as long as it takes. In Haiti, we are rebuilding schools and a nurses training program, as well as houses. Most recently, we committed US\$410,000 to help the [Southern United States](#). And we continue to receive donations for [Japan](#), with more than US\$16 million being mobilized. Relief efforts elsewhere also remain ongoing. All of these projects would not be possible without the [generous support](#) of our international family of Lions. And other organizations are taking note of our relief efforts. Bausch + Lomb donated US\$100,000 for Japan and is encouraging their employees to also do so by matching donations. The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (Texas, USA) also contributed [US\\$100,000 for Japan](#).

Pediatric Cataract Initiative (PCI) Awards Grant

Bausch + Lomb and LCIF awarded the Tianjin Eye Hospital a [US\\$150,000 grant](#) to finance a specialized, pediatric cataract training initiative. The grant is made possible through funding from Bausch + Lomb, and the grant will be used for training and education, equipment, and screenings. Earlier this year, PCI also issued two \$50,000 research grants.

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NEW WEB SITE



We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

Dear Lion,

I've promised you since the beginning of the year that we would work hard this year to improve our international platform of communication. We must better share with our

Lions and the world why our global Foundation is truly like no other. And today, I am very excited to announce that LCIF has just launched a [brand new Web site](#). The English version is now available, and all languages will launch by our convention in July.



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

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



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

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

And within the Lions Center there is a section specifically for [our coordinators](#), our well-trained ambassadors of the Foundation. Coordinators will be able to find a calendar of important dates, club visit information, forms and materials, recent news and reports.

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

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

When was the last time you went on your District 18-D web site? Hmmmm – has there been any changes? Any kind of updates? Have you told others where you might go to get further information? Is this the reason why we are “The Greatest Secret in the World” because you don’t pass on information?

Go to www.edmclion.com

**District Officers and
District Goals**

**Dates To Remember
2012 State Convention-info and form.pdf**

18-D District Committees

PastIntlDir&DistGov

18-D Club Directory

District Governor Visit Schedule 2011-12 and Protocol

List of Suggested Speakers for Club Meeting

District Governor's Contest

District Convention and 18-D Hall of Fame

New Lion/Retention Tips

District 18-D Bulletin/State Magazine

Hot Topics / SELLI

Lions-in-Action plus graphics

**LEO's in Action
*LEO Gathering***

Lions Networking

GA LIONS ALERT

State & District Forms



ATTITUDES

From

Negative
It won't work
We've never done it
this way
It's Unworkable
Complacency
Pessimism

To

POSITIVE
IT WILL WORK
LET's TRY NEW IDEAS
RECOGNIZE THE WORKABLE
ENTHUSIASM
OPTIMISM

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TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR CLUB:

Taking time to examine your club and honestly assessing its current status is the key to successfully making changes. Without pinpointing the areas that need attention, you might be fixing a problem that doesn't exist and ignoring a potential trouble spot. It is helpful to write down your observations as you undertake this process.

Begin by observing members during meetings and service activities:

What is the general atmosphere of your club?

Friendly?
Welcoming?
Fun?
Boring?
Tense?
Dedicated?
Productive?

Are there well-defined, established “groups” within your club? If so.

Do these groups interact with each other?
How is their relationship?

Friendly?
Respectful?
Tense?

If so, do these groups have any effect on the functioning of the club?

Are new members warmly welcomed into your club?

After an initial introduction, are new members made to feel a part of the club?



Dear Lion Leaders,

This is my last monthly message to you as international president and I wish to thank you for all you have done to make this year so memorable and satisfying.

Throughout our shared leadership year I have asked you to let your light shine; to shine as a beacon of hope to all who need our help. You have done all this and more. Through the four Global Service Action Campaigns alone, you have helped Lions Clubs International reach new heights of service. These worldwide initiatives spotlighted the needs and potential of young people, blindness prevention, worldwide hunger, and protecting the environment. More importantly, these campaigns resulted in direct service to more than 11.6 million people -- people whose lives have been touched by Lions and who will not forget what we have done for them.

First Vice President Wing-Kun Tam shares our belief that service is paramount in the International Association of Lions Clubs and I am pleased to tell you that the Global Service Action Campaigns we have inaugurated this year will continue under his leadership. In fact, he will be expanding the Protecting our Environment Campaign to challenge Lions to plant one million trees during his year as president. I hope these campaigns will become a yearly tradition shining a light on our association's most important service commitments.

Thank you again for all you have done to serve your communities and for participating in this year of extraordinary achievement.

Best wishes,

Sid L. Scruggs III
International President

Global Service Action Campaigns

Lions from around the world have taken up the challenge to organize service activities specifically focused on engaging youth, sharing vision, relieving hunger, and protecting our environment. Clubs from all seven LCI constitutional areas participated in the campaigns, and have dedicated nearly 1.62 million service hours to projects that have benefited over 11.6 million people worldwide.

Each campaign provided clubs with a unique opportunity to serve their community while helping to address some of the most pressing humanitarian challenges facing our world today.

The 2010-11 global service action campaigns were an important reminder of the strength of our global network and how Lions' compassion to be of service can make a difference in the lives of others. Whether it meant providing food to impoverished families, holding vision screenings for underprivileged school children, restoring a degraded forest that offers a source of livelihood for their community, or building wells to ensure access to safe water for the rural poor, Lions were there to serve as beacons of hope.



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

**Bringing it All
Together**

**More Lions and more
Lions Clubs. Global
Service Action
Campaign. Lions
Clubs Officer
Reporting Form.
Service Activities
Report.** What could

these things possibly
have in common?

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

Meaningful community
service;

Membership growth;

Leadership
development;

Communication, and

Organizational
management.

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

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

Beacon of Hope Highlights

You have shown the way for your neighbors. During the past 11 months Lions light has shone as a beacon for people seeking effective ways to serve their communities and the world. Lions Clubs International membership has increased by 24,131 over last year. More than 1,400 new Lions Clubs have been chartered in 92 countries. I see this as a clear indication that, when people know who Lions are and have the opportunity to see what we do, they will wish to join us. Important and successful service projects bring new and effective members to our clubs and districts. More members and more clubs in more places mean more and better service to our communities and the world. We must do all we can to keep this cycle turning and the momentum moving forward! With more Lions in more clubs in more communities, Lions Clubs International will be able to change the lives of more people in more places than ever before.

Set Your Sights High

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin

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

Take Action Now!

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

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

To learn more go to this web site:

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

Begin making plans now for your club and district's participation in next year's Global Service Action Campaigns. They will begin in August with the Engaging Our Youth campaign to be followed by Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting Our Environment.

Let Your Light Shine on the World Wide Web

Create a Free Web site for your district or club

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

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

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

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



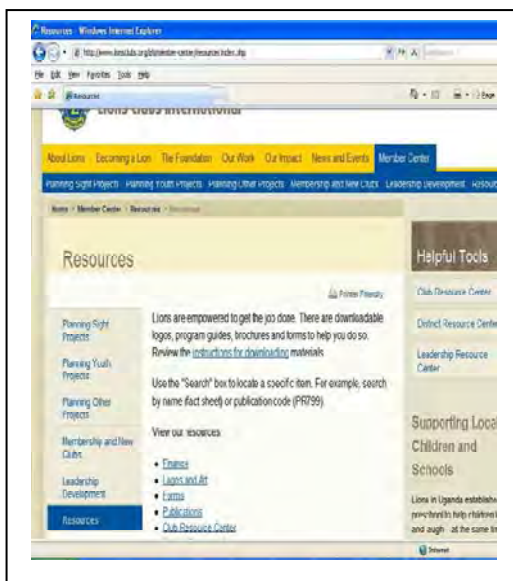
RETENTION IS NOT GONE!

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

Richard "Dick" Smith
MERL Team Retention Chair

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

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



Step 1: Go to www.lionsclubs.org

Step 2: Click on "MEMBER CENTER" in the blue part of the navigation bar.

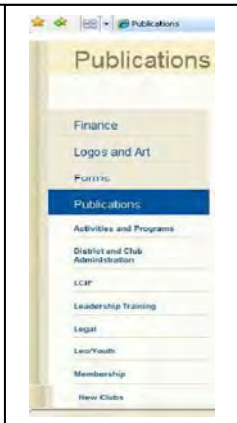
Step 3: Click on "RESOURCES" on the blue navigation bar that appears below and to the left of "MEMBER CENTER."

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

STEP 5: Select "FORMS" to view the available membership forms.
OR

Select "PUBLICATIONS" to view the available membership publications.

Step 6: Select "Membership" from the drop down menu of either the "Publications" or "Forms" section of the Web site.



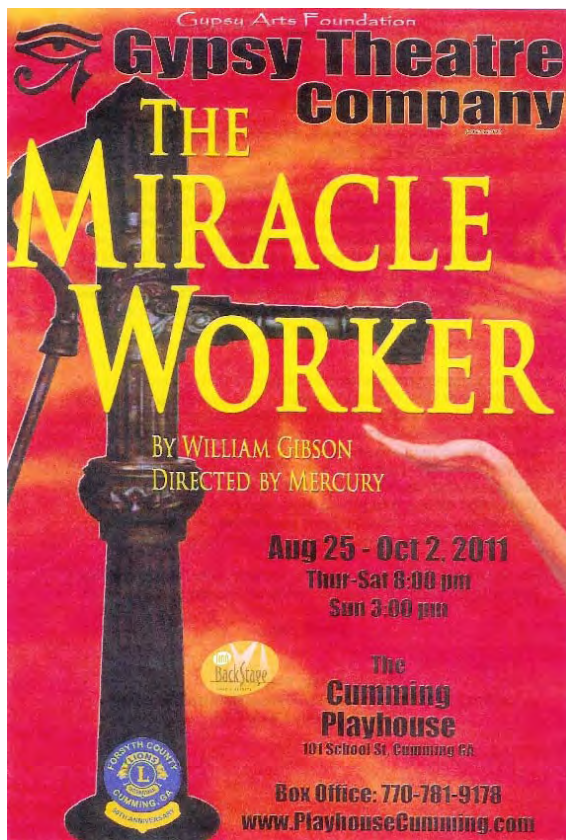
Step 6: Select "Membership" from the drop down menu of either the "Publications" or "Forms" section of the Web site.



Step 7: Download your publication or form.



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



About the Miracle Worker . . .

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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

Jefferson Lions Club =



JEFFERSON LIONS CLUB 11TH ANNUAL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011



CARS, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE TRACTORS
ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME



LOCATION - JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
PAVED PARKING AREA - ONE-HALF MILE FROM
DOWNTOWN JEFFERSON ON HWY. 129 NORTH

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER VEHICLE

SCHEDULE: Registration: 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Show Judging: 12:00 Noon-2:00 p.m.
Awards: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

TROPHIES: Cars & Trucks - Top 40 50/25-25 Drawing
Tractors - Top 4 Longest Distance
Prizes will be Given

Come join the Lions Club for all around family fun. This Show will help the Lions in their Drive Against Darkness. YOU MAY BRING USED EYE GLASSES TO HELP OTHERS SEE

PERSONAL CANOPIES MAYBE SET UP BEHIND SHOW CARS ON GRASS
GOOD FOOD-HOTDOGS.HAMBURGERS.DRINKS.CHIPS

CONTACT:
BUDDY HUNT 706-367-8933 OR CELL 706-621-0700



Martin Lions Club = Martin Community Center on Thursday, June 16, 2011. New Martin Lions Club President Ralph Williams is being passed the gavel by Zone Chair Bryan Gordon.



Oconee Lions Club = The Oconee Lions Club conducted a vision screening at the Walton EMC Board Meeting, Saturday, June 18, 2011. Sixty-seven adults were screened, with 48 failing either the Eye Health Risk Assessment or the Visual Acuity, or both. Participants who failed either part were strongly recommended to make an appointment with an eye care professional. Their contact information will be reported to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for follow-up action.



Winder Noon Lions Club = Our club faced several new challenges and we moved forward to provide better community service. Among our new projects were Mobile Food Pantries, Bikes for Kids and expanded support for the Boys & Girls Club. Our club also became the first Lions Club in Barrow County to become a member of the Barrow Co. Chamber of Commerce.



Congratulations!



Winder Noon Lions Juniors of the Year

Winder-Barrow High School
Calvin Bottoms
Pictured with Al Darby, principal

Apalachee High School
Shelby Carlyle
Pictured with David McGee, principal

Toccoa Lions Club = Past District Governor, M. C. Stowe, inducted two new members into the Toccoa Lions Club at a ceremony held at the Gate Cottage at Toccoa Falls on Thursday, 9 June 2011. The new members are Shiela Rousey of Toccoa and Ken Fortney of Lake Burton. Both of these new Lions were sponsored by Bill Graham, first vice president of the club. Pictured left to right are: Bryan Gordon, Toccoa Lion President, new Lions Ken Fortney and Shiela Rousey and Past District Governor, M. C. Stowe of Eastanollee.



We need to recognize Mary Ann, as she is always behind the scenes, doing her thing. She works twenty regular meetings, the Christmas party the Valentines party and maybe ten other Lions functions a year collecting a photo journalism history of our club. She does this year in and year out. The results of her work end up in the Toccoa Record, the Anderson Independent, the Roar Bulletin, the 18-D district newsletter, the Lions state magazine and of course in the top or one of the best Lions scrap books in the state . . . annually.



The Ledford-Cartersville Award for club scrapbooks awarded at state convention.



As you know the scrap book she made for this year's state awards competition won second place in the state. Not all of the 267 Lions clubs in the state submitted a scrap book but she beat out at least twenty-five or thirty other clubs who did compete.

Toccoa Lions, l-r, Bryan Gordon, Florence Gordon and Bill Graham, were delegates to the Georgia Lions State Convention in Duluth, GA on June 10th, 11th and 12th. Here they are dressed for the District Governor's Banquet standing in front of the display for Leader Dogs for the Blind School. Leader Dogs for the Blind is supported by every Lions club in northeast Georgia. Several blind people in Georgia are among the 1,800 working leader dog teams throughout the world today. The Gordon's had the privilege of touring the Leader Dogs for the Blind School last month while in Michigan.



Bill Graham in his second full year as a Lion qualified for the "Order of the Golden Chain" award for this Lions year. He sponsored two new Lions and fulfilled over twenty other requirements. Less than two percent of all Lions win this award. It may be considered a citizenship award among Lions. District Governor Ron Bennett presents the award to Bill at the district breakfast at the Lions state convention.



Karen Peoples, Director of Disability Resource Center, making a point to Toccoa Lions at their luncheon meeting at Gate Cottage on May 26th.



GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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



Host a Vision or Hearing Screening

The Lighthouse Foundation lends vision and hearing screeners for events throughout Georgia. The screening program addresses the "education" portion of our mission, in which we help members of the community assess their visual acuity, risk for eye disease, and any hearing loss they may have suffered. The screenings are not substitutes for exams by trained optometrists, ophthalmologists, and audiologists. They are methods of helping members of your community realize that they may need to schedule an appointment with one of these professionals.

If you would like to host a vision or hearing screening in your community, or if you would like us to set up a vision or hearing screening at your event, please contact Laura at lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org. Please give at least one month's notice for each screening. If you have not done a vision or hearing screening before, you will need to schedule a training session with Laura as well.

Why host a screening? Because it's a win-win for you and your community! This program will promote the importance of vision or hearing health and offer you and your friends an important and convenient community service project. It also gives exposure for your group through the media's interest in community health.

Where Would I Hold My Vision Screening?

- Community Events
- Nursing Homes
- Local Fairs
- Health Fairs
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Statewide Conventions

What Information Will Be provided?

Information will be provided about:

- Diabetic Eye Disease
- Glaucoma
- Cataracts
- Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

You will also be trained on using the screening machines.

If you are interested in hosting a vision screening please contact Laura at the Lighthouse Foundation 404-325-3630 x 332 or lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org. Thank you!



Service Numbers

From July to May 2011

4,022 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** at \$202,408.83.

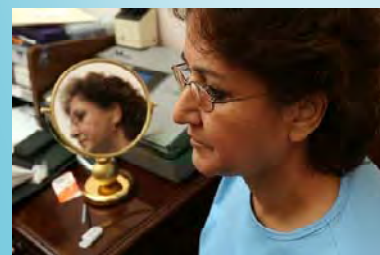
196 recipients were from 18-D

290 eye surgeries were performed. at a cost of \$1,804,896.17 – **Lighthouse cost - \$340,653.05.**

40 were from 18-D

920 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 1,693 hearing aids.

129 were from 18-D



Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:

Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 eskiemom@bellsouth.net



New Fiscal Year Checklist:

The new fiscal year is about to begin! Is your club prepared? You can help operations at the Lighthouse run more efficiently and effectively by making sure the following are taken care of:

_ **Submit the name and contact information for your associate director (AD), even if it's the same person as last year. The AD will serve as the liaison between your club and the Lighthouse.**

_ Submit the name and contact information for your White Cane Chair, even if it hasn't changed from last year.

_ Determine and submit your 2011-2012 goal for White Cane fundraising. You do not need to meet your goal, but knowing how much you think you can raise helps us set our budget for the year.

_ Ensure that the LCIF's information for your club is up to date. We use LCIF for everything from contact information to club size for awards.

The information above can be sent to Kim Fletcher. It can be submitted over the phone at 404-325-3630, via email at kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org or through post mail to the Lighthouse (address below).

Thank you!

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First and foremost, THANK YOU for your support! **Did you know:** On June 11--the Saturday of the Lions State Convention--the Lighthouse coordinated three emergency eye surgeries? In May alone, the Lighthouse provided 19 sight-saving surgeries to Georgians in need?

While many clubs plan their fundraisers for April, **our eye surgery program never stops working** to bring sight into the lives of our fellow Georgians.

Please help us continue fighting to reach our fundraising goals. **The need is great.** Your club's contributions at the end of this fiscal year may help tip the scales for a neighbor in need! Here's how we're doing so far:

\$114,213 raised out of our \$167,500 goal

District A: \$27,925
District B: \$11,865
District C: \$6,920
District D: \$33,872
District E: \$6,645
District F: \$16,106

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

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

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

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



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



Dear Lions, Lionesses and LEOs,

I just got back home and caught up from the State Convention. It was a great celebration of our Camp's successes and a bright look at our future.

I am so proud of our Board Secretary Lion Doy getting presented the International President's Medal for excellence in service. Lion Doy has served our Camp as its Board Secretary with distinction for over 30 years. WOW - 30 Great Years of Service.

We Love you Doy!



Here Lion Doy is getting presented the International President's Award by International President Sid Scruggs, International Director Haynes Townsend and PIP Jim Ervin.

The next Big Event for us is Lions Day at the Camp. That will take place on July 23, 2011. That kicks off at around 9:00AM with the Lions of Georgia seeing our Campers in action and partaking in activities with the Campers. Lion Doy and her Committee once again are planning a very special day for all. Please plan on attending Lions Day and help us celebrate 35 years of service to the visually impaired of Georgia.

We also have started plans for our Annual Joint Meeting of the Camp and Lighthouse. That will take place on October 1, 2011 at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. We are going to have a great time and get some good work done as well. Stay tuned as Lion Gary and I are changing things up a bit for this Meeting. More to be shared on this at a later date after we define the details.

Now I start my last year serving as your President. In February, you will be electing someone to take my place in this position. If you think you would like to serve in this role and want to discuss what that means, please feel free to contact me to discuss. The process for nomination is outlined within our Constitution.

As always, thank you for your service to our Camp and those "We Serve".
I'll see ya'll on Lions Day at the Camp,

Frank

**GET OUT YOUR BOOTS & COWBOY HATS !
PLAN TO COME TO "CAMP HAPPY TRAILS" !!**

GEORGIA LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP !!! 35TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 23 JULY 2011

**Activities start at 9:30 a.m. LUNCH \$10.00
RESERVATIONS PLEASE TO:**



**LION DOY BARKS at 478-923-
5649, hankbarks@msn.com or
614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088**



**SHARE THE NEWS –
SPREAD THE WORD:**

Your Camp needs you to spread the word about what is going on and the good works being done. If you receive this newsletter by email, make sure the information is shared with your fellow Club members. Also, email it to prospective Lions, teachers of the visually impaired in your local school districts, groups who might be looking for a place to rent for a special function, and anyone you think might be interested in supporting the Camp, whether with money, materials or labor. If you don't have their email, print it and mail it to them with a personal note. The Camp is a tremendous asset and resource to the visually impaired, and YOU can play a major part in its growth and success by spreading the news far and wide.

CENTURY CLUB PURPOSE EXPANDED:

At the February 5-6, 2011, Camp meeting, the Executive Committee voted to expand the purposes for which the Century Club contributions could be used. Previously limited to capital improvement expenses only, the funds may now be used at the discretion of the Camp's management. With the recent receipt of the large grant, which is strictly limited to capital improvements, this change will give the Camp more latitude in allocating Century Club funds to areas of greater need. Anyone can become a Century Club member. Click on this link <http://www.glcg.org/donate.php> to read about the different ways you can donate to the Camp and download an application.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name(s) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Make/model of motorcycle or auto: _____

(We understand this may change)

This is a release. Read carefully before signing!

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

Signature(s) _____

Date(s) _____



Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

A MESSAGE FROM GREG

Malcolm Gladwell, a writer for The New Yorker magazine, coined the phrase “match strike” which refers to little ideas that take fire and bring about social change. Match strikes don’t have a set formula or happen in a controlled way—they begin to burn quickly and hopefully spread far in a short period of time.

Our “match strike” is the Kapten PLUS GPS personal navigation device. We first heard about the Kapten in December of 2009; in January 2010 we met with the manufacturer, Kapsys, to discuss modifying the device for people who are blind. Fast forward to March 2011 when our first guide dog and AMP classes received free Kapten PLUS devices! That’s fast for any organization—it took a lot of hard work to get the Kapten PLUS in our clients’ hands so quickly.

But this is just the beginning. Our ultimate goal is that everyone who is visually impaired will have a personal navigation device to enhance their mobility—whether they have a Leader Dog or not. To accomplish this, the device must be affordable—\$99 or less. This is why the Kapten PLUS is our “match strike;” the price is \$295—68% less than the cost of the Breeze GPS we had been using. This gets us much closer to our \$99 goal. The next step is to get the right people—the key influencers—excited about GPS so they can fan the flame. In April we sent Kapten PLUS devices to over 50 key influencers to try for themselves. **The material introducing the Kapten PLUS is inserted in this newsletter.**

This is exciting! We are on the verge of making GPS an expected piece of travel technology for all people who are blind; not just an unexpected “bonus” when they come to Leader Dog for training. How can you as Lions be part of this “match strike” opportunity? Share information about the Kapten PLUS with people you know. Ask your club to make an extra donation to help put a Kapten PLUS in the hands of every client who needs one. Have a Leader Dog client do a presentation for your club. Whatever you decide to do, you will be impacting the lives of thousands of people who are blind. After all, that’s what we do as Lions: We Serve.

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Leader Dogs for the Blind Our friends at Comcast have lost their remote and, with your help, they are willing to donate \$1 up to \$10,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind for every LIKE on www.facebook.com/ComcastMi. Please LIKE their page and pass it on. Also, look for Leader Dog team members, volunteers and canines in their Xfinity commercials running this week in Michigan.



**TOP 15
MULTI-DISTRICTS
2009-2010 Fiscal Year**
SD-10/MD-11 Michigan \$369,997
MD-27 Wisconsin 172,535
MD-116 Spain 148,283
MD-5M Minnesota, Manitoba 143,105
& NW Ontario
MD-14 Pennsylvania 136,759
MD-25 Indiana 104,258
MD-22 Maryland, Delaware 103,045
& Washington, DC
MD-2 Texas 82,022
MD-24 Virginia 60,297
MD-26 Missouri 51,718
MD-9 Iowa 47,710
MD-21 Arizona 45,575
MD-18 Georgia 44,990
MD-12 Tennessee 35,251
MD-19 Washington, Idaho, BC 31,854

Here, There, Everywhere

Declaration of Independent Travel

History of GPS at Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB)

2005 LDB becomes first guide dog organization to provide Trekker GPS training to people using a cane or a guide dog.

2006 LDB introduces camp for teens and GPS course for orientation & mobility (O&M) professionals that provide free Trekker GPS devices and training.

2008 LDB begins testing a less expensive, more accessible GPS, the Trekker Breeze, with guide dog clients and works with manufacturer, HumanWare, to modify it for ease of use. Breeze is incorporated into all guide dog classes by November. LDB conducts first Master Trainer Course on Trekker Breeze GPS for O&M professionals at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) International Conference.

2009 Guide dog clients begin receiving a free Trekker Breeze during training in April. Steven J. LaGrow, EdD and LDB team member Erica Ihrke, MA co-

author a research paper reporting that more than 90% of research participants felt more capable, confident and less anxious during travel when using GPS as a way-finding tool. Kapsys GPS device (designed for use in European cities for pedestrian vacationers) comes to our attention.

2010 January LDB and Kapsys begin discussing modifying the Kaptan for people who are blind. **March** Kapsys executives visit LDB and Kaptan PLUS modifications begin. Main areas revised: physical device to increase tactile accessibility and spoken interface, software intuitiveness for ease of use and location data provided to the user. **May** LDB clients begin testing each revised version of the Kaptan PLUS. **November** Clients and staff begin testing Kaptan PLUS device and usability of LDB-designed user guide.

2011 March Kaptan PLUS used and distributed for free in guide dog and O&M classes. **Moving Forward June** Free Kaptan PLUS devices distributed to LDB clients throughout the United States and Canada. Kaptan PLUS devices available to everyone at LDB's online gift shop for \$295. **FUTURE** LDB continues to work with location technology innovators to develop a product that will retail for \$99.



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Sacrificial Love (A Dog's Perspective)



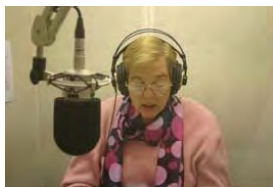
Dedicated to all Leader Dog Instructors and Puppy Raisers When I first came to you, I was afraid and uncertain. Soon I learned that your firm but loving hand would provide all that I needed. You won my affection because I knew all you said and did was from your heart. When I was with you and you praised me, I felt ten feet tall. When I wasn't paying attention and you corrected me, I thought my heart would break. Even though there were many others in your life, you always made me feel like I was the only one.

Then a new person entered my life. You and I weren't together anymore. This new person was different. At first I was uneasy and it felt awkward. Now I am more at ease. I've changed. I've come to love my new master.

Some people say I don't have a soul and that you won't see me in the hereafter. Those that believe this must never have truly touched the face of the eternal friendship that I give. It's time for me to go. I know that I am needed.

It's been said that the greatest kind of love is sacrificial love. I have learned this because I had the best example—you.

Karalee Craytor and Leader Dog Kagan



From the desk of State RFB&D
Chair Lion Fred Smith
lionfredsmith@gmail.com

Technology helps us better meet our users' needs

Millions struggle with learning differences, making everyday school, work and learning activities extremely challenging or virtually impossible.

Learning Ally recognizes that one product "does not fit all" and is developing new products to meet the needs of our diverse learners, including blind, visually impaired, dyslexic, physically disabled and other individuals who learn differently.



New mainstream platforms:

- RFB&D® Audio Apple® App that plays on iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad
- WMA, MP3 players and other low-cost solutions
- RFB&D ReadHeart™ Software by gh for Mac and PC

Learning Ally membership benefits include:

- Free* individual membership for complementary at-home use with free DAISY software for Mac or PC
- Extensive library of textbooks and literature titles
- Easy-to-use online catalog
- 24/7 web-based teacher training and classroom support materials

Learning Ally helps close the achievement gap by allowing students to:

- Access the general education curriculum at the same time as their peers
- Work on assignments independently, in the classroom or at home
- Actively participate in the reading and learning process
- Meet higher academic goals and improve academic success
- Gain greater self-confidence and self-esteem



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
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9TH ANNUAL ATHENS RUN FOR THE DOGS

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

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

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

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

Registration go here:

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

Thank You.
Jim Mohs

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Making a Difference

One Gift at a Time



Miracle Makers contribute a fixed amount of money each month to Canine Companions - providing important funding for such things as training, puppy care, and follow-up visits with our graduate teams.

Please consider becoming a Miracle Maker. For as little as \$10 a month you can partner with Canine Companions for Independence and make a difference for adults and children living with disabilities. Please visit cci.org/donate to learn more.



Lion Kathryn Higgins
Diabetes Awareness Chair
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If You Think You Want a Diabetic Alert Dog...



If you're just beginning your D.A.D. search, consider these things:

At present, there is very little (if any) regulation of this industry. Choose your trainer/breeder carefully. Read, read, read. [Good Search](#) everything you can find. Try these search phrases: Diabetic Alert Dog, Diabetic Service Dog, Training Diabetic Alert Dog, Alert Dog, D.A.D., etc. Use the links provided on our "Sites for more info" page.

We found www.diabeticalertdog.com to be particularly helpful! Don't be too shy to call! We found that while folks were hesitant initially, they were more than happy to chat once we had an opportunity to get past all the introductory stuff. Ask questions. Explain that you are trying to gather information and educate yourself. Push for more info than you got from the last call!

Pray.

Talk to some trainers. They are the ones who will actually be working with the dog. Ask: how do you select dogs that will be in your training program? How much hands on will you have with the dog? What is your experience? Can you refer me to some clients? (Ask for more than 5!) Will the dog be fully obedience trained? How many dogs do you train at one time? Have you ever had a dog returned to you?

Use what agencies there are! Check with Better Business Bureau, Attorney General's office of the state in which your particular trainer/breeder resides, even consumer advocacy

groups. Check to ensure that the company is associated positively with SOME association organization.

Pray.

Call or email us.

Beware. There are some unscrupulous breeders and trainers out there.



• ***We Found Our Help!***

Wildrose Kennels is setting the gold standard for Diabetic Alert Dog breeding and training.

• ***Other DAD Sites***

Diabetic Alert Dog Blog

This site led us to a potential trainer, Rachel Thornton and Wildrose Kennels.



Life Without a D.A.D.

Friday, November 19, 2010 at 10:09AM

My Diabetic Alert Dog (D.A.D.) is still due to arrive in March 2011 and as we wait for this blessing, I have had the great opportunity to work with a few D.A.D.'s who are in their final stages of training. My work has been to live with and reinforce what they've been taught in a real-life setting.

The time spent with these trained dogs helps prepare them (and me) for their eventual full-time job as a D.A.D. Our day-to-day activities have included such things as: home life, yard work, grocery stores, business meetings, church, theaters, school functions, airplane rides, car trips, speaking engagements, etc.

I have come to really enjoy this process and am still continually amazed at how they work. I am amazed at how they love to work.

Over the past 6-weeks, I have not had a D.A.D. living with our family and the void has been felt. I have had some serious low and high blood sugar levels which have gone undetected until I needed help. The management of diabetes is a very tricky thing and I am keenly aware - now - that life without a D.A.D. stinks.

And in the words of our family favorite, Forrest Gump, "that's all I have to say about that."

Resources

The following resources are available to plan and promote a future “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign project.

- [Call to Action Flyer](#): Get an overview of the “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.
- [Planning Guide](#): Use this step-by-step approach to organize your very own “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign.
- [Project Ideas](#): Review ideas you and your club can use to partner with youth to develop a signature service project during the month of August that will make a big impact on your community. The opportunities are endless!



"Vision of Peace" 2010-11 Grand Prize Winner

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

"Children Know Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

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

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"Engaging Our Youth" Global Service Action Campaign

There has never been a generation of young people more involved in their community. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, in the United States alone, nearly 22% of people aged 16 to 24 are volunteering. In other areas of the world that percentage is even higher.

A growing number of studies show that youth who engage in meaningful service projects experience a host of positive outcomes. Lions have an incredible opportunity to engage youth by developing programs they can relate to, and by encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service.

Take Action

During August, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world in recognizing the power of youth involvement. Help us shine a light on youth by planning activities in connection with [United Nations International Youth Day](#), recognized each August. Or, organize projects throughout the month that engage and mobilize youth in the process of helping communities.

Engaging our Youth

YOUTH PROJECT IDEAS

1. Organize a youth forum or town hall meeting to highlight topics that youth have identified as critical community issues.
2. Offer a back-to-school health or community fair in conjunction with a local school district. Work with local healthcare providers to offer free screenings at the health fair, including physical, dental and hearing exams, in addition to free immunizations.
3. Provide safety identification for children and youth with serious chronic illnesses (medical bracelets or necklaces, etc.).
4. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
5. Supply Braille and large print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
6. Sponsor an activity day for individuals with developmental disabilities.
7. Prepare and send care packages to military personnel.
8. Remodel a children's center or school room: paint, repair and landscape.
9. Assemble and provide care packages for homeless shelters or other facilities.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Assist at camps serving children with special needs.
12. Refurbish used bicycles for children.
13. Organize a highway or park clean-up.
14. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
15. Donate supplies for orphanages, foster children or other children and youth in need.
16. Collect and donate supplies to a local school.
17. Tutor at an after school program.
18. Paint a playground.
19. Volunteer at a senior citizen's home.
20. Clean and repair a community center.



Youth Exchange & Youth Camp
Lion Faye Smith
MD 18 Youth Exchange Chair
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Lions Quest

Evaluation Tools

Evaluation is a critical component of any education program. Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to assisting schools with program evaluation tools so that teachers and administrators can provide the most effective Lions Quest implementation possible. The **Skills for Growing**, **Skills for Adolescence** and **Skills for Action** curriculum kits contain tests for each unit so that knowledge from individual lesson plans can be tested. If a more comprehensive pre- and post-test is needed, there are a number of evaluation tools below which have been used with minor modifications in a variety of settings. For more information or assistance, please contact jayne.westerlund@lionsclubs.org, 630-468-6818. If you are interested in obtaining results from specific **Evaluation Studies** please visit the [Results](#) section of this site.

Character Education Partnership

CEP provides links to a variety of tools for individual, teacher and school assessment. Two publications are also available outlining key components of effective character education and program evaluation.

Search Institute: Starting Out Right - Developmental Assets for Children

The Search Institute has identified 40 Assets as building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. These assets can be used to evaluate programs that promote healthy communities and youth.

Following is a list of the Evaluation Tool sections below. Click on an item to go to that section.

Lions Quest Tools

- [Social & Emotional Learning and Character Education](#)
- [Drug Prevention](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [School Climate](#)
- [Parent Surveys](#)
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Additional Tools - Related Agencies and Organizations

- [Social & Emotional Learning and Character Education](#)
- [Social-Emotional Learning Assessment Measures for Middle School Youth \(pdf\)](#)
- [Drug Prevention](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [School Climate](#)
- [Parent Surveys](#)

FOR EVERY LEO WHO HAS EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A TEACHER: CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT TEACHER

- ☐ You understand instantaneously why a child behaves a certain way after meeting his / her parents.
- ☐ You are secretly addicted to hand sanitizer.
- ☐ You believe unspeakable evils will befall you if anyone says, "The children sure are mellow today."
- ☐ You believe coffee / caffeine should be available in intravenous form.



Connect with Us Online

- Facebook - facebook.com/leoclubs & facebook.com/lionsclubs
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SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs, YOUTH, and CHILDREN (and these will help adults as well) ***

Whether the goal is academic or leadership development, students acquire skills for life including: Critical thinking, reasoning, and problem solving, Communication, Teamwork, Civic responsibility, Public speaking, Vocational and computer skills, Scientific method, and Research and analysis. The distinction of service-learning is that it enhances the community through service, but it also has powerful learning consequences for the students providing a service. The students' social growth is interwoven with academic development. (Check back each month for the 411.)

LEO MD-18 Georgia Council Meeting Minutes:

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Council Officers Present- President Samantha Turner, Treasurer Stephan Rolle, Tail Twister James Brannon, acting Membership Director Chris Lozano (standing in for Victor Trejo), acting Secretary Elyse Rognstad (standing in for Gabby Harrell), acting Parliamentarian Hunter O'Brian (standing in for CJ Jackson). Aaron Rognstad- Seminole County LEO Club (18-C) 6 members present. Harley Hall- Colquitt County LEO Club (18-C) 2 members present. Chandler Sumner- Early County LEO Club (18-C) 4 members present. District Chairs present- Lion Reed Rognstad (18-C), Lion Steve Helwig (18-D & State LEO Chair)

_ State LEOs will form a committee for ways to increase State-wide membership and participation.

_ 5 Clubs in MD-18 applied for and received the LEO Club of Service Award: 18-C / Early County, Seminole County and Colquitt County.

_ Outstanding District Chair Award / Lion Reed Rognstad 18-C; Hank and Doy Barks Award for the Camp for the Blind / Colquitt County 18-C; Moultrie Lions / Colquitt County LEOs for funds donated and hours worked at the Camp.

_ The LEOs were addressed by International President Sid Scruggs along with International Director Haynes Townsend. President Scruggs said that he was excited to see LEOs involved and growing and told us about the history of the LEO program. He challenged the LEOs to get their parents involved with Lions and community service. He told how Lions were now looking to form more Omega LEO Clubs because it is more affordable to students than a Campus Lions Club. He thanked us for our hard work and presented everybody with his pin before he left.

_ Lion Bill Holley, President of the Georgia Council of the Blind and Lions VDG, spoke of developing a Leadership forum for young, blind people. The forum /conference would hopefully be held at the Camp for the Blind with the help of the LEOs acting as advisors for a 2012 or 2013 date.

_ Lion Steve said that the Colquitt County LEOs had won LEO Club of the Year for the Camp by winning the LEO Rodeo. He said he would ask the incoming LEO Council to form a committee and try to include a member from each district to make the plans, theme, location, expenses and coordinate with the host club (Colquitt County).

_ LEO President Samantha said the Council had voted that only clubs that paid their State dues could vote at the meetings. If a Lions Club sponsors a LEO Club it should know what is going on with that LEO Club and be sure they pay their State and International dues.

_ Lion Chris Sumner said that Lions International has changed the Alpha LEO colors to burgundy and platinum and Omega

colors were the burgundy and gold. LEO Aaron said the Council voted on a State logo that was the gold LEO emblem with MD-18 arched over the top. The casual uniform for Council Officers at State meetings is a burgundy polo shirt with the gold logo on the left chest and any LEO could buy one. The dress uniform for Council Officers only at banquets and formal meetings is khaki slacks, white button up shirt and a black suit blazer with the gold logo on the left chest. President Samantha asked for a motion and LEO Aaron motioned to keep the uniform and colors as we had already voted, and LEO James was the second. The motion passed.

_ Lion Steve talked about the \$2500 Lighthouse / LEO commitment and that Seminole LEOs had made contributions.

_ President Samantha Turner called the meeting back to order and turned it over to the Tail Twister, LEO James. He collected \$24 in fines toward the Lighthouse Capital Campaign.

_ Lions Council Chair Grace Clower installed the 2011/2012 Officer Installation including: President Johnelle Simpson, Vice President Stephan Rolle, Secretary Elyse Rognstad, Treasurer James Brannon, Reporter Aaron Rognstad, Membership Director Hunter O'Brian, Historian Samantha Turner and Chaplin Harley Hall. Absent were Tail Twister Kaneisha Williams and Parliamentarian CJ Jackson.

_ President Johnelle stated that his 2011-2012 goals and plans included getting better participation from clubs in all districts and finding a way to secure dues more efficiently.

_ A State wide-project would be held for LEO Awareness month in April 2012. Also, Lions want to have LEOs involved with the Global Leadership Team to help with technology. He talked about the LEO MMR and the need for all clubs to use it and report members. Georgia LEOs need to help Georgia Lions projects including the Camp for the Blind.

_ President Johnelle asked for a motion to change our website from Go-Daddy to the free Lions net site and to form a committee to help with set up and maintenance of the site. LEO Harley motioned and LEO Stephan made the second and the motion passed. LEO Aaron volunteered to be the Chair. President Johnelle asked if the State LEOs had a Facebook page. We talked about how to start it and if we needed special permission and security.

_ Continuing projects: Spotlight on Children, dropout, teen pregnancy, and childhood hunger.

_ 18-C's LEO CJ Jackson was featured in THE LIONS magazine as one of the LEOs of the Year.

_ Discussion was held concerning a MD-18 LEO Pin. President Johnelle asked Lion Chris to be Lion advisor for the pin design committee along with LEO Aaron and LEO James. A contest for the pin design was suggested. The committee will submit proposal by September 1, 2011.

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