

**We Serve****18-D****District  
Bulletin**

**District Governor**  
**Bill Holley**

### Greeting Lions Family 18D

I hope this message finds each of you and your family members in the best of health and spirit. I want you, the lions of 18D, to know that I am honored to serve as your District Governor and consider all of our members in 18D as part of the Governor's team. I choose the theme, "Leading by Example: Together We Serve," because of the inspiration I received from the club members in 18D. District Governors are only as good as the membership involved in the decision making process in the district. Without your participation our efforts to grow, develop, and sustain Lion's Club International as the number one service organization in the world will be difficult.

Therefore, our goals as presented to you will not be overwhelmingly different from what we as lions are accustomed. Our goals include the following:

#### 18-D DISTRICT GOALS:

1. The District should end the year with a net membership gain in each Club (preferably 10% or higher), growing membership by building stronger Clubs and increasing each Club's service to the community.
2. The District should charter at least one new Lion's Club and one new LEO Club.
3. The District should continue to work on developing and encouraging Lions to become leaders in their clubs and at district and state levels.
4. Each Zone should hold an Orientation Program.
5. Each Club should conduct at least two visible, publicized, community projects – these might include vision, hearing or health screenings; purchasing eyeglasses for those in need; joint projects with LEOs and other Lions Clubs.
6. Each Club should provide a monetary donation to each of the following: Georgia Lions Lighthouse, the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Learning Ally, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
7. Each Club should participate in White Cane & Send a Kid to Camp events.
8. Each Club should maintain a sound financial status, paying both LCI, State & District bills on time.
9. Each Club should strive to become more involved with Lions Youth Projects including sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest, the Lions International Essay Contest for visually impaired youth, LEO Club activities, Lions Quest, etc.
10. Each Club should work towards involving whole families in our projects – more hands to do the work and more time with our loved ones.
11. Each Club should submit their Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) on time, in accordance with LCI requirements, and send an ELECTRONIC copy to the District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary.
12. Each Club should hold elections in April 2013 and submit the Officer Election Report (PU101) to LCI and a copy to the District Governor and District Governor Elect no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
13. Each club will participate in a project to address literacy in their community by May 2013.

Over the years our clubs in District 18D have demonstrated the ability to attain these goals without hesitation. However, we can enhance our ability to serve by increasing our visibility and reporting our club information in a timely manner. If we are able to improve on these goals our membership will increase (including the recruitment of younger members), our retention of members will improve (more people involved in leadership position), and visible, stronger clubs getting credit for what lions do in our communities.

Leading by Example: Together We Serve  
William "Bill" Holley, District Governor 18D

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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

## **SEE YOUR CAMP IN ACTION!**

**WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 21 JULY 2012**

Activities start at 9:30 a.m.

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

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE TO**

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

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



# Planning Ahead

**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).**

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**CHANGE LOCATION OF 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting**

**First Baptist Church Dawsonville**

**14 July = District 18-D 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
to be held at 10 am, Saturday at the**

**Light breakfast food and coffee will be offered.**

**Location:**  
900 Hwy 9 North  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

**Directions:**  
From 400, go 53 West toward Dawsonville. Turn right at the second light onto Perimeter Rd. Turn right onto Hwy 9 and the church will be on your right.



**9am Club Officer Training**

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

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



## Where in the World

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

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## International President Wayne A. Madden



## Lions Reading Action Program Launched



Did you know that 1 in 4 people of reading age are illiterate? This month, International President Wayne Madden is launching a global service campaign, the [Lions Reading Action Program](#) to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources. Throughout this year of service, clubs around the world are encouraged to organize projects that promote reading and education. To get started, review the list of potential partners to collaborate with and download the project planning guide

## LCIF Introduces New Club Banner Patches



As the world's leading service club organization, Lions have many significant accomplishments. Local and global initiatives to strengthen communities take place daily, many focused on sight, youth and response following a disaster. Now, Lions are helping eliminate measles, a disease that kills hundreds of children each day. LCIF is pleased to recognize generous clubs with a [newly designed banner patch](#). Clubs that donate an average of US\$50, US\$100 or US\$250 and above per member will receive a corresponding One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative patch. Membership is based as of January 1, 2012.

## Entries Sought for World of Service Awards and Rap Video

World of Service Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of Leo and Lion service in eight categories. One fun new category is the “Best Reading Action Program Rap Video.” So, Lions and/or Leos put your rhyming skills to the test and create your own rap music video on how to get children to read. Videos should be no longer than two minutes in length. Read the [nomination form](#) to find out how to enter.

## New Season of LQ

July 2012 launches a new season of LQ, Lions Quarterly video magazine. In this edition, watch as Lions journey to Honduras for a comprehensive sight mission; put children first by offering a free pre-school program in Virginia, USA; rebuild a fishing village following a devastating Tsunami in India; and learn how one club in Texas, USA is using social media to generate exposure of its club activities and engage volunteers. Also, look at how Lions are making an impact through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative and are celebrating 25 years of encouraging peace. Share LQ with your club members, project partners and community members. The video is available on [Lions News Network](#) (LNN), [YouTube](#) and to download from [iTunes](#).

## Leading for Life

A new Leo video, “[Leading for Life](#)”, debuted during the first-ever Leo Lion Summit in Busan, Korea. This inspiring video looks at the leadership, experience and opportunities available to young people through Leo clubs. Alpha and Omega Leo clubs provide youth volunteer opportunities, and are also a place to grow and have fun. “Leading for Life” illustrates the Leo spirit of serving others and the important partnership with Lions, leading to a path of lifelong service. [Download this video from iTunes free of charge.](#)

## Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY



### Our Vision:

In 1996, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new effort, Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library, to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee, USA. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes, she wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could insure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.



### Making A Difference:

Dolly's Imagination Library became so popular that in the year 2000 she announced that she would make the program available for replication to any community that was willing to partner with her to support it locally. Since the initial program launch in the United States, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has gone from just a few dozen books to nearly 40,000,000 books mailed to children in the United States, into Canada and across the proverbial pond into the United Kingdom! Currently over 1600 local communities provide the Imagination Library to almost 700,000 children each and every month. Already statistics and independent reports have shown Dolly Parton's Imagination Library drastically improves early childhood literacy for children enrolled in the program.

Further studies have shown improved scores during early literacy testing.

### Moving Forward:

There is simply no limit on how far we can take this program and to what ends of the earth, but it is an absolute impossibility without your help. If your community or a community that you are aware of doesn't yet offer this proven early childhood literacy program, then we challenge you to Get Involved! It's actually quite easy to bring the Imagination Library to life in your community and we have an onslaught of available resources to help you Start A Program including a personal trainer which we like to call "Regional Director"! So come on, you can do it, follow this link to get a simple checklist of what you need to do to Get Onboard Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Check out the web site and get started in your area:

<http://imaginationlibrary.com/>

## DICTIONARY PROJECT



A perfect idea of what the future can hold is what the "Dictionary Lady" can do ===== For the past seven years, Lion Shelia Hawthorne has been in charge of a project in which dictionaries are presented to every third grader in Barrow County.

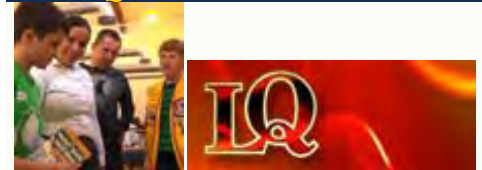
This is a most economic, efficient and rewarding project which promotes literacy not only for the student to which it is presented, but also to the families of the students. "I sincerely hope that Lions Clubs throughout the state are given the opportunity to learn about the project. I will be glad to share information and I am proud to

frequently be referred to as the "Dictionary Lady" in Barrow County." If you and your Lions Club wish to participate in this project, you can contact Lion Shelia at [omysheila@aol.com](mailto:omysheila@aol.com). I am available to speak for groups who may be interested in joining the Dictionary Project as a sponsor. Sponsors may be individuals, businesses, church or civic groups, student groups, etc. I may be reached at 770.962.0520.



## Lions Clubs International

### LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions in Arizona help parents see so kids can read.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Lions Clubs App](#)

Download our Android App to stay in touch with us.

#### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

### CONTESTS

#### [International Contest](#)

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

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

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

### EVENTS

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

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

I am amazed and proud of all that Lions Clubs International Foundation has accomplished this past year with your help. The clubs and projects that Judy and I had an opportunity to visit while I was Chairperson showed us just how much our Foundation gives hope and needed services to people around the world.

Through our commitment to help [eliminate measles](#), Lions and LCIF are responding to the challenge set forth by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise US\$10 million. By now, you should know the impact a single vaccine can have for a child - it can save the child's life and prevent serious complications that come with measles for just US\$1.

I thank our [generous donors](#) who have contributed to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. As the year ends, there is still work to be done to meet the Gates Foundation's challenge grant. In the upcoming Lion's year, I urge everyone to make a donation or hold a fundraiser for measles. We can help save 157 million children alongside our partners. What an accomplishment that will be!

Our other programs also have a significant impact around the world. As LCIF's flagship youth program, [Lions Quest](#) not only added new countries this year, teaching even more students positive life skills; it also gained new partnerships, like the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and tested new programs, like Out-of-School Time.

Our [SightFirst](#) program expanded its reach through SightFirst China Action III, now addressing issues like eliminating blinding trachoma and improving low vision services. LCIF also continues important sight saving work with partners like Bausch + Lomb, Johnson & Johnson and the World Health Organization. With these partners, we work to combat childhood blindness.

The Foundation's [disaster relief](#) efforts show that Lions not only respond to immediate emergencies, but are also there as long as it takes to help give disaster victims their lives back: a new nursing school was completed in Haiti two years after an earthquake; a new school was built in Louisiana, USA, seven years after a hurricane; and needed relief continues to be provided in places like Japan one year after an earthquake and tsunami, and in Thailand after severe flooding.

It has been an honor to serve as your Foundation's Chairperson, and as a Lion. I thank you all for your support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

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

## LCIF Blog

### [Measles Outbreaks in the News](#)

**June 14, 2012**

As measles remains in the news around the world, recent reports have focused on outbreaks of the disease. The following are links to articles on measles outbreaks.

#### [Aiming for a disease-free Olympics](#)

The Australian reports that the risk of an infectious outbreak at the Olympics is serious enough to prompt a special symposium at the recent European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases with a focus on the Games in London 2012.

#### [Africa: Gavi Boosts Global Response to Measles Outbreaks](#)

According to AllAfrica.com, the GAVI Alliance will provide up to an additional \$162 million to control and prevent outbreaks in developing countries to address the devastating resurgence of measles.

#### [Vaccine urged amid measles outbreak](#)

The Irish Examiner reports on the recent outbreak of measles in West Cork, Ireland. "Failure to vaccinate leaves children exposed to a serious and potentially fatal disease. But, just as importantly, it exposes other children, especially the most vulnerable babies under one year, to this devastating disease," says Dr. Kevin Kelleher, HSE assistant national director of health protection.

#### [Measles outbreak on Merseyside totals more than 300](#)

BBC News updates its May story on the measles outbreak in Merseyside. The UK outbreak is the largest since the MMR vaccine was introduced, and as a result, has triggered a record number of vaccinations in the area.

#### [Vaccination – Pakistan's Missing Shots](#)

Inter Press Service News Agency reports on the outbreak of measles in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Agency (FATA), which has killed at least 20 children and affected at least 2,345 children in the region.

View the Council on Foreign Relations' map to see where all recorded measles outbreaks are by clicking on "map" on the upper left-hand corner of the image below, then on "measles":



# The Lion's Note Editor's Note



## Fellow Lions:

Dues increase:

A resolution to increase International Dues to be phased in over two years was voted and approved by the membership at the International Convention. The Dues increase will be effective July 1, 2012. Dues will be billed as follows:

### MEMBERSHIP DUES.

(a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty dollars and fifty cents (US\$20.50) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each club member during the 2012-13 term, beginning July 1, 2012.

(b) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty-one dollars and fifty cents (US\$21.50) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each member during the 2013-14 term, beginning July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Year	Annual Membership Dues	Semi-Annual Membership Dues	Family/Student Membership Dues
2012-13	US\$41.00	US\$20.50	US\$10.25
2013-14	US\$43.00	US\$21.50	US\$10.75

(c) For family membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply:

(1) The first family member, Head of Household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues as provided in sub-section (a) or (b) above, depending on the term.

(2) Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in subsection (c)(1).

(d) For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a) or (b) above, depending on the term.

International Dues do not include District or State dues. Semi-annual dues are billed as follows:

July- December and January-June.

You may contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services for billing questions @ [membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org)

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## MyLCI - The New WMMR

Welcome and Congratulations Club Officer!

We would like to make you aware of some of the features of Lions Clubs International's Web site for reporting monthly membership and service activity reporting (MyLCI) which may assist you in your position as a club officer.

The MyLCI Web site provides the ability to keep track of Lions and Leo club officers, members and activities and submit monthly membership reports, generate service activity reports, club rosters and other reports.

\* Club presidents and secretaries are able to modify club member information, view club statements and generate reports. If you use MyLCI to submit your monthly reports, you do not need to send a paper copy to headquarters.

\* Treasurers are able to view member data, print reports, view club statements and make payments.

Access to MyLCI is password-protected. If you created your own user name and password for WMMR in 2011-2012 you will be able to use the same user name and password for MyLCI during your 2012-2013 officer term. If you haven't previously created a user name and password, just click the "New User? Click here to Register Now" link on the log on page and follow the onscreen prompts to select a user name and password. You will be asked questions to confirm your identity and you will be required to provide your member number and a unique e-mail address.

### Important links

\* To learn more about the password process and other features of MyLCI go to

<http://extranet.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew>.

\* To access MyLCI go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and click the "Submit Reports" link at the top of the page.

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## My Club, My Family,



When I took office at the international convention in Seattle last July I did not think that I could ever be more proud to be a Lion. I was mistaken. Over the past year all that you have accomplished to make our world a better place has inspired me and made me prouder than ever.

I would say that it borders on the miraculous!

- I have always believed that Lions can change the world but this year we did so literally. By planting more than 9.7 million trees we have changed the very face of and altered - for the better - the basic processes that sustain and renew all life on Earth.

A single tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide each year and produce enough oxygen to support two human beings. At maturity, the trees planted by Lions will be removing more than 20,000 tons of carbon dioxide and adding enough oxygen to the atmosphere to support almost 17 million people!

- We have succeeded in keeping more members within our organization and I believe that following the [My Club, My Family](#) guidelines has helped keep more of them engaged and enthusiastic about their service to others. I have met with more than 10,000 club presidents and seen countless clubs working hard for their communities but also having fun, creating friendships and strengthening the bonds among family members.

I think of Lions Clubs International as the world's biggest family and I hope that the spirit of family is a defining trait of our organization for years to come. Please do all you can to make it so.

- I began my year as international president by declaring what I believed. I believed in you and I believed that Lions working together with passion, persistence and creativity could achieve what others believed impossible. I leave the presidency feeling confident that "we" believe those things, both as individual Lions and as an organization. The successes of the past 12 months have **proved it**.

It is because of your hard work, perseverance and innovative thinking that we have made the 'impossible' possible, and I appreciate all of it. Thank you for all you have done and for the gifts you have given to all humanity. Let's keep up the spirit; we still have a few more weeks to work together.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the [international convention in Busan](#).

Wing-Kun Tam  
Past International President



### Tree Planting

Lions and Leos have so much to be proud of on [World Environment Day](#), an initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme. With more than [9.7 million trees planted worldwide](#) by Lions like you, we have certainly taken strides to improve the world.

[Trees are a vital part of our ecosystem](#), providing oxygen for us and homes for animals. Trees also prevent erosion and beautify our neighborhoods. I believe that when we plant trees, we make an investment in the future.

### Recruit Young Adults

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

- \*Gain fresh ideas for service projects and activities
- \*Increase hands to do more service
- \*Promote membership that better reflects the community
- \*Mirror current times
- \*Breathe life into your club
- \*Sustain your club

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

Check next page below:  
Tools for Recruiting  
Young Adults -

## President's Reading Action Program Ignites #WeServe Spirit



Throughout our organization's 95-year history, we've tackled many challenges. Now, our international president has a new challenge for our Lions clubs.

[Wayne A. Madden](#) and his wife, Linda, are former educators who know [the power of reading](#). They understand that education is the key to unlocking human potential and learning to read and write is the first crucial step. Nearly one billion people are illiterate – roughly 26 percent of the world's adult population. Lions can help through the [Reading Action Program](#) in many ways, from developing after school reading programs to working to promote Braille literacy.

Each Lions club that documents a reading or literacy project through the [online service activity reporting system](#) on our Web site will receive a specially designed "Reading Action Program" banner patch. District governors whose districts achieve at least 50 percent club participation in reading programs will receive a "Reading Action Program" award.

[In a World of Service](#), children receive a solid educational foundation to build upon a lifetime of learning and adults learn to read and write.

## Reading Action Program

As part of this year's "[A World of Service](#)" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service.

Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them.

The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community.

### Lions Can Make a Difference

Many clubs have already taken great strides to bridge the gaps in literacy and education. The following segment of the LQ - Lions Quarterly Video Magazine shows how Tucson Downtown Lions Club of Arizona, USA, introduces reading into one of its ongoing activities. The club promotes the [importance of parents and children reading together](#), while addressing the need for healthy vision. They donate books along with free eye exams for parents and their children.

Lions and Leos will be recognized for their accomplishments through the [World of Service Awards](#), including awards for Best Long-Term Reading Action Program and [Best Reading Action Program Rap Video](#).

We are excited to [partner with other organizations](#) that make reading and literacy a focus of their work, including:



### For More Information

Learn about the [importance of reading](#), explore [project ideas](#) and [possible partners](#), and download a variety of [resources](#) to plan your project.

**District Governor's/Vice District Governor's Official Club Visits**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Lions Club</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
<b>DG Bill Holley Club Visits</b>		
16 July Mon	Auburn-Carl	7:00
19 July Thurs	Athens Heritage	12:00
	Athens	6:30
23 July Mon	Jefferson	6:30
24 July Tues	Commerce	7:00
26 July Thurs	Winder	7:00
6Aug Mon	Athens Classic City	6:30
14 Aug Tues	Oconee	7:00
15 Aug Wed	Winder Noon	12:00
16 Aug Thurs	West Jackson	6:30
20 Aug Mon	Elberton	7:30
23 Aug Thurs	Comer	7:00
4Sep Tues	Winterville	7:00
6Sep Thurs	Colbert	7:00
	Athens Campus	TBA
<b>1stVDG Ed Hashbarger Club Visits</b>		
10 July Tues	Towns County	6:30
12 July Thurs	Union County	6:00
17 July Tues	Gainesville	12:00
19 July Thurs	Clayton	12:00
	Martin	7:30
23 July Mon	Hartwell	7:00
26 July Thurs	Toccoa	12:00
	Dahlonega	6:00
2Aug Thurs	Royston-Franklin Springs	12:00
	White County	7:00
6 Aug Mon	Dawsonville	7:00
7Aug Tues	Clarksville	7:00
20Aug Mon	Clermont-North Hall	7:30
21 Aug Tues	Forsyth County	7:00
17 Sep Mon	Carnesville	7:00
18 Sep Tues	Lavonia	7:00
<b>2ndVDG Pete Stamsen Club Visits</b>		
16 July Mon	Loganville	7:00
17 July Tues	Loganville Legacy	7:00
19 July Thurs	Buford	1:00
24 July Tues	Lawrenceville	7:00
6Aug Mon	Snellville	7:00
18Sep Tues	Norcross	7:00
	Atlanta India	TBA
	Dacula	TBA

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER **</b>
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- 1 May 2012**      **Club Excellence Award competition begins.**
- 14 July 2012**      **1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting, 10:00AM**  
**Officer Training, 9:00 AM, Dawsonville, GA**
- 21 July 2012      Camp for the Blind “Lions Day”, Waycross, GA
- 6 August 2012      Camp Kudzu Tour, Camp Barney, Cleveland, GA  
All tours begin at 10:30am - Please RSVP to Amber Medley at [amedley@campkudzu.org](mailto:amedley@campkudzu.org)  
or 404-250-1811
- 24-25 August 2012**      **Council of Governors’ Meeting, Augusta, GA**  
**GA Lions Lighthouse Meeting - TBA**
- September 2012*      *Send-A-Kid-To-Camp Month*
- 13-15 September 2012**      **USA/Canada Forum, Tampa, Florida**
- October 2012*      *Lions and LEO’s Membership Growth Month*
- 20 October 2012**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting, 10:00AM**  
**District 18-D Hall of Fame – 12 Noon - Watkinsville, GA**
- November 2012*      *Lions Diabetes Awareness Month*
- 9-10 November 2012**      **Council of Governors’ Meeting, Warner Robins, GA**
- January 2012*      *Glaucoma Awareness Month*
- 1-2 February 2013**      **Council of Governors Meeting, Warner Robins, GA**  
**GA Lions Lighthouse/Camp for the Blind Meeting ?**
- 15-16 February 2013**      **District 18-C Convention, TBA, GA (Jointly with District’s E & F)**
- 22-23 February 2013**      **District 18-B Convention, TBA, GA (Jointly with District F)**
- March 2013*      *Eye Donor Awareness Month / PDG Month*
- 1-2 March 2013**      **49<sup>th</sup> District 18-D Rally/Convention 10:00 AM, Athens, GA**  
**(Jointly with District F)**
- 8-9 March 2013**      **District 18-A Convention, TBA, GA (Jointly with District E)**
- April 2013*      *LEO Club Awareness Month/White Cane Month*
- 20 April 2013**      **Council of Governors’ Meeting, TBA**
- 28 April 2013**      **4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic,**  
**2pm -- Fairgrounds, Comer, GA**
- April 30, 2012**      **Club Excellence Award competition ends**
- May 2013*      *Recycle for Sight Month*
- 15 May 2013**      **Deadline for submission of PU-101 Report**  
**(newly elected club officers) to LCI with a copy to District Governor**
- 29-30 May 2013**      **Council of Governors’ Meeting, Augusta, GA**
- 31May - 2June 2013**      **MD-18 Convention, Augusta, GA**
- 5-9 July 2013**      **International Lions Convention, Hamburg, Germany**
- 19-21 September 2013**      **USA/Canada Forum, Overland Park, Kansas**

# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Go to this web site and sign up = [http://lionstraining.us/Lions\\_Training/Webinars/Webinars.html](http://lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/Webinars/Webinars.html)

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

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



Fellow Lions Leaders,

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

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

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We would like to make you aware of the latest resource available for Club Officer Training on submitting membership reports. As you may know the WMMR membership reporting is being revised. The new membership reporting system is called My LCI.

Recently several webinars were conducted to preview the new My LCI for club secretaries and club treasurers. While more than 2000 Lions participated, the PowerPoint slides, the webinar recording and the participant workbooks are available to download on this LCI webpage:

[Lions Learning Center - Webinar](#)

Other resources for Club Officer training are located on this page:

[Club Officer Orientation page](#)

As leaders of the GLT, please share this information with the zone chairpersons and club officers in your area, and, as always, do not hesitate to contact us should questions arise.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to promote quality leadership.

Sincerely,

Irene Papaurelis, Manager  
Leadership Administration Department  
Lions Clubs International

*PCC Grace Clower  
18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*



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## OFFICER TRAINING

### GLT UPDATE



The new Lions year is here, and new leadership is in place all over the world of Lions, from the International President to the local club Presidents. Club Officers will have the opportunity to attend training on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dawsonville, 900 Hwy. 9 North, Dawsonville, GA 30534. There will be training for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs. This will take place prior to the Cabinet Meeting. I hope all club officers will make an effort to attend.

Training was held for your Zone Chairs on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Athens. They are all eager to get to work and become involved with their clubs. The job of the Zone Chair, among many responsibilities, is to be the liaison between the District Governor Team and the local clubs. Please call your Zone Chair if you need help.

As soon as the schedule is set, we will be holding training for Certified Guiding Lions, Club Excellence Process, and Member Orientation. There is also training available on the Lions International website, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), and [www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us). For our clubs to be strong, we must have trained and knowledgeable leadership. I hope this is the year that you will step forward in some leadership role.

Thank you for your service!

*PCC Grace Clower  
18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

### Lions Clubs Member Resources

The Member Center gives you access to the resources you need to plan service activity projects, manage membership, lead your club or district and more. Learn about President Madden's theme, "[A World of Service](#)"



#### Highlights

#### [Download Resources](#)

Download the Lions clubs resources you need, including logos, publications, forms and Certificates of Insurance.

#### [Increase Membership](#)

Get tips to help you start a new club, invite new members and retain the members you already have.

#### [Plan Lions Projects](#)

Meet your community's needs by planning service activities focused on sight, youth, the environment and more.

#### [Develop Leadership Skills](#)

Discover training resources and leadership development opportunities, including online courses and webinars.

#### [Manage a Club](#)

Access the tools you need to promote club activities, manage club operations, create a club Web site and more.

#### [Connect with Lions Online](#)

Use our online tools to share your stories, photos and ideas — and network with other Lions around the world.

For your daily commute, while running errands, or on your summer road trip, you can find a great selection of automotive items at the Lions Shop!



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Lion Club Warehouse  
Duncan NE  
Gibsonville, Georgia

"When I was inducted into the Lions of Lubbock 12 years ago, broom sales were our major fund raiser. So this day, broom sales still remain one of our major fund raisers. Selling brooms provided many clubs for our projects and added to the opportunity to be seen and heard in the community."

Lion Club Mop  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

"The Lions of Spartanburg, South Carolina have been selling brooms to the public for over 20 years. Being that the Broom Project has been a major fund raiser year after year with every major customer."

Dr. Eugene Reiser  
PO Box 2008, Newark, NJ  
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**PRICES ARE EFFECTIVE ON ALL ORDERS SHIPPED IN 2011**

Case Quantity	Item #	Description	Case Pack	Case Price	Extended Price
	1002L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Household Broom w/Velvet Finish	12	\$81.00	\$
	1003L-BC	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom w/Hanger Cap	12	\$64.80	\$
	1003L	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom	12	\$63.60	\$
	6107L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Janitor Broom	12	\$99.00	\$
	1007L	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom	12	\$87.00	\$
	1007-LB	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom w/Band	12	\$88.20	\$
	6400L	Lions Clubs Large Angle Broom, Flagged Bristles	12	\$68.40	\$
	2104-6	Kleenette 100% Corn Kitchen Broom	6	\$41.10	\$
	6402	MaxiSoft™ Plastic Broom (Assorted Bristle Colors)	12	\$66.00	\$
	6202-6	100% Corn Toy Broom	6	\$14.70	\$
	96208L	Lions Clubs Lobby Dust Pan (Use w/#6208L or #6202-6)	6	\$44.40	\$
	3007	100% Corn Whisk Broom	12	\$30.00	\$
	6506L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Industrial Deck Mop	6	\$33.00	\$
	6502L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Household Deck Mop	6	\$17.10	\$
	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
	96470	MaxiPlus® Microfiber Duster w/Extension Handle	12	\$63.00	\$
	94217-6	MaxiTwist® Microfiber Self-Wringing Mop	6	\$44.10	\$
	96318	18" Heavy Duty Sweep, Unflagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96324	24" Heavy Duty Sweep, Unflagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$
	96418	18" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96424	24" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$
	97060	60" BamWood™ Handle w/Metal Threaded Tip (Use w/Sweeps)	12	\$36.00	\$

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# 100 SIMPLE SERVICE IDEAS

## Youth

- Organize a community event to promote activities like safe cycling
- Collect and donate clothes for a home for boys or girls
- Paint a playground involving local youth
- Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for the young people in your community
- Donate books to a school library
- Host a dance or youth social at a community center
- Organize a clothing drive to provide young people with formal gowns and suits for school dances
- Host an alcohol/drug awareness seminar in the community
- Host a game night for local youth to promote healthy social events that don't involve drugs or alcohol
- Donate computers to a school or library
- Tutor at an after school program
- Volunteer with youth at a senior center or local food pantry
- Organize a job fair to help young people identify their career goals
- Plant a garden at a school
- Host a speech contest in your community
- Organize a college visit day
- Provide a diversity awareness training to educate youth on global culture
- Implement a reading program at a school or library
- Organize a health fair or seminar at a local school
- Schedule a visit to a local fire or police station
- Organize a ceremony to recognize outstanding youth in your community
- Mentor a youth
- Host a seminar on social media safety
- Clean-up a local park or school and include youth
- Volunteer with local youth at a special needs camp

## Health/Nutrition

- Volunteer at a clinic or hospital
- Make/donate hygiene kits to homeless shelters
- Invite healthcare professionals to a community-wide event to demonstrate proper hand washing
- Donate blood at a medical clinic/hospital
- Plant a vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food
- Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need
- Collect/provide clean water to elderly members in community
- Create a cookbook of easy to make, nutritious recipes and distribute in the community
- Volunteer at a food bank/soup kitchen
- Collect food to replenish a local food pantry
- Prepare sandwiches for homeless/street children
- Arrange transportation services to a doctor appointment or grocery shopping for persons who are blind/visually impaired
- Collect items to include in care packages and send to military personnel
- Host a seminar on nutrition in your community
- Host a fitness day
- Donate nutritious snacks to an after school program
- Host CPR training at a local community center
- Work with local health professionals to provide free vision, hearing and diabetes screenings
- Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for local community
- Work with local medical personnel to administer free HIV tests
- Cook or deliver meals to needy residents
- Help provide immunizations
- Assist medical professionals
- Provide dental/medical check-ups
- Host a community walk

## Children

- Make hygiene kits for children at an orphanage
- Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations
- Make baby supply kits for newborns in need
- Read to a child
- Collect/donate coats for needy children
- Donate toys to a local children's hospital
- Host an arts and crafts day at a local center or church
- Organize a beep baseball tournament
- Have a play day at an orphanage
- Assemble school supplies
- Host a music day at a local center or church
- Repair furniture at a school
- Provide snacks for children in childcare facilities
- Volunteer at a camp serving children with special needs
- Have children make cards and write letters for military personnel
- Provide ID bracelets to children
- Donate backpacks to school children
- Host a fishing derby for blind/visually impaired children
- Donate shoes to an orphanage
- Work with children ages 3-5 to prepare for kindergarten
- Build a wheelchair access ramp for disabled children
- Donate a Braille machine to a school or library for the visually impaired
- Donate books to a school
- Repaint/repair a playground
- Host a community sports day for children

## Environment

- Raise awareness about eco-friendly lifestyle choices
- Plant a tree
- Organize a community-wide bike to work/school day
- Collect recyclables in the community and take them to a recycling center
- Plant a flower garden at a senior home
- Clean up a park
- Clean the yard of elderly residents in the community
- Volunteer at a recycling center
- Clean a community center
- Organize a carpooling campaign
- Recycle books
- Construct bird feeders for a senior home or school
- Clean a highway
- Donate recycled paper goods to a food pantry or soup kitchen
- Install energy efficient light bulbs at a school or community center
- Recycle items such as phones, computers and printer cartridges
- Clean up a local body of water
- Host an environmental seminar in your community
- Clean up a vacant lot or parking lot in your community
- Host a beach clean-up
- Create compost in your own backyard by mixing food scraps and leaves with the soil and letting them decompose
- Recycle plastic shopping bags
- Raise awareness about harmful substances in homes and the community
- Organize a project to protect endangered animals or plants
- Organize a nature walk

More ideas to follow next month – if you have an idea – please let me know.



**Georgia Connector Magazine** is Georgia's premier regional quarterly magazine celebrating the people and communities of Region 5, counties east of Atlanta. This free publication will be available December 1, March 1, June 1 and September 1. Don't miss a single issue!

## LIONS

For the over eleven-hundred Lions' Club members in District 18-D, humanitarian needs top the chart.

There are tsunamis, earthquakes, tornadoes and flooding worldwide, all which require the extra helping hand of a Lions' Club member, but it's the hometown hardships which motivate this membership.

"The majority of funds raised does stay in the individual communities," states District Governor Ed Hashbarger. "From community work and service projects to providing health screenings, the Lions invest in the message of improving the quality of life for all. Its major campaign deals with sight programs."

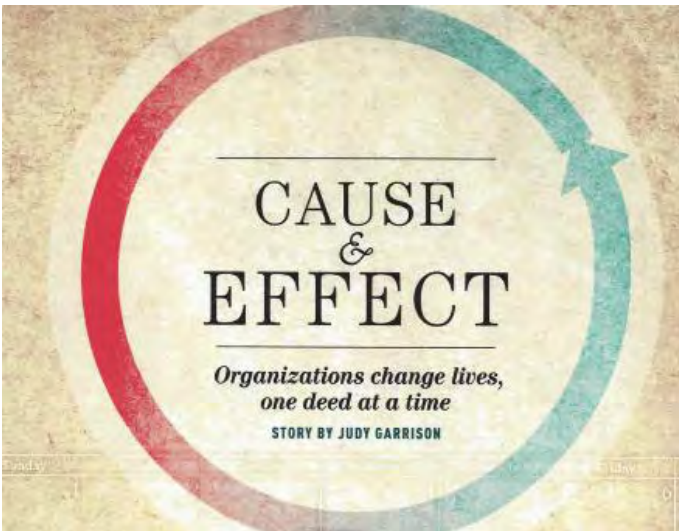
"We provide eyeglasses in our communities for individuals who cannot afford them," continues Hashbarger.

Since 1977, the Commerce Lions Club has "bought eyeglasses for 676 persons in Commerce," states William Ives, secretary.

The Lions' newest club serves the communities of Loganville, Grayson, Walnut Grove and Between - the Loganville Legacy Lions. It concentrates its efforts to support the organization's blind cause in addition to the local Special Olympics and food banks. Ninety percent of all funds raised remains within these four communities helping the residents most in need, especially the youngest and oldest.

"We raise funds with an annual golf tournament, raffles and 'bucket brigades,'" states president Chuck Lynch.

As a parent organization, Lions International promotes early consciousness of caring and service. Student volunteer organizations for high school students (LEO) and university students provide a foundation which many find will be a lifelong dedication.



# CLUB REPORTS



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



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

**Buford Lions Club = Picture speaks for itself.**



**Clermont North Hall Lions Club =** At our first meeting this month we received a report from the State Convention from PDG Dr. David Sargent. He informed us of various reports given and actions taken. At our second meeting we were honored to have DG Ed Hashbarger install our officers for the new Lions year. DG Ed charged our officers with the responsibilities of their office and the importance of their performance. Our Board and new officers worked during the month planning for the new Lions year and the possibilities it holds for our club. Volunteer Hours 288

We serve!

**Dawsonville Lions Club =** The Dawsonville Lions Club extends an invitation to all Lions in District 18-D to participate in our 17th Annual John Gardner Memorial Lions Charity Golf Tournament. This year it is on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at Chestatee Golf Club. For information and a registration form go to our web page at [dawsonvillelions.org](http://dawsonvillelions.org).

**Dacula Lions Club** = The Dacula Lions Club kicked off its participation in the Adopt-A-Road program on May 12, by taking ownership of a one-mile stretch of Fence Road, from Dacula Elementary School down to Alcovy Ridge Subdivision.

Lion Jennifer Khaleel, President of the Dacula Lions Club said, “This is a very important project for us, as it provides our club with a way to help in keeping our community looking great. And, of course, it falls under the mission of Lions Clubs all around the world – We Serve!”

The Dacula Lions Club will clean up Fence Road, on a quarterly basis. The remaining dates slated for the Dacula Lions Club participation for 2012 are July 14, September 8 and December 8.

Lion Linda Moore was instrumental in setting plans into motion, for the club’s participation with the Gwinnett County Clean & Beautiful Program. Lion Moore said, “We had a great turnout for our very first day, and we’re proud to take part in this program.”

The Dacula Lions Club plans to expand its participation in keeping Dacula beautiful, by donating a tree to the city’s brand new park, in downtown Dacula. The tree will be officially presented to Mayor Wilbanks, immediately after the park is opened on May 28. In addition, the Dacula Lions Club will have an information table available at the Dacula Festival.

To learn more about the Dacula Lions Club and how you may get involved, please visit [www.daculalions.org](http://www.daculalions.org)

**Jefferson Lions Club** = Committee Reports: **Road Cleanup:** Jefferson and the county. Eyeglass Collection Committee - No Report Calendar – Sunshine Report - MEETINGS: 11 June - Rob Alexander will give a Judicial update for the program. Sickness, Distress and Praise Lion Jack Rushton’s wife, Sarah, passed away. Lion Ronnie Moore’s father also passed. Lion Larry Briggs and Teddie Lohmeier need our prayers. Lion Herman Buffington is back home and doing well. Minutes from the May 28, 2012 meeting were approved. Program Lion Joe Dorough introduced State Court Judge Rob Alexander. Judge Alexander gave a very informative talk on the justice system in Georgia explaining the responsibilities of the various courts in our state. Committee Reports Eyeglass Collection – Lion Jerry Legg reported that he has collected 37 eyeglasses, 2 pairs of sunglasses, 40 cell phones and 29 chargers. Calendar – Lion Jim Smith reminded everyone that all monies need to be turned in now.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We organized a successful Baseball fundraiser for the Gwinnett County Lions Clubs generating \$666.00 total for Camp For The Blind. Our club generated \$360.00. We donated \$100.00 to the Gwinnett Coalition to purchase school supplies. We collected 279 used eyeglasses, 11 lenses and 67 cell phones. We had 2 members attend the Georgia State Convention in Savannah. We had PCC Grace Clower do the installation of New Officers for 2012-2013. We had 2 members attend the Loganville Lions Installation dinner with 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Pete Stamsen doing the installation. We are working on our plans for an October fundraiser. We had 2 members attend the Dacula Lions Club and 1 member attend the Buford Lions Club. We had 345 volunteer hours. We presented Lion Dan Brimmer with the Lion of the Year Award.

**Loganville Legacy Lions Club = Preliminary Matters:** Lion John Morgan presented a picture book about Leo's good will tour during the past month. Chuck recognized Lion Ivy and announced our plans for a joint Ivy/Lion's Christmas party December 12<sup>th</sup>. Vance and Fern introduced themselves, Vance was president of his club in Texas and Fern was sec/treasurer and led efforts for organ banks, eye glass processing. Review of Board Meeting Decisions by Pres. Lynch: We will be making a donation to the Georgia Light House in the amount of \$1200. Wayne was recognized for his efforts for bucket brigade There will be one more in May this Saturday, volunteers encouraged. **Membership:** Per Pres Lynch - club has membership of approx 91 but 8 likely in next 30 days. Chuck Announced Lion Jimmy Malcom has been added to the club board. **Old Business:** Gwinnett Braves game, Sat. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we're selling tickets per Ann Special Olympics, Janice Tribble will be sending email re Special Olympics events. **Other Club Organization:** Per Pres. Lynch, we will operate on a calendar year basis for our dues billing, while LCI operates on fiscal year basis. LCI's 2013 year starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Golf Tournament:** Per Lion Moore, our tournament will be October 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Looking for another course for better deal if possible Sponsor books, wants members to start selling soon, will sell color for every page as well as black and white, \$200 for full page, \$100 half, \$50 for qtr. Is planning for 64 pages, if can't sell out in color will sell black and white for half price, wants ads for book two weeks before event. Suggests we offer opportunity for corporate challenges to generate interest. Goal is 120 golfers. Ideas for extra fund raising as part of tournament, a ball drop. Top 3 teams get significant money prizes. Raffles, "reverse raffle," Lion Mike Jones explained concept, Touchdown Club in Hart co, raised \$30k. **Fall Festival:** Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. **Coin Cards:** Will order supply for fund raising for "Leader Dog," Lion Wayne White has 50 cards coming. **Leo Presentation:** Lion John Morgan brought pictures of Leo "sightings" and presented Leo to Lion Christina Lynch. **Yellow Dot:** Mike found idea, bought 2k We're selling packages for \$20. **Membership Involvement:** Pres. Lynch asked for support for upcoming events - 1<sup>st</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, 40 people involved in planning. Groups most involved are American Legion and us. Needs volunteers for 8 hour window - At Fall Festival last year we had 23 members participate, at Special Olympics competition in March, we had 22. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade starts at 10:00a.m. need to get to assigned areas at 6:00. \$8,000 donated by city for security. Wear gold, bring family kids Per Lion Wayne, dunk tank can get for \$195, do we want to do it? Lion Mike will underwrite. We'll be at start off point and arrange participants, will also present throughout route. At Methodist Church plan is to have display area for recruiting, handing out material regarding Lionism. 2<sup>nd</sup> golf tournament, October 12th, 11:00 over by 5:00 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Fall Festival, need volunteers for two hour blocks. I wanted to send out July info early as many of you have summer activities to plan around. **Our meeting dates are July 10<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting at 6:30, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Lunch Meeting at 11:30AM &/or July 17<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting at 6:30PM.** We also have a need to volunteer Mon. – Thurs. from 11-1 for lunchtime help at the F.A.C.E.S. (Families of Autism/Asperger's Care, Educate, and Support), camp in Monroe at Faith Baptist Church. I will send out more info on all this as I get it. Wayne White was presented with Leo for June/July for all his efforts. Helen Thorsby turned "80!" Continue to keep the Gunter's in your thoughts, as Tom is still in critical condition. Kristen said she will update me and I'll send to you. ALSO, LLLC was presented with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in District 18D for membership growth, donations, and community service! THEN....Grace presented four LLLC members with the GOLDEN CHAAIN AWARD! Chuck Lynch, Mark Moore, Ben Johnson, and Kim Moore. **CONGRATULATIONS! Our club has done great things before we even hit our one year anniversary!!!** We hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> with family and friends. To all who were at the parade, thank you for coming out. I personally really had fun helping direct traffic, ( Mark did too!), talking to everyone, helping push an old mustang off the road, and then changing vests to ride in the Red Cross van for the end of the parade where my LLLC daughters and grandkids were, helping keep other kids off the road. I changed back to my LLLC vest to help them and took a few pictures to share. Wayne and Chuck did the PR tour, helping when needed, and we caught Christina riding in at the end of the parade on the back of a Loganville Lions Club motorcycle!!! But they don't have women in their club, how did she manage that one!!



**Norcross Lions Club =** The Norcross Lions Club plans to sell snow cones and water at the Norcross July 3rd fireworks. We plan to meet at the Norcross Train Station restaurant on the third Tuesday of the month as we try to build our membership. PDG John Rudert and Lion John Spencer helped at the Norcross Vision Clinic for 4 3/4 hours each. PDG worked in the grinding lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse for 34 3/4 hours this month.

**Toccoa Lions Club = Programs:** 26 April – Our Guest of honor and speaker today is Sharon Crosby with the Main Street Toccoa Program. The Main Street program began in 1990 to facilitate the revitalization of downtown Toccoa. The overall objective is to improve the viability and appearance of the downtown district and to stimulate long-term reinvestment through business recruitment and retention, all within the context of historic preservation... The program is responsible for many of the cultural activities in the downtown district such as Taste of Toccoa and the Harvest Festival.

10 May - The day's guests included speaker Ed Gambrell, Stephens County Hospital administrator, and Sherrie Beavers and Michelle Jamieson of Open Arms Clinic. Ed Gambrell, administrator for Stephens County Hospital, discussed three main topics: the expansion of the cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation facility, the building of a wound care center, and the acquisition of a hospitalist who would be a doctor on staff full time at the hospital.

**Vision Screen at White Cane Days and Break Dollar Goals:** I had set a goal of \$1,500.00 as a Goal and \$2,000.00 as the Stretch Goal. We made our Goal and our Stretch Goal! We want to thank everyone who worked the White Cane and Special Thanks go out to those who worked double, triple & Quad Shifts. We had a little problem getting coverage but we have some excellent Lions who really stepped up. The SCHS JROTC provided a lot of support on both Friday and Saturday. **Sight Conservation:** No report. **Membership:** M.C. Stowe, inducted new Lions Dale Graham and Jack Barnard into the club. Their sponsors are Bill Graham and Bryan Gordon, respectively. **Honors:** Congratulations were extended to Henry Fields for being awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Chamber of Commerce.



**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing:** Approved 2 applications for exams and glasses. *Glasses Collected:* Eye Glasses- 219 pairs, Lens- 29 sets, 40 singles lens, Shades – 52 pairs, Hearing aids- 4, Cell phones - 62 *Activities:* Lion Mildred read thank-you from Evan Ferral, the recipient of our annual senior scholarship. She also read a letter from the Lighthouse for the final pledge of \$500 for the Lighthouse Campaign, for a total of \$1,500 over 3 years. She also presented two patches received from Lion's International, including the 2011-2012 Growth Award patch. Discussed plans for fund raisers at the Union County Farmers Market and Georgia Mountain Fair. Farmer's Market – 5 Saturdays in June – 15 Lions and 1 friend worked a total of 140 hours selling hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community. *Programs:* 14 June - **Lion Mildred** recognized PDG Don Enzmann on his 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Don showed off his dancing skills with Mary Arnold. This was awards night for the Union County Lions Club.

- o Secretary Jim Wentworth presented perfect attendance pins to 24 members (3 members were absent).
- o Lion Mildred presented special recognition awards to Lions Michael Thompson, Marty Wood, Mary Arnold, Gray Williams, Jack Gross, Carl Buser, and Jim Wood, and to volunteer Carol Neil for their outstanding service to the club.
- o Lion Mildred also presented certificates of Appreciation to the 2011-12 club officers.
- o The highlight of the night was the presentation of the Lion of the Year to Mary Arnold.

Lions Gene and Louise Little reported on the Lion's Convention in Savannah.

- o The Club placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District Governors Contest and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the White Cane Contest.
- o The club also received the \$1000 award from the Lighthouse for total contributions of \$5820.21, and a Certificate of Appreciation from The Camp for the Blind.
- o Lion Gene received his 10<sup>th</sup> Order of the Golden Chain award.

28 June - President Mildred Thompson welcomed all and introduced our guests who included PCC Grace Clower, and 18-F DG June Phillips. Lion Lisa introduced PCC Grace Clower who conducted the ceremony for the Installation of Officers for the 2012-2013 Lion's Year. Rainbows were the theme of the ceremony with each officer representing a different color that all come together to make a beautiful rainbow. PCC Clower then had the honor of presenting outgoing President Mildred Thomson with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award for all her many years of dedicated service to Lionism. President Lisa Little then addressed the club. She acknowledged the important contributions that our more senior members have made to the club through the years and encouraged the club to continue to work together to make next year a success.

WORKING LIONS - 277 hours

NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS – 170 hours

Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS Articles:* 2 submitted.

**White County Lions Club** - Bill Mundy spoke about Lionism and some memorable times in which his club has helped those in need in his community. All in attendance were in agreement that there is a need in White County for the Lions Club. **Old & New Business:** New collection boxes for recycling eyeglasses have been placed at IGA, Ingles, and the library. Felicia continues to collect the eyeglasses from these businesses and from Dr. Dalton's and Dr. Robbins' offices and will be happy to give them to anyone traveling to the GA Lions Lighthouse. Felicia has more boxes to place in the community. We also have brooms to sell. The White County Farmer's Market said "no" when asked if we can sell our brooms there on Saturdays so we are still working on getting our fundraiser off the ground. We have club house brooms, wisk and toy brooms, push brooms and cotton mops. Felicia asked if the club would like to sponsor a fourth grader that wants to go to Camp Kudzu for the first time. She is insulin-dependent diabetic and her single father is unable to pay for the camp. All were in agreement to find out the cost so we can make a decision. **We agreed on a plan that we will put together a list of possible new members to recruit. Everyone please do their best to attend the next meeting and bring some names.**



**Winder Noon Lions Club = Future Programs/Events –**



**We're Waiting =  
have you ASKed?**

**Did you submit yours?**

E-mail = [edmclionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmclionh@bellsouth.net) or  
Go on-line = [www.edmclion.com/](http://www.edmclion.com/) or



**GA. Lions Lighthouse**  
**VP Lion John Rudert, PDG**  
[JRudert@comcast.net](mailto:JRudert@comcast.net)

Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**  
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

## Taste of Chamblee this fall!

As many of you know, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation moved its headquarters to Chamblee (an incorporated city in Atlanta) in 2011. Since then, we have sought ways to get plugged in with our community. This fall, we are partnering with the City of Chamblee and the Chamblee Business Association to host the 5th annual "Taste of Chamblee" outdoor festival!

This Chamblee tradition gives local restaurants the opportunity to offer the finest samplings of their menus to a crowd that sometimes reaches 10,000 residents from Chamblee. Attendees also enjoy live music, family-friendly activities, and an Art Walk row lined with local craftsmen. All proceeds benefit the Lighthouse Foundation.

Get involved!

Come out to the festival and spread the word. Attendance is free (although bring some money for food samples). Bring the family out and make a day of it.

Know anyone who runs a restaurant in the Chamblee area? Let them know about this great way to reach thousands of Atlanta residents. The more food, the better the festival will be.

Get your club to man a Lighthouse table at the festival.

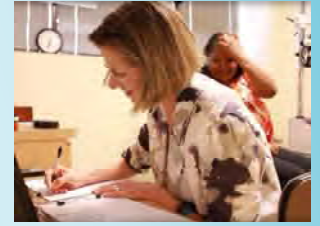
**Visit [tasteofchamblee.com](http://tasteofchamblee.com) for more details.**



2011 Taste of Chamblee photos

## HELP WANTED

This will be a festival that will require volunteers to man tables and help with other jobs. We have been asked to coordinate Lions volunteers for this event. Please mark your calendar for September 15<sup>th</sup> and volunteer to help the Lighthouse. More information will be coming! Thank you, in advance, for your help.



## Service Numbers

From July to December 2011

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

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

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

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

## Get involved!

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

<b>Monday</b> <b>16 July</b> <b>Dahlonega</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>24 July</b> <b>Athens</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14 August</b> <b>Athens</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>21 August</b> <b>Norcross</b>

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

## Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

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

## The Lighthouse runs on volunteers!



Everybody at the Lighthouse knows Connie and Susan. These Marietta Lions are hardworking regulars who have helped with everything from Eyeglass Recycling to helping in the optical lab to stuffing envelopes for Night of Spectacles.

Gillian, an optical industry veteran, has helped with the vision clinic and has utilized her contacts to secure donations for the optical lab. ReSpecs has donated over 4,300 lenses and National Vision has donated 2,000 frames thanks to her advocacy.



The optical lab operates thanks to the steady stream of volunteers who help ship out sometimes hundreds of glasses each week. Lion John Rudert, a Lighthouse board member, comes in regularly to help.

## Volunteer as a Group

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

Times available for volunteer groups:  
Monday – Friday: 2:00 – 5:00  
Thursday: 9:00 – 5:00  
Saturday: Hours can be scheduled for 6 or more volunteers.

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

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

## NEWS

### [Dr. Mary Lynch wins the Healthcare Georgia Community Service Award](#)

Dr. Mary Lynch, MD received the Healthcare Georgia Foundation's 2012 Joseph D. Greene Community Service Award this May for her work providing vision care to the uninsured with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

### [Night of Spectacles Raises over \\$229,000 for Georgia's Uninsured!](#)

Over 500 attendees packed the event at the Buckhead Theatre. Grossing \$229,000+ for Georgia's uninsured, Night of Spectacles 2012 wowed guests with a juried runway show, silent auction, and doctor models from the Lighthouse's partner medical providers

[NOS featured on Better Mornings Atlanta!](#) Executive Director Christina Lennon and the staff went on Better Mornings Atlanta to promote the 5th Annual [Night of Spectacles](#) fundraiser!

[Lions across the state make an impact.](#) All over the state, Lions Clubs are supporting their Lighthouse! As the Lions participate in the annual [White Cane fundraiser](#) for the Lighthouse surgery program, we want to spotlight the clubs that are making an impact.

### [Eyeglass Recycling Program Celebrates it's 40th Anniversary!](#)

The Eyeglass Recycling Program celebrates it's 40th anniversary this year! Ken Massingale has spearheaded the program that has brought eyesight to people all over the world. Click here to read more.

### [Hearing Program Update: Every day this year, three people will have their hearing restored.](#)

The Hearing Program continues to meet the demand from many Georgians seeking help with their hearing loss needs. **Last year, Georgians in 134 counties received hearing aids.** On a monthly basis, we receive 200 requests

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*Help bring hearing loss education to your community!*

*Contact Sharifa at [SPeart@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:SPeart@lionslighthouse.org) for more information.*



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



My Fellow Lions,

## 2012 LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP “HURRAY FOR US”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summer Camp 2012 =

Young Adults- July 5-13  
Teenagers- July 15-25  
Lions Day- July 21

Take Care and God Bless!  
Doy Barks

LIONS' DAY LUNCH RESERVATION FORM  
JULY 21, 2012

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunch reservation(s) at \$10.00 per person for Lions Day at the Camp.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

We will have your lunch ticket(s) at the door. Checks should be made payable to the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind.

Please mail by July 16 to: Lion Doy Barks  
614 Todd Circle  
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Or if preferred Doy may be called at (478) 923-5649 (there is an answering machine on this line) or E-Mailed to [hankbarks@cox.net](mailto:hankbarks@cox.net) by July 18th.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO BE FAIR TO THE COOKS AND THE COMMITTEE SETTING UP!  
WE ARE PLANNING TO HONOR OUR VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

I AM A VETERAN OF THE U.S \_\_\_\_\_.





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

Dear Lions and Friends:

### The Road to Independence



There are plenty of challenges to face on the journey toward goals like a college education, marriage and family, and fulfilling work. Now try to imagine what that journey would look like if you literally could not see what was ahead of you.

Sheila Rousey is no stranger to the importance of being independent. She was born with congenital cataracts, which can often be corrected with surgery, but medicine in the late 50s was not what it is now and her operation was unsuccessful. By the age of twelve, she only had partial sight in one eye. Nevertheless, Sheila attended public school with her siblings, none of whom shared her visual impairment. "My parents made no special arrangements for me," Sheila recalls.

After graduating from high school, Sheila got married and began an unusual job—she worked for a casket company. Not planning to line caskets for the rest of her life, however, Sheila began to look for another job, but she encountered some resistance from people focusing on her visual impairment.

For Sheila, this was a roadblock, not a dead end, and she decided to change tactics. She enrolled at a local community college and continued her education at Clemson University. She emerged with a master's degree in special education. After graduation, she was invited to return to Clemson to work toward a doctorate as well. At the time, though, Sheila's limited mobility skills presented a problem because the classes were spread farther apart on campus. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I can't cross all these streets!' It's a very busy campus," she says, "It was my fear of something so simple as not being able to cross streets." So she turned the opportunity down.

Sheila's next decision was to become more mobile. She enrolled in the Accelerated Mobility Program (AMP) at Leader Dog, and the experience changed her life. "Before," she says, "I would go out when it was convenient for [my family] to go. I'd work around their schedules." With her new orientation and mobility skills, her travel options and opportunities expanded. "Now, I'll just say, 'I'm going to CVS,' and they'll say, 'I'll go with you,' and I'll say 'No, you don't need to.'"

Sheila's improved cane travel skills impacted more than her family. She teaches Braille to adults age 55 and older. Sometimes she holds meetings in a community setting to reach multiple people at once; other times, Sheila will visit her clients in their homes. Before AMP, Sheila only worked locally. Now, she has expanded her travel range and can work with many more people.



Leader Dog Grandt letting everyone know sometimes a dog just needs to be a dog!

The importance of teaching Braille goes further than simply providing people with a reading skill. "When you're visually impaired and elderly, your kids don't know what to do with you," Sheila says. Learning Braille is part of what enables her clients to maintain their independence. "It helps to keep them doing the things they've always done and to keep them out of a nursing care facility."

AMP was not the end of Sheila's journey to independent travel. During training, she knew she would be back someday for a guide dog. In February of this year, she returned to Leader Dog's campus to meet her new travel aid: a golden retriever named Grandt.

With Grandt at her side, the door to brand new experiences opened once again. Sheila had never been to a mall in her life before her instructor, Debbie, took her and Grandt to one for training. Debbie explained the shape of the mall, then she stepped back to let Sheila and Grandt explore on their own. Grandt safely guided Sheila through the entire shopping center and brought her back to the table where they had started in the food court. Sheila was delighted with Grandt's skills, saying "Every time he does something like that, I just love him a little bit more!"

Sheila couldn't wait to take Grandt home, and her family couldn't wait for them to get there. Her husband and daughter went to a pet store to prepare for Grandt's arrival, and her husband also built a relief area with pea gravel just like at Leader Dog. "I had to calm them down a little," Sheila laughs. Of her husband, she says, "He was a bit excited!"

Even while Sheila was still at Leader Dog for training, she was already making plans for her future with Grandt. She is a member of the Toccoa Lions Club and for the first time, she intends to take part in a week-long Lions camping trip. "In the past, I was scared to go," she says, "I didn't have that feeling of independence. Now that seems funny; why not just do it?"



Always wanting to be helpful, Grandt "supervises" Sheila as she hooks up the hose to clean her pool.

That feeling of independence is one she plans to share. Sheila wants to be an example to her clients by showing them that life doesn't have to be limited by vision loss, or anything else for that matter. "My clients are at an age where we're not young people, we're not old people," she says, "You can't think you don't have choices because you're a certain age. You do have choices. As long as you're willing, you always have the choice to be independent."

Toccoa Lion Sheila Rousey personally won "Outstanding Blind Person of the Year" awarded by the Georgia Lions State Convention. Sheila has been a tireless worker in helping people with disabilities through the Council for the Blind, Lions and other organizations. She is currently a Braille teacher and has been a special education teacher in the past.

Sheila holds a masters degree from Clemson and received her undergraduate degree from Brenau. Sheila attended Leader Dog School for the Blind in February this year returning on March 1st to Toccoa with Grandt a golden retriever. You may see here walking with her Leader Dog in downtown Toccoa on a daily basis. Sheila is married to Roger Rousey who is employed by Eaton Corporation and they have two children, Mallory Neal, a student at North Georgia State University in Dahlonega and Eli Rousey a student at North Georgia Technical College.



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**Cycling for Leader Dogs**  
A solo cross-country bicycle tour

**Trans-America Bicycle Tour June 16–August 4, 2012**

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



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



From the desk of State RFB&D  
Chair Lion Fred Smith  
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**Thank You to the Lions Clubs of Georgia**

When Chris arrived, our Los Angeles production staff (Sherry Weekes, Jesse Clemens and Bruce Feldman) gave him a choice between recording portions of two books: *Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation* by Barry A. J. Fisher, or the breezier *William Mulholland and the Rise of Los Angeles* by Catherine Mulholland. Chris said he was game to try a bit of both titles; his volunteer director Nicole Angileri remarked that he would indeed get a truer picture of the Learning Ally experience by reading books across the educational spectrum.

While I took him on a tour of the studio, Chris described an opportunity he's had to develop treasured friendships within Toronto's community of blind individuals – an experience that has helped him develop his fictional character. He was quietly insightful and very interested in Learning Ally's mission and technology. Our staff and volunteers alike found him to be kind, humble, and off to a great start as a volunteer, should his schedule ever permit!



"I am very impressed by the great work Learning Ally is doing, and the options you are providing for people who are blind or who have other differences," said Chris. To encourage others to try their hand at volunteering, he added "You will be doing something incredibly valuable for your community. Learning Ally should be supported." We are grateful to be on his radar, and glad that he'd like to come back again. Many thanks to Chris and the USA Network for supporting *Different Ways to Read Across America*.



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

### Putting the Pieces of Autism Together...



Robin knew an assistance dog would help her son Braden, challenged with autism. She contacted several organizations who expected her to do a great deal of fundraising before

receiving a dog.

"I had basically given up hope, then I learned that Canine Companions for Independence was training dogs for autistic children," says Robin.

In May 2007 Robin and Braden graduated from Team Training with Skilled Companion Camille, free of charge and free of fundraising. Since then, Camille has changed Braden's life.

"Braden is much more social, calmer in public, and is developing empathy," Robin continues. "Camille gives Braden acceptance and love, without expecting him to be like everyone else."

### "Caspin helps me help myself."



**Canine Companions Service Dog Caspin helps Wallis live independently.**

"He can retrieve my phone and other dropped items, pull my wheelchair and open doors for me," she continues.

Wallis has a condition known as dystonia, a disease that causes her muscles to spasm spontaneously. She was at the pharmacy when a "dystonic attack" came on and she could not move. Caspin helped her pay the cashier, get the bag from the cashier and gracefully exit the store.

Wallis wanted to learn more about a career in the assistance dog world, and is currently participating in an internship at Canine Companions headquarters in Santa Rosa, CA.



Lion Kathryn Higgins  
 Diabetes Awareness Chair  
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## Seniors



Living with diabetes, while it can be effectively managed, can be tough at times. Every day is a new hurdle with unique challenges that you must jump over. As you get older, jumping over those hurdles can become a bit more challenging, but it's not impossible. With age comes an increased risk for specific complications that require diligence and care to properly mitigate them.

In this section you will find a number of tips and specialized content to help with your later years so you can live a healthy life and see your grandchildren grow into beautiful and healthy men and women.

### Diabetes and Hearing Loss



Diabetes and hearing loss are two of America's most widespread health concerns.

### Health Insurance Options for People Age 65 and Above

Health Insurance Options for People Age 65 and Above



### Planning for a Healthy Life



Use our helpful tips on check-ups and vaccines, eating healthfully, and other issues that impact your future.

## Living Healthy with Diabetes

As people get older, their risk for type 2 diabetes increases.



## Who's on Your Health Care Team?



Work with your doctors to create the best treatment plan for you.

## Estate Planning

Learn how you can contribute to the American Diabetes Association through estate planning.



*For more information go to this web site:*

<http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/seniors/?loc=DropDownLWD-seniors>

## **Stay in Touch With Us**

Sign up for the latest news on diabetes research, food and fitness, and opportunities to support the American Diabetes Association.

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## Our Magazine

### Recipe of the Day



## Summer Food Special!

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

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

**MyLCI Scheduled to Launch for Leos August 2012**

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

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

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

**Notice of MD18 Leo Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the MD18 Leo Council will be held 8:00- 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp. All Georgia Leos are invited to come to the Camp and see the fruits of the labors from this year's MD18 Leo Gathering and Conference and interact with the campers! There will be a luncheon and program beginning at 12:15 - cost is \$10.00/person. If you are attending please e-mail Camp President-elect Doy Barks no later than 7/19 - she will send you a confirmation e-mail and you can pay when you arrive.

As stated in the Standard Multiple District Constitution approved at the 2010 Leo Conference/Gathering all MD18 Leo club Presidents of clubs in good standing as of the date of this meeting are a part of the MD18

***"Imagine Peace"*  
Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

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



***LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY  
CONTEST RULES***

*Dear Lions,*

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

Council and are encouraged to attend or send a delegated representative in their place (must be Leo from same club) to vote on any business properly brought before the Council.

For this special meeting we are encouraging Leo clubs from throughout Georgia to bring as many members as they can! You'll be AMAZED at the beauty of our Camp and the young people who get to experience one week a year like no other!

Note: The Lions of Georgia Council of Governors voted at their February 4, 2012 meeting to consider all Georgia Leo clubs in good standing for this meeting.

A Proposed Agenda for the MD18 Council Meeting will be sent shortly. All eligible parties should make plans to attend this meeting. Please advise MD18 Leo President-elect Rubi Acosta and MD18 Leo Club Program Chair Steve Helwig no later than July 15, 2012 if you are planning to attend and wish to address the Council.

I will not be able to attend (work) but will have a Lion (probably the DG who will be the Leo liaison to the Council this year) in attendance.

Please read President-elect Rubi's letter (attached). She has some GREAT ideas for MD18 Leo this year so make your plans now so you can hear them!

In Service,  
Stephen R. Helwig  
MD18 Leo Club Program Chair

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## Whatever It Takes!

June 16, 2012  
Dear Fellow LEO members in Georgia and MD18 Officers for 2012-13,

I am looking forward to- and even highly excited about- the new year for Multiple District 18 LEO. I hope that we achieve many diverse service projects, participation, and support for the Lions of Georgia. United, we can accomplish much more than just by ourselves or individual clubs. Attached is a graphic that outlines my Goals and Priorities for us. I sincerely hope that you will accept my challenge to embrace each of them in the upcoming year.

I propose that LEOs of Georgia show the Lions of Georgia and Lion Clubs International that we are willing to do "Whatever It Takes" to stretch our activities and projects to include the issues

we have adopted and work collectively with Lions on their initiatives as well.

I sincerely look forward to meeting with each of you at various LEO and Lions meetings throughout the year. Specific meeting dates have not been set, but I will advise as soon as possible. Our first meeting will be in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp for the Blind on July 21st, at 8:00 am. It will be brief as the primary focus of the event is to interact with campers at the Camp.

In service,  
President-Elect Rubi Acosta

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

*"Service-Learning makes academic content come alive as students apply their knowledge and skills to real-life situations. Students become engaged in their studies and see that they can make a difference. Taking an active role in addressing community needs fosters responsible citizenship and contributes to character development."*

### Lions Quest on the Web



Social and emotional learning just got more "social." Now you can follow [Lions Quest on G+](#), Google's social networking site. And check out our new [Timeline Facebook](#)

[Fan Page.](#)

### Community Partnership Grants

Community Partnership Grants can be used to bring Lions Quest to a new community, or to reactivate dormant programs. Grants are non-matching, up to \$10,000 and awarded to clubs on a rolling basis. To download the application: [http://lions-quest.org/pdfs/CommunityPartnership\\_GrantApp.pdf](http://lions-quest.org/pdfs/CommunityPartnership_GrantApp.pdf)

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**TO:**



*Have All Lions  
Received the  
Word?*

*Make A Copy of  
This Bulletin*

*So We Can All Be  
Heard.*

