



## GROW THE PRIDE



The time is here! It is going to be an amazing year here in District 18-I. The District Governor's team has been planning and preparing for a great start to the 2014-2015 Lions year. First, let me share my District Governor's goals with you.

- Have a net gain in membership for 2014-2015 year.
- Firmly establish one (1) new Lions Club and one (1) Campus Club.
- Work to help rebuild clubs with membership issues.
- 100% of ALL Clubs give to LCIF, Lighthouse, and Camp for the Blind and Leader Dogs for the Blind.  
(at least \$25 minimum to each)
- All clubs maintain a sound financial status and pay LCI and District bills on time.
- Submit Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) on time in accordance with Lions Club International requirements.
- 100% of club elections held in April 2015 and submission of PU101 to LCI and to DG and DGE no later than May 10, 2015.
- Develop new leaders for District 18-I
- Identify members to attend Leadership Institutes when Institutes are available
- Use Zone Chairs to communicate with Club Presidents on a regular basis
- Develop Training opportunities provided at the Club and District level for new member orientation.
- Develop Training opportunities for members who are Club Officers, Zone Chairs, and members who want to be Certified Guiding Lions.
- Develop open lines of communication from Clubs, Zone Chairs, GMT/GLT, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, VDG's and DG

However, one of the most important things is COMMUNITY!!

Please continue to strive to support your own communities.

Without our communities, there would be no Lions clubs.

We want to make you aware of a training opportunity that will be available on Saturday July 12, 2014. There will be a Zone Chair/Certified Guiding Lions training session at the Winder Lions Club House starting at 10:00am. If you have any leadership ideas or questions, please contact our District GLT Coordinator, Pete Stamsen at 770-995-9274 or by email at [pstamsen@bellsouth.net](mailto:pstamsen@bellsouth.net).

We have lots of things going on in our District as far as membership goes! We are helping to rebuild a couple of clubs that otherwise were on the verge of turning in their charters. These two clubs are getting new members and having new growth and are excited about how they can make this Lions year their best yet. We have already created one Branch Club at the Lighthouse and are in the process of creating two new Branch Clubs in the District; with hopes that down the road this year we can Charter those as brand new Lions clubs. Also, we have new areas to concentrate on two new Campus Clubs. So as you can see we are already busy with membership and the Lions year has just begun. If you have any membership ideas or questions, please contact our District GMT coordinator, Dick Smith at 706-354-1028 or by email at [volvo12@hotmail.com](mailto:volvo12@hotmail.com).

Please remember the 1st Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 26, 2014 – at Certus Bank, 1465 Old Swimming Pool Rd, Jefferson, GA 30549. The new Officer training sessions for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will begin at 9:00am and the Cabinet Meeting will begin promptly at 11:00am. We will also have a Silent Auction, with the proceeds going toward the Dacula Lions Club. They collected items for a Silent Auction several months ago. However, they were unable to pull it together due to a declining membership and some medical issues with club members. The District would like to help them get back on their feet. They have new officers and at least two new members that have joined in the last month. You are in for lots of fun and maybe even a few surprises!! You never know what our new Tail Twister may have in the works!

If you or your clubs need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of your District Governor's Team.  
Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Lion Vicki – DG

**1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2014, 11:00 AM**  
**Certus Bank – 1465 Old Swimming Pool Road**  
**Jefferson, GA**



Call to Order	DG Vicki Hubbard
Invocation	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Anne Mundy
Pledge of Allegiance	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Bob Norton
Welcome	Lions Mark and Gay Bradley
Recognition of Lions and guests	DG Vicki Hubbard
Call for Audit of District Financial Accounts	DG Vicki Hubbard
Installation of Cabinet officers	PID Dr. John Pearce
District Governors Comments	DG Vicki Hubbard
***International President's Theme	
USA/CANADA Forum	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Anne Mundy
Cabinet Secretary (Roll call)	Doreen Stallworth
Cabinet Treasurer :	Kathy Ivie
Budget Report, Discretionary Dues, Changing Checking Accounts	
Break	
Tail Twisting	Lion Bill Mundy
Global Leadership - GLT	Lion Pete Stamsen
Global Membership -GMT	PDG Dick Smith
Hall of Fame Nominations	PCC Olin Newby
Cabinet Advisor	PDG Ed Hashbarger
Benediction	PCC Grace Clower

**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.

The Jefferson Lions Club has extended their hospitality to host this meeting and plan to serve morning and afternoon refreshments. We plan to have our new District I Directories available for Club Presidents. Please bring your copy of this Agenda.

Let's make our 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting a huge success as we ***“Grow the Pride”***.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



*Lions Day 19 July 2014 –*

*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**

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

**25 October 2014 –**

**2nd Cabinet Meeting/Hall of Fame Rally –**

*18-1 District Hall of Fame and  
District Rally  
25 October*

Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming Hall of Fame and District Rally

Inform all of your members to mark their calendars 25 October meeting at:

Location – Watkinsville First United Methodist Church  
Grace Hall  
1331 New High Shouls Road  
Watkinsville, Georgia.

Training sessions to start at 9am

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 11:00 am =

Hall of Fame/Rally will start at 12 noon = who will become a Hall of Famer and guest speaker for the Rally?

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend.

Come one, **come all...**

Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis.

Check your email or mail box

All applications for Hall of Fame will still need to be sent to PDG Olin Newby no later than 10 September – subject to change.

## MEETING NOTICE

**TO: MD18 LEO Council and each LEO Club President in Georgia (MD18)**

The MD18 LEO Council will have a Working Session Meeting on July 19, 2014, at 9:00-10:00 am at the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. (formerly Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind) in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp.



GA. Lions Lighthouse  
 VP June Phillips, PDG  
[junelieu@aol.com](mailto:junelieu@aol.com)

**Check out the new Lighthouse Vide**

Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Chamblee Returns October 4, 2014**

*A Community Food and Music Festival*

(ATLANTA)- The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Chamblee food and music festival will return on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 12:00pm to 7:00pm in downtown Chamblee (Peachtree Rd. and Broad St.), for a festival of the senses. The event will highlight the diversity of Chamblee's growing community with local fare and entertainment. Event entry is FREE. Tickets for food and beverage will be sold for \$1 each, with samples ranging from 1-4 tickets.

Hosting the festival for the first time is the newly minted Chamblee Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds benefiting the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, a Chamblee-based nonprofit that serves uninsured Georgians across the state by providing access to the vision and hearing care needed for individuals to live healthy and productive lives.

The festival will highlight the diversity of Chamblee's local attractions: Favorite local restaurants will serve their most popular dishes at booths throughout the festival and local musical acts will perform all day on the main stage next to a Beer Garden featuring a craft selection from Red Hare Brewery. Other festivities will include an Art Walk featuring local artists, a bounce-house, interactive games, and face painting. An antique car show will display classic and modified cars for a cruise-in at 2:00p.m. Join us in celebrating all the city of Chamblee has to offer at the city's largest annual event! Support local artists, restaurants, and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation at an event the entire family can enjoy! Please visit [www.TasteofChamblee.com](http://www.TasteofChamblee.com) for more information. #TOC14



**Service Numbers**

**From July to Mar 2014**

**People having eye exams**  
 297 were from 18-I

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

**Eye surgeries were performed.**  
 99 were from 18-I

**Hearing aids through the dispensation**  
 482 were from 18-I

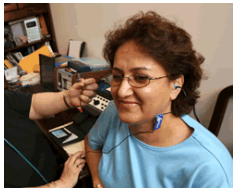
*Get involved!  
 Whether through charitable giving or volunteering, there are many ways to support your Lighthouse!*

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

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

**Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses**

18 -I District Chair:  
 Ken Massingale, PDG  
 E: [g\\_massin@yahoo.ie](mailto:g_massin@yahoo.ie)



## Mark your calendars! Upcoming Lighthouse Events

### Partnering for Success BBQ

#### Lighthouse Partnering with Communities in Schools: Back-to-School Farmhouse Event on August 2nd

On August 2, in Norcross (FarmHouse 17, 138 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Norcross, GA) The Lighthouse will partner with Communities in Schools and The Norcross Cluster Schools for a back-to-school community event and fundraiser.

Communities in Schools (CIS) is the nation's leading community-based organization helping kids succeed in school and prepare for life. We are partnering with two other nonprofit organizations, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and Norcross Cluster Schools, to host a BBQ school success event that will help raise awareness and money. The Lighthouse Foundation provides free eye exams and glasses for needy kids, and Norcross Student Cluster supplies at-risk students with school-related necessities.

The Lighthouse has been tasked with securing items for the silent auction, which we will receive a portion of proceeds from. If you have something to donate or would like more information on the event, contact Kembra Landry, klandry@lionslighthouse.org or call 404.325-3630 Join us for a day of awareness



The event will feature a silent auction that includes two round-trip tickets from Southwest Air Lines and many other items.

Date: August 2 Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Farmhouse 17, 138 Holcomb Bridge,  
Norcross, GA 30071

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
TO  
GEORGIA LIONS  
LIGHTHOUSE  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

**TERM 2014-2015**  
 **NEW**  
 **REAPPOINTED**  
 (Please print)

**Club Name:**

**Member Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**R:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to:  
Georgia Lions Lighthouse  
Foundation, Inc.  
5582 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341*

The Lighthouse was the dream of a blind man, Atlanta Lion Tom Bingham. In 1949, Atlanta Lions, led by Bingham, along with Moultrie and Albany Lions, each contributed \$1,000, and the Lighthouse was born. Now, more than 300 Lions Clubs provide financial and volunteer support for the Lighthouse.



- **March 1949:** Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., was established, with Tom Bingham as the first Executive Director.
- **Oct. 11, 1950.** The first Lighthouse patient to have surgery was Max Parker of Moultrie Georgia, in 1949. He was 4 yrs old. He still lives in Moultrie.
- **June 10, 1956:** The name changed from “Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.” to the “Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Inc”.
- **July 25, 1961:** The name changed once more to “Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.”.
- **1963:** The Lions of GA established an endowment with an initial bequest of \$75,000.
- **2005:** The Lighthouse helps over 100 victims of Hurricane Katrina receive eye exams and glasses.
- **2006:** The Lighthouse has one mobile eye clinic, and we become the official charity of the Angels Over Atlanta Air Show.
- **2007:** A new hearing aid program begins, allowing the Lighthouse to distribute new digital hearing aids rather than refurbished analog aids. In two years, the number of hearing aids provided per year jumped from 730 to 1,624.
- **2007:** The Lighthouse grows from one eye clinic to seven.
- **2008:** Seven more eye clinics open, bringing the total to 14.
- **2011:** The Lighthouse moves into a new building, the result of a successful \$2.75 million capital campaign. The campaign funds allow the Lighthouse to open a new on-site clinic and optical lab, which enables the Lighthouse to produce their own glasses and lower costs.
- **2012:** The Lighthouse mobile vision clinic now partners with 23 free clinics throughout the state.



**Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Olin Newby, PDG**  
[newby@wildblue.net](mailto:newby@wildblue.net)



**Lions of Georgia, 2014 Summer Schedule**

Session 1 June 16-20 Kids Camp ages 4-12  
 Session 2 June 22-29 Older Adults 32 and up

Session 3 July 6-13 Young Adults ages 18-31  
 Session 4 July 16-25 Teenagers ages 13-17

Camp President Scott Eisenhart has asked that we notify all Lions that there will be a Camp Board Meeting held on July 19<sup>th</sup> (in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp) in the Administration Building at approximately 4:00 PM. (Time subject to change).

FYI, both the Baymont Inn and Suites (912 283-3800) and the Holiday Inn Express (912 548-0720) in Waycross have offered special discounted room rates for the weekend. Be sure to state that you are with the Georgia Lions Camp, when making your reservations, to receive the special rate.

Also, please find attached a *Christmas Wish List* for the Camp!!  
 Your donations are very much appreciated!

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| White out correction tape  | Gatorade Powder/Mix            |
| Manila file folders  | Clorox Wipes                   |
| Heavy duty page protectors   | Shark Mop                      |
| Blue ink pens  | Gallon & Quart zip-locks       |
| Reams of copy paper  | Dust pans                      |
| Tape   | Paper plates                   |
| Color printer with ink   | Storage file boxes             |
| Letter Envelopes (sealable)  | Comfort mats kitchen           |
| 9x12 White envelopes (sealable)  | Kitchen knife sharpener        |
| Adding machine tape  | Life jackets (not orange ones) |
| Duct tape  | Wal-mart gift cards            |
| Masking Tape   | Lowe's gift cards              |
| Highlighters   | Amazon gift cards              |
| Mechanical pencils   | Big electric bug zappers       |
| 5160 mailing labels  | Pool noodles                   |
| Bug Spray with 40% Deet  | Rods & Reels                   |
| Bleach wipes   | Expo markers                   |
| Puff Paint   | Glue Dots                      |
| Super soaker water guns  | Wrapped candy & chocolate      |
| Ant poison   | Wasp Spray                     |
| Over the counter pain medicines (expiration must be after summer 2015) |                                |

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT  
 OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
 TO  
 GEORGIA LIONS CAMP  
 FOR THE BLIND, INC.**

**TERM 2014-2015**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NEW  
 \_\_\_\_\_ REAPPOINTED  
 (Please print)

**Club Name:**

**Member Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**R:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to:*  
**Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.**  
**5626 Laura Walker Road**  
**Waycross, GA 31503**

*Fellow Lions,*

Summer camp begins on June 16 and plans are well under way to have another great year. There are a few changes in the scheduling that were made by Director Kristen to try to help keep costs down. The staff has done an excellent job in keeping costs down and as of April 30, they are under budget. The 5 major areas of change for the Constitution and By Laws passed.

The Basket Silent Auction raised just under \$4000. I do not have the totals for the raffle nor the names of the winners. Winners for the Raffle tickets for this year were - We got winners from all 4 districts:

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|---|---|
| \$5,000 - Ronald Kirby from Mableton, Ga. - District 18-L | \$100 - Susan O'Neal from Bainbridge, Ga. - District 18-O |
| \$500 - Jimmy Polkery from Douglas, Ga. - District 18-N   | \$100 - John Morgan from Loganville, Ga. - District 18-I  |
|   | \$100 - Ken Austin from Jasper, Ga. - District 18-L       |

The total income from the raffle this year was \$22,472. Last year's income was \$25,109.

# YOUR CAMP NEEDS YOU!

The Camp for the Blind is organizing a new fundraiser to be held at the Camp in Waycross on October 11, 2014. This will be an Arts & Crafts and Car Show and need your help. Listed below are the volunteer opportunities we are looking to fill.

## VENDER SERVICES

- Inviting Venders
- Reservations & Follow up
- On-Site Registration & Welcome

## MARKETING

- Taking Flyers to Travel Centers
- Postings to Facebook & Tweeter
- Taking Photos to post

## LOGISTICS

- Booth Space Marking
- Parking
- Trash/Clean Up



## LIONS **CARS n' CRAFTS** DAY

Cars and Arts & Crafts Show benefitting the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind (GLCFB)

**"KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING"**

5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, Georgia 31503

**OCTOBER 4, 2014, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



- ARTS AND CRAFTS BOOTHS
- ANTIQUE CARS & TRUCKS SHOW
- CLASSIC CARS & TRUCKS SHOW
- MOTORCYCLE RALLY & SHOW
- BOUNCE HOUSES FOR KIDS
- TASTE OF SOUL HOME COOKIN'
- FOOD VENDORS
- GREAT MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- 50/50 CASH SPLIT RAFFLE
- \$10,000.00 CASH RAFFLE
- HEALTH & VISION SCREENING
- AND MUCH MORE!

Lions **CARS n' CRAFTS** Day 10-4-14

### FEE SCHEDULE

- \$100.00 from the 1st 100 registered includes car entry and a chance to win \$10,000.00!
- \$35.00 / show car at gate or after September 1st;
- \$25.00 / show car pre-register by September 1st.
- 15% of gross for Food vendors with \$35.00 down.
- \$35.00 outdoors-\$50.00 indoors no electricity - \$100.00 indoors with electricity for Arts & Crafts vendors.
- \$5.00 spectator fee per vehicle at Entrance Gate. Everyone in one ride gets in for \$5.00!

**Save the Date!**  
**10-4**

For more information contact  
Event Organizer, Brenda Arnold  
229-921-2793 text or call.  
Email [brendagale69@gmail.com](mailto:brendagale69@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/lionscarsncrafts](http://www.facebook.com/lionscarsncrafts)



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Bill Graham - [blueberryfarm@windstream.net](mailto:blueberryfarm@windstream.net)



**Follow us on Twitter** – Follow our [Twitter feed](#) to keep updated on life at Leader Dog.  
**Find us on Facebook** – [Join us on Facebook](#) by searching "Leader Dogs for the Blind."  
**See us on Flickr** – Check out our recent [client and event photos](#).

**Connect with Leader Dog**     

### ***Leader Dogs and the Law***

“Misguided Views On Guide Dogs Plague the Blind,” reads the title of the article from a 1979 copy of the Memphis-Press Scimitar. The focus of the article is Mrs. Helen Hosse, who was learning to adjust to her life without sight with the help of her first Leader Dog, a slim German shepherd named Snoopy. Helen and Snoopy’s biggest hurdle: the public’s lack of awareness about access laws for guide dogs. “My main trouble is with these mall managers, store employees and security people telling me, ‘You just can’t bring your dog in here,’” Helen told the newspaper. “It’s more frustrating than embarrassing. I get the impression they are more ignorant than insensitive.”

Helen wasn’t the only early graduate of Leader Dog to run into misunderstandings about public access. Sonja Wagner has had seven Leader Dogs over the course of her life, and she was paired with her first in 1959, when Sonja was in her early 20s. Sonja had a system for whenever someone questioned her Leader Dog’s right to be with her in a public place. “Before anything else, I’d ask them to check their building code,” she says. “It said in there that guide dogs were allowed. Today, of course, it says ‘service dogs.’ But back then it was just guide dogs.”



Sonja Wagner (was Davis) in 1959 with LD Penny

Ilene Goldman-Sawyer received her first Leader Dog in 1960, when she was just 17 years old. She recalls an incident that happened not long after she went to university, when she and a friend tried to go to a restaurant across the street from campus. When they entered, the manager stopped them and told Ilene that she and her dog needed to leave. Ilene showed him a copy of the law, and the manager backed down. “After that, he was so nice and he always gave us free food, because he was nervous.”



1969 with LD Shasta

Not every encounter ended that way. Ilene describes a time that she and her sister went out to eat. “We sat down at a table, and then we waited and waited,” she says. “And they refused to serve us. I stood up for myself and told them it was the law.” As it happened, there was an attorney sitting at the next table, and he backed her up, even threatening to sue the restaurant. In the end, Ilene walked out. “I was so angry. I didn’t want to have anything to do with them anymore.”

Over time, public awareness of service dogs and their right to go almost anywhere with their handlers has improved. There are still people who protest at the sight of a dog in a restaurant, taxi cab or boutique, but now the fans usually outnumber the opponents. Ilene and her current Leader Dog, a German shepherd named Daggs, have no trouble traveling around her hometown. “Everybody loves him!” she exclaims. “I call him my gentle giant.” Sonja reports a similar situation when she is out and about with her latest Leader Dog, a young black Labrador named Lillian. “Everyone loves the dog. They don’t worry about you, it’s all about the dog. You play second fiddle to the dog!”



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I want to thank Leader Dogs for the Blind for all they taught me and the confidence that I was given from the Orientation & Mobility program. Next week I will be graduating from the Illinois Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. As of next week I will be a blind entrepreneur, which will allow me to operate my own vending, retail or cafeteria.



[For] most of my training I had to travel around Chicago by myself walking up and down streets and riding city buses and the subway system to get from place to place to fill vending machines or to go to retail stores and work. Because of the training that I received from Leader Dogs for the Blind, I was able to travel by myself with confidence that I could do it.

I just want Leader Dogs for the Blind to know that they have been a big part in helping me get back to the workforce and to know that I can do anything I want to do as long as I put my mind into it.

Please know that I plan to be back to Leader Dogs for the Blind after I have been placed into a facility somewhere and am ready to make the next step toward getting my own Leader Dog. Again thanks for everything.

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## Free Window-Eyes Available for Microsoft Office 2010 or Higher

GW Micro and Microsoft recently announced that they have collaborated on a global initiative, available in over 15 languages, to enable anyone using Microsoft Office 2010 or later to also use Window-Eyes for free.

Eligible customers, using Microsoft Office 2010 or higher, will be able to download a full version of Window-eyes at [www.WindowEyesForOffice.com](http://www.WindowEyesForOffice.com). The website provides download instructions as well as additional details about this offer.

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## About Us



Founded by three Detroit-area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a lifetime of independent travel, opening doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight.

Thanks to the generosity of our dedicated supporters, all programs are provided free to clients, including meals and housing during training, travel and equipment.

Leader Dog programs are crafted to address individual situations and adapt to our clients' changing needs at any point in their lives. From youth camp to orientation and mobility cane training through guide dog training and GPS technology integration, Leader Dog's programs give clients the confidence and skills they need to live independent lives.

Leader Dog is recognized as a "Best In America" Charity by the Independent Charities of America (ICA).



Dear Lions,

This past year has been an amazing one. As Chairperson of [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#), I had the honor of visiting some of your LCIF grant projects around the world. And, I saw that you are changing many lives. The world is a better place because of your efforts to make a difference. I would like to share with you some accomplishments in each of LCIF's service areas, written below.



Without you, there would be more children at risk for bullying in schools; more people would lose their vision due to diseases like trachoma; more children would die each year from measles; and there would be less support for people in need following disasters. Together, we can continue meeting needs around the world.

Thank you for [your support](#) of our Foundation.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

### **Providing Life Skills for Students**

LCIF's [Lions Quest](#) program has impacted more than 13 million students around the world through social and emotional learning. As a renowned program for positive life skills for youth, our partners are taking notice – NoVo Foundation recently [provided a US\\$300,000 grant](#) to support Lions Quest.



Lions Quest is also revising its printed curriculum. The resulting curriculum products will be more modern and relevant to issues facing today's youth, like bullying and career readiness. The revised program is scheduled to be ready in 2015.

### **Partnering to End Measles**

At last year's convention, LCIF [partnered with the GAVI Alliance](#) and committed to raising US\$30 million for measles vaccinations by our 100th anniversary in 2017. During the month of April, Lions had some exciting measles activities.



World Immunization Week this year was a big success around the world. And in just April, [Lions raised US\\$1.3 million for measles vaccinations](#) with support from Abhey and Past District Governor and Board Appointee Aruna Oswal. Lions were on the ground in local communities, educating people about measles, supporting vaccination campaigns and spreading awareness.

### **Saving Sight and Preventing Blindness**

Lions and LCIF are committed to saving sight and preventing blindness where needed most. In China, blinding trachoma has affected eye health for many people. Through [LCIF SightFirst grants](#), our Foundation is supporting the effort towards elimination of trachoma as a public health concern by 2016.



The fight against trachoma and other eye diseases expands around the world. In May 2014, Lions Clubs International leadership and the Lions of Georgia (USA) joined former U.S. President and Lion Jimmy Carter in a signing ceremony to commemorate an [expansion of the Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Initiative](#) addressing the major causes of preventable blindness in Ethiopia, Uganda, Mali and Niger. This partnership also helped celebrate the [elimination of river blindness in Colombia](#) last year, a major milestone.

### **Meeting Humanitarian Needs Globally**

Numerous disaster relief grants have been awarded throughout the world to address flooding, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides and other natural disasters. One notable disaster was [Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines](#). LCIF quickly mobilized tents, water filtration units and millions in donations to support those affected. And, Lions remain on the ground assisting their communities by rebuilding homes.



In addition to disaster relief, LCIF provided many grants for Lions' projects to support local communities. Projects that provided needed hospital equipment, built centers for blind and disabled community members, purchased mobile health units, constructed schools for children in developing countries and more changed the lives of approximately 6.73 million people in the past year!

## Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) FAQs

### Q: Where does funding for LCIF projects come from?

A: The Foundation relies on contributions from Lions clubs and individual members to provide the millions of dollars of support for Lions projects throughout the world each year. LCIF does not receive support through annual club dues.

### Q: How many grants did LCIF award in 2012-2013?

A: LCIF awarded 489 grants in 2012-2013, totaling over US\$39 million, to Lions for a variety of projects ranging from disaster relief to youth development to eye-care services. Each year, millions of people around the world benefit from projects funded by LCIF grants. Grant examples include US\$9,900 to purchase computer equipment for a vocational training center in Paraguay and US\$75,000 to replace the pool at Camp Echoing Hills a special needs camp in the United States.

### Q: How do you apply for a grant from LCIF?

A: The foundation is designed to provide financial support for larger-scale Lions service projects initiated by groups of Lions clubs at the zone, region, or district level. All LCIF grant applications must have the appropriate endorsement by the area's leadership before the application is submitted. Each grant application is reviewed by the LCIF Board of Trustees. LCIF provides support in four areas of service: preserving sight, serving youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts. The deadlines for grant submissions are listed on the LCIF website.

### Q: What are examples of typical projects for which Lions submit grants applications?

A: Typical projects include equipment for mobile health units, expansion of blind and low vision schools, improving clinics, and vision screening equipment.

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## The \$1 Billion Reason to Vaccinate

A new study shows the rotavirus vaccine has saved 100,000 hospital visits and nearly \$1 billion in medical costs. When will anti-vaxxers wake up and smell the science?



**It is no fun to vomit for a week.**

Unfortunately, for some young patients who get infected with rotavirus—a viral illness that's [easily passed from child to child](#) and can be transmitted by contaminated toys or food—that's what they have to look forward to. Protracted vomiting is one of the [primary symptoms of the illness](#), along with diarrhea, abdominal pain, and fever.

For years, during peak seasons, I could rely on at least a few infected patients getting admitted to the hospital with

dehydration, sometimes for many days of IV fluids before they recovered.

Happily, it's been several years since the last time I had to take care of a patient hospitalized for a rotavirus infection, and the reason is simple—we have an effective vaccine against it. Having never seen a case of diphtheria, tetanus, or measles (though I fear it's [only a matter of time](#) with that last one), the drop in rotavirus rates within my own practice is my first chance to witness the impact of vaccination play out in real time during my career.

My experience is hardly unique. According to a new study published in the journal *Pediatrics* ([PDF](#)), vaccination against the virus has led to a 94 percent reduction in the rate of hospitalization for the illness. The authors estimate that [1.5 million health-care visits](#) have been avoided in the past eight years, for a savings of over \$900 million.

One look at those numbers is all it takes to realize how absurd the decision not to vaccinate is. Doctors who argue that parents should avoid the vaccine because [the illness probably won't kill you](#) are essentially saying that it's worth hundreds of millions of dollars to care for millions of miserable children whose sickness was otherwise preventable. Death isn't the only health-care outcome we try to prevent in medicine, and I have [little but contempt](#) for any medical provider who doesn't seem to understand that.

But the history of vaccination against rotavirus infection isn't merely the story of preventing illness. It also offers an illustration about vaccine safety in general. In the late 1990s a vaccine called RotaShield was licensed in the United States. Unfortunately, it was discovered that this vaccine increased the risk of intussusception, a rare but serious condition where one part of the intestine [telescopes into another section](#). The increased risk was estimated to cause an additional [one or two cases per 10,000 immunized infants](#). This small rise in cases was detected quickly and the vaccine was pulled after a little more than a year. (There may be a [very slight increased risk](#) with the newer rotavirus vaccines, on the order of one to five additional cases per 100,000 immunized children—a relative risk that is vastly outweighed by the benefits.)

Every time spurious claims about the dangers of vaccines are raised, it's always implied or asserted that medical providers and public health officials turn a blind eye to the harms they cause. This is demonstrably false. When the anti-vaccine movement claims that immunizations cause autism, they not only [ignore medical studies](#), they also ignore the history of vaccine safety surveillance in the United States.

Because of the rotavirus vaccine, millions of children have been spared a really lousy illness, and our country has saved hundreds of millions of health-care dollars. This new study joins the growing body of evidence that shows how overwhelmingly beneficial vaccinations have been to our country and the world. In the case of rotavirus, it's a benefit I've been lucky enough to see with my own two eyes.

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# CLUB REPORTS



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

## Chinese American Lions Club = 2014 Chinese American Lions Club of Atlanta Annual Fundraising



**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = Clermont North Hall Lions Club is saddened to announce one of our charter members has passed away, Mancel Oliver. He was 76 years old and an activity member of the club until he got sick with cancer. He held several leadership roles in our club and was attended almost every meeting and helped with a lot of our community activity. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow Award recipient (Highest Honor). He has been a Lion since 1982 and has traveled to promote the Lions causes. We all are going to miss him a lot and pray for his good family as they deal with this death and our loss of a great friend and neighbor. The club has been at the Clermont Farmer Market Saturday morning in June cooking sausage and country ham biscuits with coffee along with selling our brooms and mops and collecting used glasses and cell phones. We did miss one Saturday when we worked with "Carry on Youth" (organization that helps young children where one or both of their parents have passed away cope with their loss). It was a fundraiser for them. We gave away popcorn and information on Lions Club activity. We had our induction of the slate of officers for 2014-2015 and were pleased to have DGE Vickie Hubbard to carry out the induction. She did a good job and told us what the duties of the office that we hold are. It was catered by Quillian's Grill and the food was great, Southern Sweets & Treats furnished the desserts as usual it was delicious. We had leftovers and we took them to the Good News at Noon (a place for homeless people to come and get a good meal and get help with their problems.) We have established a branch club in White County and inducted the five members in June meeting. We will be working with them to keep the club moving forward and help when we are needed and ask for help. The Clermont Days Cupcake Challenge 5K race organization committee is still in the planning stage of the event on September 20th at 8:00 start. The design for this year's T-shirt is being worked on and a route established. We have approved the application for eye sight services for three individuals and ask them to go to Lenscrafter at Columbia Mall in Gainesville. Fought like a lion, was put to the test, did his best, now he is at rest.

**Colbert and Comer Lions Club** = I wanted to let you know that the Colbert and Comer Cubs are sponsoring a Leo Club in Madison County. There is a committee in place and we have been working on this for a few weeks. I have requested a sponsor kit and we are going to be recruiting kids 14 to 18 years of age. It will be a community based club. Both clubs will pay the first year's dues and the Leos can raise the money for the next year's dues. I am also going to contact Gene Lyon of Oconee club to get a few pointers to help us.

**Commerce Lions Club** = Club collected 3 trash bags of plastic to recycle.

**Covington Lions Club** = At this writing, only 3 days until Summer, but it *feels* like it started 2 months ago! But that doesn't stop us--we are closing our fiscal year with great results and look forward to our new year with enthusiasm and determination! We surpassed our District 4 Initiatives, including Camp Kudzu, Learning Ally and the Eastern Chapter of the Georgia Council for the Blind. We awarded 6 scholarships to 3 Newton County High Schools and made several community donations.

Seven members attended the Georgia Lions State Convention. Our club received the Terry Calhoun Award for the most outstanding club secretary in the state, Lion Doreen Stallworth. Also, State Lion members voted to support the 2020 Atlanta International Convention (Club President, Richard Brown, and a representative with Atlanta Tourism had a booth at the Convention). This proposal goes before the LCI Board and voting set for Spring 2015. (Here is a picture of International President, Barry J. Palmer, speaking to us at the GA Lighthouse Session.)



Lions Earl and Doreen Stallworth attended the Chinese-American Lions Banquet on Saturday, June 14; the Decatur Lions Meeting on Tuesday, June 17; and 5 Lions and their family and friends (total 15) attended the Lions Gwinnett Braves Game Fundraiser on Saturday, June 21 – a \$45 check was mailed to the Camp for the Blind after the game. This was a fun time to meet and talk with other Lions.

Our 2014 – 2015 new club officers will take the helm on July 1<sup>st</sup> and already have plans in place, speakers lined up and committee assignments completed. The following pictures tell the story of our June 26 New Officer Installation / New Member Induction Ceremonies officiated by CC Olin Newby—what a special treat to have Lion Olin with us. Several Club awards will be presented as well.



2014 – 2015 New Officer Installation officiated by CC Olin Newby. At the helm will be Club President, Ed Johnson; 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Jeff Sheffield; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Joe Courchain; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Jerry Aldridge; Club Secretary, Missy Braden and Club Treasurer, Jimmy Williams. What a fun evening! And, as usual, CC Olin did a fantastic job!



Club Secretary, Doreen Stallworth, presented this year's **Lion of the Year** Award to incoming Club Secretary, Missy Braden



President Richard Brown presented Zone Chair 8 Earl Stallworth, with the prestigious **Melvin Jones Fellow**



CC Olin Newby officiates the Covington Lions Club 2014 – 2015 Officer Installation and New Member Inductee Ceremonies

**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS** = Collected eyeglasses from 5 locations (106 in May, 105 in June and Earl picked up 21 eyeglasses and 27 lenses for a total **232 eyeglasses**) for the Lighthouse; also, we will deliver 2 bags of eyeglasses from the Loganville Lions Club = 3 hours, Church Sunday School = 6 hours, Knights of Columbus = 86 hours, Newton County Miracle League = 2 hours, Lions 2020 International Convention = 9 hours, Covington 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church = 46 hours, Homeless Shelter – Club Food Delivery = 2 hours, FFA Wildlife = 6 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Distribution = 3 hours, Homeless Shelter – Cooking = 4 hours, Newton Medical Center = 161 hours, Conyers Presbyterian Church = 105 hours, Meals on Wheels = 15 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop = 60 hours, School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading Program = 2 hours, Gideons = 1 hour, Porterdale Baptist Church = 1 hour, Covington Lions Club – Cooking Crew = 12 hours, Covington Lions Club – Website – Update = 8 hours, Friends of Newton County – Chimney Park = 30 hours, New Club Secretary – Online Training = 2 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, District, Visit – 2 Clubs) = 21 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, clubs visits (2), telephone calls) = 13 hours

**TOTAL HOURS - 598 hours**

**Clarkesville Lions Club = Clarksville Lions Club 80 Year Anniversary** - Members of the Toccoa Lions Club & the Lavonia Lions Club helped the Clarksville Lions Club celebrate its 80 Year Anniversary. There were lots of fun, food & fellowship and everyone had a great time. According to Zone Chair Bill Graham, "it was great to meet a lot of the Clarksville Lions and to see the usual suspects. By usual suspects I mean those dedicated LIONS of District 18-I that always support District, Zone & Club events"



**Conyers Lions Club** = The Conyers Club met twice in June on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting was the annual club picnic, here at the Lineks' home. Fellowship was the first item on the agenda. Lion Nancy Morton-Linek, Cub President, was presented with the Melvin Jones Award. Lion Lee Cronan presided at the second meeting. Lion Bobby Gresham took clothing to Rockdale Emergency Relief. Lions Mary Michael and John Martin turned in used eyeglasses. Lion Donna Peek presented a thumbnail biography which, of course, ended with joining the Conyers Lions Club.

**Dahlonega Lions Club** = 2 LIONS VOLUNTEERED TO COOK PANCAKES FOR THE SENIORS AT THE LUMPKIN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER. SEVERAL DAHLONEGA LIONS ATTENDED THE GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION IN MACON. LIONS HELP PUT UP FLAGS AND MARKERS FOR VETERANS WHO HAS SERVED IN THE MILITARY AND HAVE PASTED AWAY. VISITS TO SENIORS TO SPEND TIME AND DELEVERED MEALS. PARTICIPATED IN THE DELELOPMENT OF A NEW DAHLONEGA HOME SHELTER. 10 DAHLONEGA LIONS ARE GOING TO ATTEND GWINNETT BRAVES MINOR LEAQUE BASEBALL GAME TO SUPPORT THE GEORGIA LIONS CAMP. 4 LIONS VOLUNTEERED TO WORK THE VISION (EYE GLASSES ONLY) CLINIC.

**Dawsonville Lions Club** = Lion Katie Hulsebus presided over our banquet and award ceremony. Second district governor Anne Mundy inducted the new officers. President Katie Hulsebus presided. There was no guest speaker. There was a review of the state convention and the coming awards banquet.



**Decatur Lions Club** = Lions Ken and Genie Massingale attended the 75th Anniversary of the Clarkesville Lions Club. Secretary Genie Massingale, Treasurer Ken Massingale and Tory Jordan attended the Georgia Lions State Convention in Macon, GA. Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 59 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 1063 pair. Two (2) members worked a total of 41 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 544 man hours. Purchased, delivered and donated to the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) food pantry: 24 1-cup packages of Cheerios 1 case of individual packages of sugar (2,000 packages) 12 12-oz. jars peanut butter 1 case rice (48 packages) 1 case 16-oz packages of grits (24 packages) 1 case macaroni and cheese (24 packages) Total cost \$81.30. Lion Earl Stallworth presented an interesting program on his job experiences in the bakery industry and his activities as a Lions Zone Chair. A \$25.00 honorarium donation was sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

**Evans Lions Club** = The club is planning for the third annual food collection drive to support the local food bank on 27 July. Evans Lions are being supported by the Columbia County sheriffs department and fire department a 4H club and other volunteers. Event is being at the Evans Kroger. The club is in competition with the Augusta Salvation Army that day for most food collected by weight and the highest stacked pyramid of food. Lion Olin Newby visited the club on 19 June at the regular noon meeting. A buffet lunch was served.





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**Forsyth County Lions Club** = Forsyth County Lions Club President Steve Williams meets 2013-2014 Lions Clubs International President Barry J. Palmer of Berowra, New South Wales, Australia. Photo taken at the 2014 Lions of Georgia State Convention in Macon, Georgia. SEE "OKLAHOMA", HELP THE LIONS, AND GET A FREE APPETIZER FROM LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE!!!

**Grovetown Lions Club** = So we are thinking of hosting an Arts & Crafts boutique. If you would be interested in setting up a booth or know someone that might be please share this with them and let me know. We would like to get an idea of how many would be interested and what they would be selling.

**Jefferson Lions Club** = Lion Jerry Legg reported that 135 pairs of eyeglasses, 10 pairs of sunglasses, and 11 lenses were collected. The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions was called to order on Monday, June 9, 2014 by Lion President, Jerry Legg with 24 members and 7 guests attending. The Club had a special presentation from high school student, Ariel Wickman. Ariel had won first place in a Young Writers project at her school for her poem "Memories". Ariel read her poem for the group. Lion President, Jerry Legg had asked Jim Scott, President of the Jackson County Community Outreach to report to the Club about their scholarship program for the past year. Our Club had supported this group at the Jackson County Community Outreach 15th Annual Achievement Banquet which is their main fundraiser. President Scott reported that fifteen college scholarships were given to area high school seniors and GED program graduates. There were thirty-five applicants and fourteen students were chosen by a citizens group of educators and professionals to receive \$1000 scholarships and one student received the \$2000 Tom Lewis Leadership Award scholarship. Recipients had to submit an application, go through three interview processes and have a capable school and community record before they were selected. The Jackson County Community Outreach hopes to give two technical school scholarships next year as well as the current number of college scholarships. They also hope to reactivate and essay program. Their annual banquet will be held on December 13, 2014 at the Jefferson Civic Center. Lion Dot Hunt reported that 29 persons had signed up to attend the Jefferson Lions Club Installation Banquet on Monday, June 23, 2014 Lion Jerry Legg reported that 134 eyeglasses, 11 lenses and 10 pairs of sun glasses were collected. Lion Gay Bradley reminded everyone that the Jefferson Lions Club would host the District 18-I 1st Cabinet Meeting and Officer Training on July 26, 2014 at the Certus Bank in Jefferson.

Lion President Jerry Legg called the Board of Directors Meeting to order on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:45 PM with 13 members attending. It was decided that the items brought before the Board would be subject to the 2014-15 budget and that they should be tabled until the new Board took office. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lion President Jerry Legg presided over the Jefferson Lions Club Officers Installation Banquet on Monday, June 23, 2014 at the Jackson EMC Auditorium. Twenty-two Lions and eight family guests enjoyed a delicious meal provided by The Master's Table. Lion Mark Bradley, District 18-I Chairman of Lions Services for Children installed our new officers for 2015-2015. The following officers were installed. Lion Gay Bradley, President; Lion Ken Brand, 1st Vice President; Lion Ronnie Moore, 2nd Vice President; Lion Joe Dorrough, 3rd Vice President; Lion Rita Gunter, Secretary; Lion Dot Hunt, Treasurer; Lions Bill Legg & Buddy Hunt, Lion Tamers; Lion Mack Cates, Tail Twister; Lion Jimmy Mock, Chaplain; Lions Edna Briggs & Wayne Garrison, 1 Year Directors; Lions Don Cole & Greg Broussard, 2 Year Directors; Lions Don Lord & Edna Briggs, Membership Chairman; Lion Jerry Legg, Past President. Lion Mark presented Lion Jerry Legg with the Lion of the Year Award Plaque and pin. Past President Lion Jerry Legg thanked everyone for their support during his term and he asked that they continue to support the scholarship fund of the Jackson County Community Outreach. Lion Jerry presented Lion Dwayne Ansley with a Past Treasurer's pin for his service as Club Treasurer for the past years. After his remarks, he passed the gavel to the new President, Lion Gay Bradley. Lion President Gay Bradley presented a Past President's Plaque and pin to Past President, Jerry Legg and thanked him for his service. Lion President, Gay Bradley thanked everyone for having confidence in her ability to serve as President. She hoped for the Club to continue to be successful and have growth in Membership and new projects.

**Lavonia Lions Club** - Needed to supply special lens for applicant that isn't covered by regular program cost \$200-\$250. Cook out held at lion member's house to introduce perspective new members to club each member was challenged to bring a guest

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We had 3 members attend our Georgia State Convention and we had 3 members attend the 80th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for Clarkesville Lions Club. We collected 202 used eyeglasses and 20 lenses. We held our New Officer Installation Dinner with PDG Don Waggoner as our guest speaker. Lion Dan Brimmer and Lion Brian Donegan were presented a Melvin Jones Award each and Lion Kathy McMillian was presented Lion of the Year Award. President Lion Pete Stamsen was presented an award in Appreciation of his 5 years as club president. We had a successful fundraiser selling tickets to the G-Braves ballgame with funds being donated to the Keep The Campfires Burning for the Georgia Lions Camp. We donated \$165.00 for a counselor to attend Camp Dove, a camp for the deaf. We donated \$165.00 for a counselor to attend Camp Dove, a camp for the deaf.



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Come join the Lions Club for all around family fun. This show will help the Lions in their Drive Against Darkness. You may bring used eyeglasses; they will be used to help others see.

Personal canopies may be set up behind show cars on grass.



**Loganville Lions Club** = Pres. Knight 5 hrs Secretary Byrd 4 hrs Treasurer Morris 4 hrs Hospital volunteer Nazary 21 hrs Eye glass recycling 3 hrs Calendar sales fundraiser 18 hrs. Pres. Knight called to order at 7 pm. Lions present 17 4 guest including Zone Chair Earl Stallworth Lion Stearman opened in prayer Lion Gower led pledge to flag Dinner Tail twister Lion Hall recognized birthdays, anniversaries and sick. Lion Byrd gave report of the State Convention. Lion Vicki Hubbard is President of District 18 I. Walton County Magistrate Judge Jim Burke spoke on how his court runs and the type cases it handles. Minutes and treasurer report were approved Adjourned at 8:30 pm. Pres. Knight called to order AT 7 PM. Meeting held at the Baptist Church of Loganville Lions present 18 Wives present 12 Lion Johnson of the Oxford club was present for the installation of officers. Lion Stearman opened in prayer Lion Gower led the pledge to flag Dinner Tail twister Lion Hall had a moment of silence for Delores Woodall who is extremely ill. Pres. Knight present four perfect attendance pins and several plaques. Lion Johnson installed the officers for the new lion year. Newly installed President Galen Reeder presented Lion Gene Knight a past president pin and a certificate of appreciation The ladies receive a flower arrangement adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = July's board/dinner meeting will be held at Braxton's Antiques on Main Street in Loganville July 8th starting at 6:30 - spaghetti dinner will be served, 2014-2015 officers will be installed and recognition awards to be given . PLEASE MAKE PLANS FOR YOU AND ANY FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE, (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.) Received approval for cataract surgery for Loganville resident in dire need and uninsured. surgery scheduled for 6/27. Significant "legwork" was required to obtain suitable documentation to determine validity of request. Lions Chuck Bagley and Wayne White spent significant time and effort to secure the necessary information. Special thanks for their dedicated effort and support from Victoria Jordan at the lighthouse. 3 Ilc members attended state convention in Macon...club received recognition for its efforts on behalf of the visually impaired. 1 Ilc lion spent 4 hours in preparation for July officer installation including venue visit and participant contacts. 2 Ilc members attended community planning meeting for upcoming parade Legacy Lions club will be responsible for managing "step off" of the parade as well as aiding in crowd control along parade route. Ilc contributed \$ 165.00 to defray\$ 1650 expenses for 1 counselor at Camp Dove, a camp for hearing impaired at ft. Yargo state park in Winder in cooperation with Lawrenceville, Snellville and Winder clubs. .1 Ilc member also at the camp also attend camp tour and luncheon....also solicited funds from original Loganville lions club and received another \$ 165.00. 3 Ilc lions volunteered to help in conducting vision screening at health fair in Snellville along with other lions from social circle and Snellville clubs and return of machines to Monroe Lions

**Monroe Lions Club** = Congratulations to all 2014 – 2015 New Officers from the Covington Lions Club! Congratulations to Lion Kathy Ivie for Lion of the Year -2013 – 2014 – a huge recognition from your club! Frank Jensen, “Dede” DeMarks, Earl and Doreen Stallworth certainly enjoyed being with everyone. And always good to see DG Ed. He did a fine job explaining and reminding the rest of us about the history of Lions Clubs—identifying key people (Melvin Jones and Helen Keller) who made it happen for the rest of us. Now, it’s our job to continue the legacy and procure new members to solidify that legacy—volunteering for those in need throughout our community and the world. Aloha to all... On June 21<sup>st</sup> Monroe and Oconee participated in a Eye Screening at Walton EMC’s Annual Meeting where 2500 plus people came. Monroe collected 400 pair of glasses to recycle.



Lions Club  
5K Run For Sight



Saturday, August 16th, 2014  
7:30 a.m.

- Location:** Walton EMC—842 US Hwy 78, Monroe, GA 30655
- Course:** Beautiful back country roads, lots of shade
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**T-Shirts:** All participants pre-registered by 08/11/14 will be guaranteed a t-shirt. T-shirts will be available on race day while supplies last.

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Participation Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this application, I hereby waive any and all claims against the Monroe Lions Club, hosts, sponsors, officials, volunteers and any other parties involved with the Lions Club 5K Run for Sight for injury and/or damage I may incur while participating in said event. I also give permission to use my name and/or photo in any media publication regarding this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Norcross Lions Club =** PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert were pleased to attend the Clarkesville Lions Club 80th Anniversary celebration. DG Ed Hashbarger, PDG John Rudert, and Lions Yoriko Hashbarger and Trudy Rudert attended events at the MD-18 State Convention in Macon. During its monthly meeting the Norcross Lions Club heard a report of the Norcross Art Fest, the MD-18 State Convention in Macon, and the Peachtree Corners Festival. We made plans for our concession stand for the Norcross Independence Day celebration on July 3. PDG John Rudert worked 49 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other tasks in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Trudy Rudert completed order entry work on the computer in the lab for 3 hours. Lion Trudy Rudert made copies of the flyer sent out by the GA Lions Camp for the Blind fundraiser Cars 'n Crafts to be held in October. Then she visited the Car Show at the Peachtree Corners Festival and passed out flyers to people who were showing their cars as well as craft and food vendors.

**North Decatur Lions Club =**



**Oconee Lions Club =** We did vision screening, donated 20 new blood glucose meters to a diabetes awareness volunteer group, were asked to place an eyeglass collection box at the senior center and met a doctor (podiatrist) who will work with our diabetes awareness committee. It was a good day! For several years we did this vision screening after the Monroe Lions Club dropped it, but now this club has again reclaimed it, but they were interested I having us provide them assistance.

**Social Circle Lions Club =** On June 16 at the evening meeting, the club presented its first David Terry Community Service Award to both garden clubs in the city for their efforts in educating the community about protection of the environment. David Terry was a servant of the community and club. His son-in-law, Lion David (Penny) Keener presented the award (3<sup>rd</sup> from left in photo). Also, Lion Madeline (Jim) Burgess received the Better Hometown Volunteer award from the City of Social Circle. A major service activity for this month was the F.I.S.H Summer Lunch program chaired by Lion Larry Knox. The club is planning a back to school vision screening event in July.



## **Toccoa Lions Club =**

**Toccoa Lions receive several awards at the 2014 GA Lions State Convention** = Lion Bryan received a Golden Chain Award for the 4th year. Lion Bill received the Gold Den Chain Award for the 3rd year. The following Lions received District Certificates of Appreciation (and a nice Lions towel set): Bill Graham (Zone Chair), Bryan Gordon (Peace Poster) & Sheila Rousey (Leader Dog). Lion Ray Cornell was recognized as a Melvin Jones Fellow. The Toccoa Lions Club received the Thousand Dollar Award from the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Learning Ally and the District 18I Cecil's Youth Award. This was a great year for the Toccoa Lions Club. Not because of any awards our members or club won but because we helped a lot of people and had a lot of FUN doing it. We are eagerly looking forward to next Lion Year where we can continue our Heritage of Service.

Lions Bill & Dale Graham had a great time at the 2014 GA Lions State Convention in Macon, GA. Lion Dale notes, "We had a great time. It was great to see old friends and to make some new ones. Lion Bill added, "It was nice having the convention closer to home and I really enjoyed the program, especially IP Barry Palmer. This is the third time I have heard him speak and I always pick up a couple of great ideas from his talks. One of the items from his presentation that our club is going to try this year is to invite more guests to our meetings and events so they can see the great work & FUN Lions are having instead of just inviting people to join our club."

**City of Toccoa & Stephens County Declare June 7th as Lions Clubs Day** = In separate sessions, the Toccoa City Council & the Stephens County Commissioners issued Proclamations Declaring June 7th as Lions Clubs Day for the city of Toccoa & Stephens County. They also gave some personal experiences with Lions and encouraged the Toccoa Lions to continue their Heritage of Service. Excerpts from the Proclamation are below:

"Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization founded in 1917 by Chicago business leader Melvin Jones. Lions Clubs International empowers volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. Today, Lions Clubs International has over 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs globally, extending its mission of service throughout the world every day. In 1968, Lions Clubs International Foundation was established to assist with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects and has since then awarded more than \$700 million to fund five unique areas of service: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health, serving youth and providing disaster relief. In 1990, the Lions Clubs International Foundation launched the SightFirst program to build comprehensive eye care systems to fight the major causes of blindness and care for the blind or visually impaired. Thanks to the generosity of Lions worldwide, over \$415 million has been raised, resulting in the prevention of serious vision loss in 30 million people and improved eye care for hundreds of millions of people.

The Toccoa Lions Club was founded on May 24, 1933 and has a continuous record of outstanding service to Toccoa and Stephens County since that date. The Toccoa Lions focus on improving the health, especially vision, of residents, helping our youth to become better citizens and working with the elderly. In addition the Toccoa Lions contribute to state, national and international Lions efforts. The Toccoa Lions have FUN while doing their community service.

**Toccoa Lions Club celebrates Lions Clubs Day by doing Community Service** = The city of Toccoa & Stephens County recently declared June 7th as Lions Club Day. The Toccoa Lions celebrated Lions Clubs Day by performing a Community Service Project by picking up trash along Falls Road. This is part of the Keep Toccoa Beautiful Project.

Lions Jack Barnard, Bryan Gordon, Dale Graham & Bill Graham participated in the project. All of the Lions had great FUN & Fellowship. Lion Jack relates, "we had a great time, did some good community service and it took less than two hours. It was a great way to start a weekend".

**Toccoa Lions Club Installs 2014/2015 Officers** = District Governor Ed Hashbarger installed the Toccoa Lions Club 2014/2015 Officers at the club's June 12th meeting. Pictured below(L/R) are TLC Officers James Black- Lion Tamer, Russ Paxton-Director, Margo Taylor-Director, Bill Graham-President, Rev. Dr. Henry Fields-Tail Twister, Bryan Gordon-Secretary, Larry Earhart-Chaplin, Sheila Rousey-3rdVP & Beverly Vanderhoef-1stVP. The picture is noteworthy for two reasons. First, Lion Sheila has her guide dog Grandt. Second, DG Ed (directly behind Lion Margo) is hoisting the Club's Mascot Seemore which seems to be accosting Lion Russ.

**Toccoa Lions Club Inducts Six New Members** = DG Ed did double duty at the June 12th Toccoa Lions Club Meeting. In addition to installing the Toccoa Lions Club 2014/2015 Officers. DG Ed inducted 5 of the 6 new Toccoa Lions. These 6 new members joined the Toccoa Lions as a result of the club's membership program.

Rumor has it that while DG Ed was able to both install the officers & induct the new members, he did run over his time. Of course his past experience as a Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant insured that there were no complaints about this.

### **Toccoa LIONS Club June BOD Meeting**

A new membership application for Cindy Arnold was approved. Six new members will be inducted by DG Ed Hashbarger at the next Noon meeting. Lion Bill Graham was commended for his work on the Lions Day Proclamation. Bryan Gordon discussed the Cleanup Day and the new signage on Falls Road. Lion Bryan will be publishing a new club directory in July. Lion Bryan reported that he had attended the ROTC awards program and presented a check for \$250. He also discussed the positive effect of the ROTC program on the students and community. Sight Conservation Chairperson Sheila Rousey discussed the new glasses application procedures. The Clarksville Club will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Four board members will attend. President-elect Bill Graham will be working with Steve Spruill on the budget. He also asked Lion Kay Royal to head an audit committee. The Peace Poster contest will begin soon. Participation is much improved since the winning posters have been published in the calendar. Calendar packets will be handed out in July. The next yard sale is planned for October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lion Bill will contact the Little League coach to see if they can work out a trip to the Gwinnett Braves on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Lions will have a booth at the Currahee Club fair on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 to 4 to sell mops, brooms, etc. Bill Graham gave an update on the State Convention.

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

The board meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on June 10, 2014 by President Bryan Gordon at 7:05 A.M. at Dr. Kay Royal's office with the following board members in attendance: Sheila Rousey, Russ Paxton, Michelle Jamieson, Kay Royal, Bryan Gordon, Bill Graham, and Margo Taylor.

President Bryan Gordon opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted. (See attached.) Secretary Margo Taylor reported 47 members. A new membership application for Cindy Arnold was approved. Six new members will be inducted on Thursday. Lion Bill Graham was commended for his work on the Lions Day Proclamation. Bryan Gordon discussed the Cleanup Day and the new signage on Falls Road. Lion Bryan will be publishing a new club directory in July. Lion Bryan reported that he had attended the ROTC awards program and presented a check for \$250. He also discussed the positive effect of the ROTC program on the students and community. Sight Conservation Chairperson Sheila Rousey discussed the new glasses application procedures. The Clarksville Club will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Four board members will attend. President-elect Bill Graham will be working with Steve Spruill on the budget. He also asked Lion Kay Royal to head an audit committee. The Peace Poster contest will begin soon. Participation is much improved since the winning posters have been published in the calendar. Calendar packets will be handed out in July. The next yard sale is planned for October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lion Bill will contact the Little League coach to see if they can work out a trip to the Gwinnett Braves on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Lions will have a booth at the Currahee Club fair on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 to 4 to sell mops, brooms, etc. Bill Graham gave an update on the State Convention. Both he and Lion Bryan Gordon received Golden Chain awards. Lions Sheila Rousey, Bryan Gordon, and Bill Graham received letters of appreciation. The club also won the Cecil's Youth Award.

### **Toccoa Lions enjoy Fellowship, fun and help raise money for the GA Lions Camp for the Blind at the Gwinette Braves Baseball Game**

Toccoa Lions Dale Graham, Bryan Gordon & Bill Graham enjoyed Fellowship Fun & Food at the June 21st Gwinette Braves Baseball Game. Lion Pete Stamsen has been coordinating this GA Lions Camp for the Blind Fundraising Event for 4 years and he does a great job. While at the game the Toccoa Lions saw many of their fellow Lions including DGE Vickie Hubbard & her mother and 1VDGE Ann Munday. Everyone seemed to have a great time and the weather was fantastic. Hope to see **many more of you at the game next year.**

### **Toccoa Lions take Toccoa Little League Team to the Gwinette Braves Baseball Game.**

The Toccoa Lions Club has sponsored a Toccoa Little League Team for 50 years. This year the Lions again sponsored the "LIONS" Little League Team. The team had a successful year (8 and 4). Lion Bill Graham notes, "I am most impressed that the coaching staff is interested in developing the players character as well as winning games".

### **Toccoa Lions at the Currahee Club Farmer's Market**

What would we do without Lions like Bryan Gordon & Jack Barnard! These Lions answer the call for service at every opportunity. Lions Bryan & Jack spent a hot sunny Saturday selling Walking Sticks, Mops & Brooms at the Currahee Club Farmer's Market.

### **Toccoa Lions Branch Club has a very productive June 17th meeting**

The Toccoa Lions Branch Club elected Dr. Kay Royal as the club's 2014/2015 President. Dr. Kay is very active with the Lions and with other community service activities. She is no Stranger to leadership, Dr. Kay was the first woman to join the Toccoa Lions Club (1996) and was the first female President of the Toccoa Lions Club. Zone Chair, Bill Graham, inducted GeorgAnne Meeks at the meeting. In addition, the Branch Club Lions reviewed and processed the June eye Glasses Applications.



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on June 26, 2014 by the President, Bryan Gordon, at 12 P.M. at the Gate Cottage. Lion Henry Fields led the group in prayer. Lion Tamer James Black led in the Pledge. God Bless America was sung and table assignments were given.

After the meal announcements were made. Lion Drew Taylor announced that calendar sales have begun and members should have their lists in hand. Lion Bill Graham, during his membership minute, said that he would like to have the next meeting at the Clary/Wilkinson Center at 1:00. Next year he would like to invite prospective members to regular meetings instead of having one big membership drive meeting. Lion Steve Spruill thanked Lion Claud Smith for bringing about the reimbursement of \$2,000 for Chili Open and Pancake Breakfast expenses. With the \$2,000 added in, profit on the two fundraisers is \$6,200. Lion Linda Scofield announced a program that will be offered at the Schaefer Center on July 8<sup>th</sup> at noon and 7:00 P.M. It is called "Waltzing the Reaper."

Outgoing president Bryan Gordon presented his president's awards which consisted of a certificate, embroidered Lions polo shirt, and a tote bag. The following awards were given:

Rookie of the Year: Jack McLaughlin

Unsung Hero: Jack Barnard

Co-pilot's Award: Bill Graham

Committee Chairpersons of the Year: Kay Royal and Michelle Jamieson

Lion of the Year: Sheila Rousey

On a final note, the booth at the Currahee Club earned \$75 in mop and broom sales with no cost for the booth.

Toccoa Lions Club Awards "Unsung Hero" Award

Recognition is a very important asset for the Lion Leader. Some people like the Limelight while others prefer to work effectively in the background. Occasionally the Lion Leader needs to highlight the work these unsung heroes are doing. Toccoa Lions Club President, Bryan Gordon, took the opportunity at the TLC's June 26th to recognize Jack Barnard, one of these unsung heroes.

Lion Jack Barnard works tirelessly to make Toccoa & Stephens County a better place to live. He does this through the Lions Club and other Community Service activities. Lion Jack B. can always be counted on to work any service or fund raising activity. In addition, Lion Jack is one of our top fund raising for the club Calendar Ads sales. Rumor has it that Lion Jack has a Trench Coat & Briefcase from a previous job. This might explain his success in making offers that cannot be refused.



**Union County Lions Club** = Regular Board meeting at the Civic Center 4-H room in Blairsville, GA on June 5, 2014. Meeting called to order at 6PM by President Mary Arnold.

- To open the meeting, Lion Paul Clark read a short statement from President Mary Arnold thanking everyone for the support provided this past Lion's year. She presented a Lion's memory book that was started by her late husband Lion Herbert Arnold and that Mary finished this year as President.
- The board approved eye exams and glasses for two local individuals.
- Lion Gene Little presented the White Cane Proclamation signed by Union County Commissioner Lamar Parris.
- The board approved a motion donate \$25 to the Chamber of Commerce towards the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks.
- Lion Louise Little gave a report from the recent State Convention. The keynote speaker was the International President Barry Palmer from Australia. Club received a number of certificates for donations including Learning Ally and \$1000 Club from the Lighthouse. The Club received the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for White Cane donations in the District and the Washington Award for Highest Percent members in attendance at club meetings. Next year's State Convention will be in Tifton.

**June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting** –This was our annual picnic and was held the Byron Herbert Reece Farm and Heritage Center.

- Following the meal, Lion Gene Little introduced District Governor Ed Hashbarger. DG Ed discussed several ideas for increasing membership. There now is a student membership for \$21.50 per year (no State or District dues). This program gives students an opportunity to get involved with Lion's projects while receiving school credits and building their resume. There are 45 members at UGA. He also discussed ways to get youth involved such as Leo Clubs. Due to declining memberships with all civic organizations, DG Ed suggested that the club work with other civic clubs on projects to pool our resources. We also can increase publicity by getting announcements on local radio and cable stations.
- Chaplin Paul Clark then conducted memorial service for recently departed members Les Myers and Jimmie Schumacher.
- Lion Jimmie Schumacher was born in Dorton, KY and was a veteran of the US Navy. He also worked for the GSA and ran the Blairsville Brake and Muffler shop for many years. He was married to Marjorie for 49 years. He was a ham radio operator and a 6 year cancer survivor. He was laid to rest in Arlington Nation Cemetery.
- Lion Les Myers was a long time Lion and was famous for supporting and encouraging club members with his famous phrase "GOOD JOB". He had 2 daughters and 1 son and was married to Marjorie for 69 years. In addition to the Lions Club he was very active in the Gideon's, Meals on Wheels and the church. Les also was a Navy veteran and was laid to rest in the Georgia National Cemetery.
- Lion Mary introduced Terry Kay, Director of the Byron Herbert Reece Farm and Heritage Center. They are now in their third season. The site contains 9.3 acres of the original Reece farm. Byron Herbert Reece was a poet, novelist, and farmer. The site is open Thursday- Sunday from April through November and is part of the Southern Literary Trail. Following the meeting several members toured the Reece Farm.

**June 26, 2014 Regular Meeting.**

- Lion Louise Little then introduced District Governor Ed Hashbarger and his wife Yoriko. Lion Ed then installed the new Club Officers for the 2014-2015 Lion's year. Following the installation ceremony, incoming President Gene Little presented gifts to DG Ed and Yoriko.
- Current President Mary Arnold passed the President's gavel to incoming President Gene Little. Lion Gene then presented Lion Mary with an award plaque for her service as president in the 2013-2014 Lion's year.

**Farmer's Market – 4 Saturdays in June** – 10 Lions and 1 friend worked a total of 106 hours selling fried pies, sausage biscuits, hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community.

**Used Eye Glasses** – During the past month, the club collected 23 hearing aids, 63 cell phones, 368 pairs of glasses, 48 lenses, 74 shades, and 6 shade lenses.



WORKING LIONS - 202 hours  
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 145 hours  
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 31 hours  
Total: 378 hours  
Submitted: 3 news article

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = 92 pairs of glasses were collected for recycling during the month by the Winder Noon Lions Club. \$450 was donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Winder-Barrow County to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities at the club. \$165 was donated to Camp D.O.V.E. (Deaf Outreach through Visual Effects).

*Report of State Awards – District 18-I*

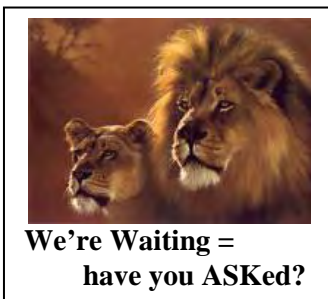
10 Lions Clubs entered from State. 4 Lions Clubs from District 18-I accounted for 40% of those entering State. District 18-I had the largest number of club entering this Lions year 2013-14. 4 out of 4 won plaques or 25% of awards given. 66 entries in 36 awards from the State with 52 plaques given including ties.

Those winning:            Jefferson – 3 First Place and 3 Second Place  
                                 Winder Noon – 2 First Place  
                                 Athens – 3 First Place and 1 Second Place  
                                 Covington – 1 First Place

District 18-I Scrapbook:        1<sup>st</sup> Place – Winder Noon  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jefferson  
   3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Covington

(Note – above Scrapbook Awards checks will be given out at the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$15; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10 and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.

**Gwinnett Braves Game to benefit Georgia Lions Camp**



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

# *Working together as a Team makes for good results:*

## **Loganville, Monroe, Snellville, and Social Circle Lions United for Service**

The Loganville, Monroe, Snellville, and Social Circle Lions united for service to conduct vision screening at the City of Snellville 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Health Fair on June 7 (Saturday) from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. The location for health fair was the Snellville Senior Community Center across from City Hall. Lions onsite at the event were Snellville Lions PCC Grace Clower, Pat Helton, Bonnie Linscott, Patsy Spence, and Darrell Risser; Loganville Lion Wayne Wright, and Social Circle Lion Dede. Very special thanks to Monroe Lion Gary Potter who provided the “free vision screening sign” in photo below and Monroe Lions Kathie Ivie, Gary Potter, and PJ Shippey who provided an awesome relay in getting the vision machines to Lion Dede. Thanks to Loganville Lion Wayne White on his efforts in delivering the vision machines back to the Monroe club. Teamwork was at its very best for this event. Thank you Lions!

If your club would like assistance in planning a vision screening event, please contact Lion Dede at [liondede@msn.com](mailto:liondede@msn.com) or call (404) 368-2347. Please note, training to use the vision machine takes about 5 minutes and can be conducted prior to a vision screening event.





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

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



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



Welcome to the Island of Enchantment! What do you think of when you think of Puerto Rico? Do you think of it as a destination rich in culture and island entertainment? Puerto Rico, officially known as (Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico), or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an island in the northeastern Caribbean, east of the Dominican Republic and west of both the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. The island of Puerto Rico is 100 miles long by 35 miles wide, making it the smallest island of the Greater Antilles.

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



**Has anyone seen this sign?**



Albert, your glasses are not up here!

Ha ha – made you look

# Braves LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

IN SUPPORT OF LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 | 7:00<sup>PM</sup>**

**BRAVES VS ATHLETICS**

**TICKET PRICE: OUTFIELD PAVILLION \$34**

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

Donations made toward ticket sales will help sponsors continue within Georgia to get a Leader Dog.

# TICKETS	SEATING	COST	TOTAL
	OUTFIELD PAVILLION	\$ 34	
			<b>TOTAL</b>

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**ORDERS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO:**  
**ALEX INGLE, 755 Hank Aaron Drive, Atlanta, GA 30319**  
**F: 404.614.1582 • alex.ingle@braves.com**





Dear Lion,



I wanted to share my June message to club leaders with you...

**Please work with your local clubs to help them avoid losing members in June. It's imperative that we keep the momentum we have achieved this year.**

I want to thank each of you for making my year as international president such a success. It was a year of achievements, and your contributions as a Lion and a leader helped take our clubs to new levels of success. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your international president!

A year ago, I was a new international president sharing my dreams with Lions around the world. Now, it's my turn to offer my gratitude to each of you for making those dreams come true. It's been an incredible year thanks to you.

Throughout the year, Lions did a fantastic job of inviting new members into our clubs. We reached out to family and friends during Family and Friends Month. We put an emphasis on inviting men *and* women, and we're stronger for it. We used tools like social media to connect with new members and promote our clubs.

As we near the end of the Lion year, it is so important to keep our new members serving into the next year. Keep the momentum going and finish the year strong!

Day in and day out, Lions perform countless acts of service that strengthen their communities and touch the lives of millions. It has been an honor to lead hard-working, dedicated men and women like you, who bring help and hope to those who need us most. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2013-14 international president.

We are nearing the end of a great year for our association, and no one has been more important to our success than you. I asked Lions around the world to follow their dreams, but I challenged you as a district governor to achieve them.

You chartered new clubs that increased our ability to serve. You retained members and strengthened our clubs in the process. You set ambitious membership goals and earned special recognition through the Dream Achiever Awards when you achieved them.

It has been an honor to work with leaders who have dedicated the last year to strengthening their districts, their clubs and the incredible members who work day in and out to make their communities, and the world, a better place to live. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2013-14 international president.

In these remaining weeks, I'm asking each of you to work with your clubs to help them avoid losing members at the end of the month. You've worked hard all year, so don't let costly membership drops affect your district growth or your recognition in the Dream Achiever Awards.

Lion Barry J. Palmer  
Your International President 2013-2014

### Earn Rewards!

Your club can still earn special rewards for adding new members through July in the Together We Can Grow Contest. One club in each district can win a choice of US\$250 in credit toward club supplies from the Lions Clubs Supplies Store or a US\$250 donation to the LCI Foundation toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellow. Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!

### Serving Your Community

As you continue to serve, keep in mind that new members allow you to provide even more service to your community. Men and women become Lions to serve, so make sure new and seasoned members have opportunities to work on projects that are important to them. And remember that communities and clubs change, so make sure your service projects continue to reflect the needs of your community *and* your members.

Thank you for making your community, and our world, a better place to live!



# Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

We invite you to [experience an interactive tutorial on being a webinar participant](#). Upon finishing this tutorial you will be able to register, log in and actively participate in a webinar.



## 2014-2015 Webinars Schedule

To convert the times below to your location visit the [Time Zone Converter](#).

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p><b>One Great Adventure (75 minutes)</b> Join a zone chairperson on his year of adventure, including challenges, allies, tools and gear, necessary skills, obstacles, and the final triumph of the Zone Chairperson award. An engaging way to understand what it takes to excel in this vital Lions position. <b>Intended Audience:</b> Current and prospective zone chairpersons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 7/9/14, 12:00pm CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Friday, 7/11/14, 7:00pm CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 7/16/14, 7:00pm CDT</a></li></ul>
<p><b>Go for the GOAL</b> Transform your club by going for the GOAL—Growth, Orientation, Activity, and Leadership. Growth is a membership growth plan; orientation is mentoring new Lions; activity is strong service projects and leadership is a club leadership development plan. Learn how GOAL can take your club to the next level. <b>Intended Audience:</b> Club officers and board members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 8/6/14, 12:00pm, CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 8/13/14, 7:00pm, CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Friday, 8/15/14, 7:00pm, CDT</a></li></ul>
<p><b>The Role of the Cabinet Secretary</b> Provides training and guidance for this essential district position. The presentation reviews the cabinet secretary responsibilities, challenges and opportunities. Content includes a review of the MyLCI cabinet secretary features. <b>Intended Audience:</b> Current and incoming cabinet secretaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Friday, 9/5/14, 7:00pm, CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 9/10/14, 12:00pm, CDT</a></li></ul>
<p><b>Effective Club Meetings</b> This webinar provides the basics of good meeting management including planning, agenda preparation, essential facilitations skills and post-meeting evaluation. A must for any Lion who wants to facilitate productive meetings that keep members engaged. <b>Intended Audience:</b> All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 10/1/14, 12:00pm, CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Friday, 10/10/14, 7:00pm, CDT</a></li></ul>
<p><b>Harmony in the Pride</b> Understanding generational differences can assist with both member recruitment and retention. This presentation explores diverse motivations among Lions and how each constituency can find and value varying perspectives to “strengthen the pride.” <b>Intended Audience:</b> All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, 10/29/14, 12:00pm, CDT</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Friday, 11/7/14, 7:00pm, C</a></li></ul>



## GLT UPDATE

It seems like only yesterday when I was preparing the first GLT Update for the 2013-2014 Lions year. This is the final update I will be doing since my 3-year term as District 18-I Global Leadership Team Coordinator ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It has been my privilege to serve the district in this capacity. Thank you for your support and cooperation. We have held several training events, and 6 of our clubs have completed or will complete the Club Excellence Process.

I feel we have accomplished much in the past 3 years, but there is still much more to be done. We must cultivate new leadership in our clubs and in our district. We will need more Certified Guiding Lions if we are to continue to form new clubs. The first training event of the new Lions year will be before the First Cabinet Meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Certus Bank in Jefferson. Lion Pete Stamsen will be our GLT Coordinator beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. I know he will do a great job, and I hope you will support him like you have me. As always, there are online courses and webinars through LCI to help us become better Lions. If you have not served in a leadership role, please consider stepping up in the new year. "WE SERVE".

PCC Grace Clower  
District GLT Coordinator

**Good Afternoon Zone Chairs and others,**

**I am looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you at the Zone Chair Training on July 12, 2014 in Winder. I know that Incoming Cabinet Secretary, Doreen sent an email out a couple of weeks ago letting you know about the training.**

**However, the below link is from PCC Lion Mark Miller, who will be conducting the training on July 12th. We are asking all zone chairs —even if they have served before, to complete two training opportunities: first an online webinar and second, the training event in Winder on July 12th.**

**First the Online training: here is the link to the LCI hosted webinar. This webinar focuses on the special award that Incoming International President Joe Preston has set up for Zone Chairs. You can take this from the comfort of your homes. I encourage each of you to also take this webinar....so you will know what is what. Here is the link:**

**<http://lion.ly/yIRD1> =  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>**

**Remember that those wishing to train to be a Certified Guiding Lions in our District will also be trained at this meeting in Winder. Here is the link to map quest for The Winder Lions Club House**

**<http://mapq.st/1l44Qn0> =  
<http://www.mapquest.com/us/georgia/business-winder/winder-noon-lions-club-271431080>**

**Thanks for stepping up to this leadership position.**

**Lion Vicki  
DGE  
District 18-I**

**P.S. If for some reason that you can't make the training in Winder on July 12th, the same exact training sessions will be held in Tifton on Saturday August 23, 2014.**

**Please send me an email back to specify which training you will be at.**



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

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

## Member Orientation

The importance of new member orientation cannot be emphasized enough. The information presented during orientation provides a foundation for new members. It helps them understand how the club functions, what their role will be and gives them the big picture of their district and the association. When new members are properly informed, they are more likely to feel comfortable with the club, become actively involved in club activities and remain in Lions for years. The following materials are available to help conduct Lions New Member Orientation:

- The [New Member Orientation Training Guide \(ME-13\)](#) helps the orientation trainer plan for new member orientation and gives trainer tips along the way to successfully conduct new member orientation. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me13.pdf>
- New members follow the orientation trainer through the [New Member Orientation Guide \(ME-13a\)](#) during orientation. Members can also use the guide as a reference during their time as a Lion. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me13a.pdf>
- The [New Member Orientation PowerPoint \(ME-13b\)](#) provides the orientation trainer with a presentation template to follow when conducting new member orientation. Trainers should customize the presentation so it is relevant to their club.
- The [Basic Mentoring Guide \(ME-11\)](#) can be used in conjunction with new member orientation to ensure the new member successfully completes both programs. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mtr11.pdf>

### Additional Resources:

- [New Member Welcome Booklet \(NM-9\)](#) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/nm9.pdf>
- [Lions Club International Facts sheet \(PR-799\)](#) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr799.pdf>

## Toccoa Lions Club "Rookie of Year" Shows What LIONISM is Why Every Lion Leader Says Membership is Important!



The Toccoa Lions Club had a Membership Plan for Lion Year 2013/2014. The plan culminated with a March Membership meeting. As a result of that meeting, the Toccoa Lions added six new members. Let me tell you the story of one new member, Lion Jack McLaughlin. Lion Jack had been in discussion with Zone Chair Bill Graham for over a year about joining the Toccoa Lions. He & his son, Tim, made the decision to join at the March Membership Meeting. Both Lions Jack & Tim worked the Toccoa Lions White Cane Campaign in April, which raised over \$1,000.00 for the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation. About a week after the White Cane Campaign, TLC President, Bryan Gordon got a phone call from a person who was scheduled to get a free eye surgery from the GA Lions Lighthouse. The person who was supposed to take this person to the Lighthouse for surgery was sick and could not take the patient to the Lighthouse. After some consultation with other Lions, Lion Bryan called Lion Jack to see if he could help. As background, Lion Jack is affiliated with the Toccoa Taxi Service. Lion Jack reacted immediately. He rescheduled all of his activities and volunteered to take the patient and his wife to Emory for the eye surgery. Lion Jack waited the entire day to make sure the patient and his wife were ok and brought them back to Toccoa. But this is only half the story. The patient could not have the surgery on the day scheduled because of a medical condition. Lion Jack, on his own, agreed to take the couple back down to Emory on the rescheduled surgery date. Lion Jack did this without telling anyone until pressed for information. Each round trip was 150 miles.

So to summarize, the TLC focused on getting new members. This provided additional people to help with the club's service activities such as the White Cane Campaign. In addition, it gained a member who was able to use his unique capabilities to help a person in need. This is why membership is so important!

The rest of the story. It turns out that the patient was not able to get the eye surgery on the second visit. The patient has diabetes and the surgeon was unwilling to operate unless they were at a hospital. In spite of all this, Lion Jack remains enthusiastic and says he would do it all again. All of this happened in Lion Jack's first three months of membership.

This is just one reason membership is so important.



From the desk of State  
Chair Lion Tom Williams  
[tardis142004@yahoo.com](mailto:tardis142004@yahoo.com)

## [A Young Artist with Dyslexia: The Story of Double D](#)

*A long-time Learning Ally member, Angelina received her BFA in Art from the University of Mississippi in 2013.*

### **The Story of Double D**

I'm Double D, but it's not what you might think. The D's stand for dyslexic and diabetic. My mom came up with it to lighten the mood at the hospital in 2006.

I've been creating art for as long as I can remember. You could say my mom was my first art teacher and the motivating force behind the artist I have become. She was very crafty always encouraging me to try my very best.

When I was six years old, I was diagnosed with my first "D" dyslexia. Every day and every subject in school has been a constant struggle for me. Art helps me release myself. It was never a struggle, but rather a challenge, which allowed me to explore and understand my disability and made living with it more bearable.

During high school, I was diagnosed with my second "D" diabetic. After I was released from the hospital with type 1 diabetes, my vision remained blurry for several weeks. My other senses heightened. My outlook on life and world around me changed. I saw my art through a new light. Photography became my new passion.

College has probably played the most important part in me being an artist. I loved capturing photos in black and white using Photoshop and aperture to edit my photos. Then, I discovered the world of sculpture. It was a way to create, shape, and visually expresses what it feels like to be dyslexic in three-dimensional objects. Once again, art as a main subject



gave me a lot relief from the other subjects that dealt with pure memorization and arithmetic.

Yes, it's unfortunate to have two major disabilities. My life is not without hardship and struggle. It's my job to use my disabilities and what it brings to my life in a positive way. My diabetes has taught me to be more responsible, while my dyslexia helps me to see pictures and not words. My art reflects my imagination, the effort I put into a piece and the potential in creating beautiful pieces.

So, now I can add a new "D" to my nick name. It stands for determined. I am determined to succeed in life! With success, creates more motivation. My artist journey has just begun!



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

## **Bridging the Gap to Independence**

"Marco has brought Barbara so much happiness. I've seen her desire to be independent grow because of him," says Barbara's mom, Gloria. Marco is Barbara's Canine

Companions assistance dog.



"I knew an assistance dog would help bridge the gap between Barbara and the rest of the world, but I didn't know if we'd qualify since Barbara cannot give traditional commands to a dog," says Gloria.

Barbara has cerebral palsy. She has limited verbal communication and is quadriplegic.

But Barbara did qualify! And now, over 2 years after receiving Marco from Canine Companions, Gloria can't imagine Barbara's life without him.

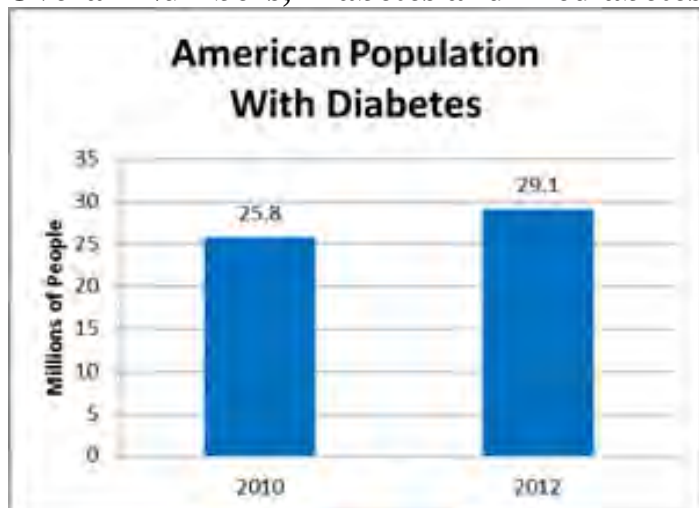
"Barbara and Marco have developed a special way of communicating. Their bond is incredible. Barbara will call Marco with clicks of her tongue and he knows that she is calling him. He will come to her and push his head under her arm so she can pet him. He knows how to position himself so Barbara can reach him," explains Gloria.

People used to talk to Gloria, ignoring Barbara. But when Barbara holds Marco's leash, people talk to her directly. "Marco has improved Barbara's self-esteem so much. She loves the attention and has so much pride when she takes him on walks," says Gloria. Before Marco, Barbara used to be self-conscious about using her natural voice in public. But with Marco, Barbara will firmly tell people "no" if they ask to pet him while he is busy working. Marco has given her a sense of ownership and responsibility. "Barbara will tell Marco to 'sit down,' and she says it with such authority. As a mother, it has been amazing to see her confidence grow," states Gloria.

# Statistics About Diabetes

Data from the *National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2014* (released June 10, 2014)

## Overall Numbers, Diabetes and Prediabetes



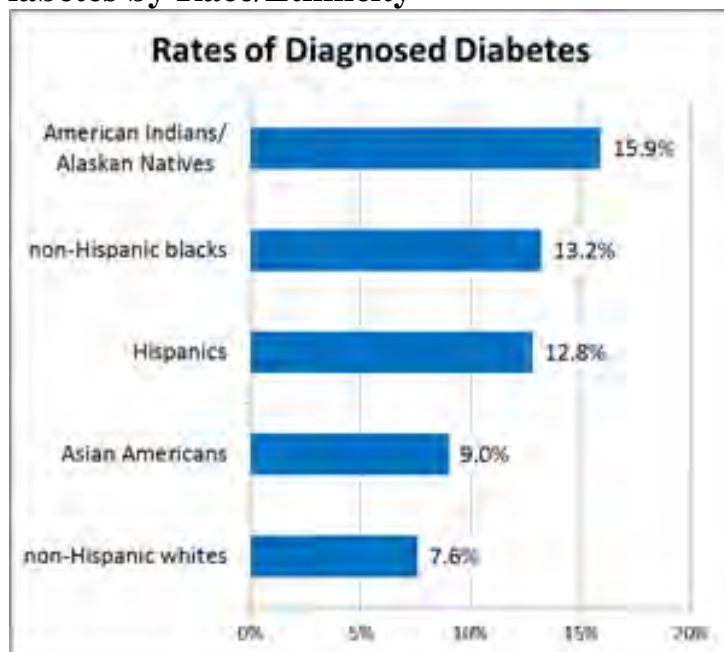
- Prevalence:** In 2012, 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3% of the population, had diabetes.
  - In 2010 the figures were 25.8 million and 8.3%. The prevalence rate for adults age 20 and older in 2012 was 12.3%, compared to 11.3% in 2010.
- Undiagnosed:** Of the 29.1 million, 21.0 million were diagnosed, and 8.1 million were undiagnosed.
  - In 2010 the figures were 18.8 million and 7.0 million.
- Prevalence in Seniors:** The percentage of Americans age 65 and older remains high, at 25.9%, or 11.8 million seniors (diagnosed and undiagnosed).
  - The rate was 26.9% in 2010.
- New Cases:** The incidence of diabetes in 2012 was 1.7 million new diagnoses/year; in 2010 it was 1.9 million.
- Prediabetes:** In 2012, 86 million Americans age 20 and older had prediabetes; this is up from 79 million in 2010.
  - The percentage is up slightly, from 35% in 2010 to 37% in 2012—and is now at 51% among those age 65 and older.
- Deaths:** Diabetes remains the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States in 2010, with 69,071 death certificates listing it as the underlying cause of death, and a total of 234,051 death certificates listing

diabetes as an underlying or contributing cause of death.

## Diabetes in Youth

- About 208,000 Americans under age 20 are estimated to have diagnosed diabetes, approximately 0.25% of that population. The figure is essentially unchanged from 2010, when it was estimated at 215,000/0.26%.
- In 2008—2009, the annual incidence of diagnosed diabetes in youth was estimated at 18,436 with type 1 diabetes, 5,089 with type 2 diabetes. This represents a modest increase in the percentage of youth being diagnosed with type 2, from 19% in 2002—2005 as reported in the previous Fact Sheet, to 22% in 2008—2009 reported now.

## Diabetes by Race/Ethnicity



The new Statistics Report contains greater detail on diabetes in minority populations than has been available before, particularly for Asian Americans. The rates of diagnosed diabetes by race/ethnic background are:

- 7.6% of non-Hispanic whites
- 9.0% of [Asian Americans](#)
- 12.8% of [Hispanics](#)
- 13.2% of [non-Hispanic blacks](#)
- 15.9% of [American Indians/Alaskan Natives](#)

The breakdown among Asian Americans:

- 4.4% for Chinese
- 11.3% for Filipinos
- 13.0 for Asian Indians
- 8.8% for other Asian Americans.

The breakdown among Hispanic adults:

- 8.5% for Central and South Americans
- 9.3% for Cubans
- 13.9% for Mexican Americans
- 14.8% for Puerto Ricans.

## Deaths

Diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death in the United States in 2010 based on the 69,071 death certificates in which diabetes was listed as the underlying cause of death. In 2010, diabetes was mentioned as a cause of death in a total of 234,051 certificates.

Diabetes may be underreported as a cause of death. Studies have found that only about 35% to 40% of people with diabetes who died had diabetes listed anywhere on the death certificate and about 10% to 15% had it listed as the underlying cause of death.

## Complications/Co-Morbid Conditions

- **Hypoglycemia:** In 2011, about 282,000 emergency room visits for adults aged 18 years or older had hypoglycemia as the first-listed diagnosis and diabetes as another diagnosis. *This is new to the Statistics Report.*
- **Hyperglycemia:** In 2011, about 175,000 emergency room visits for people of all ages had hyperglycemic crisis as the first-listed diagnosis. *This is new to the Statistics Report.*
- **Hypertension:** In 2009–2012, of adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes, 71% had blood pressure greater than or equal to 140/90 millimeters of mercury or used prescription medications to lower high blood pressure. *This is an increase from 67% in the previous Fact Sheet.*
- **Dyslipidemia:** In 2009–2012, of adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes, 65% had blood [LDL](#) cholesterol greater than or equal to 100 mg/dl or used cholesterol-lowering medications. *This is new to the Statistics Report.*
- **CVD Death Rates:** In 2003–2006, after adjusting for population age differences, cardiovascular disease death rates were about 1.7 times higher among adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes than among adults without diagnosed diabetes. *This data is a change from the previous Fact Sheet, which cited [heart disease](#) death rates 2 to 4 times higher for people with vs. without diabetes.*
- **Heart Attack Rates:** In 2010, after adjusting for population age differences, hospitalization rates for heart attack were 1.8 times higher among adults aged 20 years or older with diagnosed diabetes than among adults without diagnosed diabetes. *This is new to the Statistics Report.*
- **Stroke:** In 2010, after adjusting for population age differences, hospitalization rates for stroke were 1.5 times higher among adults with diagnosed diabetes aged 20 years or older compared to those without diagnosed diabetes. *This data is an update from the*

*previous Fact Sheet, which rates of stroke 2 to 4 times higher for people with vs. without diabetes.*

- **Blindness and Eye Problems:** In 2005–2008, of adults with diabetes aged 40 years or older, 4.2 million (28.5%) people had diabetic retinopathy, damage to the small blood vessels in the retina that may result in loss of vision.
- **Kidney Disease:** Diabetes was listed as the primary cause of kidney failure in 44% of all new cases in 2011.
  - In 2011, 49,677 people of all ages began treatment for kidney failure due to diabetes.
  - In 2011, a total of 228,924 people of all ages with kidney failure due to diabetes were living on chronic dialysis or with a kidney transplant.
- **Amputations:** In 2010, about 73,000 non-traumatic lower-limb amputations were performed in adults aged 20 years or older with diagnosed diabetes.
  - About 60% of non-traumatic lower-limb amputations among people aged 20 years or older occur in people with diagnosed diabetes.

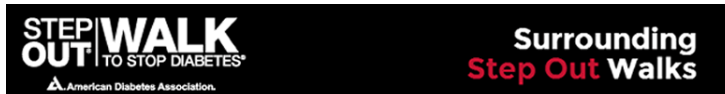
## Cost of Diabetes

*Updated March 6, 2013*

- \$245 billion: Total costs of diagnosed diabetes in the United States in 2012
- \$176 billion for direct medical costs
- \$69 billion in reduced productivity

After adjusting for population age and sex differences, average medical expenditures among people with diagnosed diabetes were 2.3 times higher than what expenditures would be in the absence of diabetes.

[Read more about the results of our study "Economic Costs of Diabetes in the U.S. in 2012."](#)



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

*Check back often for updates on the Step Out Walk!*

Turner Field | [Event Details](#)

11/8/2014

755 Hank Aaron Dr SE Atlanta, GA 30315

Need more info?

Your Event Coordinator: Tiffany Rozier

Email: [trozier@diabetes.org](mailto:trozier@diabetes.org)

Phone: 404.320.7100 ext 3096



## Peace, Love and Understanding

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

### Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

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

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

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

[Order a Kit](#)

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

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

### Promoting the Contest

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

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

- [Honorable Mention certificate](#)  
[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC\\_790\\_honorable\\_mention.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC_790_honorable_mention.pdf)
- [Peace Poster DVD](#)  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/?c=1&id=53>

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

### Ordering Essay Contest

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

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

#### Essay Contest Guidelines

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

View past grand prize winning essays:

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

#### For More Information

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

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



## MEETING NOTICE

TO: MD18 LEO Council and each LEO Club President in Georgia (MD18)

The MD18 LEO Council will have a Working Session Meeting on July 19, 2014, at 9:00-10:00 am at the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. (formerly Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind) in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp. This meeting will be to organize for the year, set tentative dates for subsequent meetings and chart our course for 2014-15 LEO year.

Let me know your intentions to attend the meeting so that materials can be prepared accordingly. If you will not be attending, please reply as well so that we will know who to look for.

The meal served at lunch on Saturday will cost \$10.00 and a reservation is required. Please do this through your sponsoring Lions Club.

Any LEO that plans to attend and needs overnight accommodations for Friday and/or Saturday, please contact Lion Brenda Arnold at [brendagale69@gmail.com](mailto:brendagale69@gmail.com) or call/text 229-921-2793.

In service, MD18 President Rose Carranza.

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Steve Helwig  
MD18 Leo Clubs Chair  
MD18 Leo Gathering Coordinator  
18-D Leo Clubs Chair



## Duck Derby August 8<sup>th</sup>

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



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



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## Strike the R-word September 16th

Strike the R-word and bowl with former Atlanta Falcon and Georgia Bulldog Dj Shockley and other celebrity supporters September 16th at Bowlmor Atlanta. Enjoy bowling, food, silent auction, and goodie bags, while striking the r-word "retarded," which demeans and hurts people. For more information, contact Wendy Bigham.



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**16th Annual  
Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic  
September 22nd**

Join us on September 22nd at the Country Club of Roswell for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic benefiting SOGA. Since 1999, this annual golf tournament has raised more than \$431,000 for our athletes.



This year's tournament goal is to raise \$58,000! The fun-filled day will include a putting contest, shotgun start, hole contests, and an awards ceremony, reception, and silent auction at Aqua blue Restaurant.

Corporate sponsorships and player information.Registration Form.

For more information, contact Susan Skolnick or 770-414-9390 x111. Thank you Marlow's Tavern and past and current sponsors for your generous support over the years!

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**Clay Shoot  
September 25th**

Secure your spot now for the Sporting Clay Charity Tournament, called the 2014 Shoot for Champions, Thursday, Sept. 25 at Foxhall Resort and Sporting Club in Douglasville.



The event benefits the athletes of Special Olympics Georgia. Costs \$425 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, shells, snacks, beverages, and awards. Click here for the flyer. For more information, contact Georgia Milton-Sheats.

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**Bob Busse  
Golf Tournament  
November 3rd**

Special Olympics Georgia once again proudly hosts the Bob Busse Golf Tournament at a prestigious golf club Nov. 3rd in Sandy Springs. This event promises to be a great way to spend your day. Each year, this tournament grows and becomes



better than the last. Expect a great golf game, prizes, a silent auction and wonderful reception. Email Riley Cerone for more information.

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**P&G Promotion**

Help support Special Olympics with this year's P&G brandSAVER® and Thank you, Mom promotion!

This promotion is based on coupon redemption: Special Olympics will receive 2 cents for every coupon redeemed at checkout. There is no limit to the donation from P&G, so the more coupons redeemed, the higher the gift to Special Olympics.

The coupons expire and the promotion ends June 30th.



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*Kroger Community Rewards®*

*Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at <https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx>, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code 57973) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself!*



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





Johnson & Johnson



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

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

Here's how it works:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How does your photo make a difference?

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

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

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

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

## Frequently asked questions

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

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

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



## 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

Joseph Preston



## Lions Cultivate Healthy Eating at School



Home and community gardens have been increasing in popularity, as people become more aware of the benefits of local organic produce and the importance of eating healthy. Lions in Whitefish, Montana, wanted to start a special project that gave back to the community while addressing issues such as childhood obesity and diabetes. They started a farm-to-school garden that has brought the entire community together while teaching children and families the importance of healthy eating.

## Preparing Children for School

As teachers at Middletown Elementary School in Virginia, Pam

Coffman and Heather Smelser noticed a gap in learning between children who had attended preschool and those who hadn't.



Whether it was academically, socially or emotionally, there were many students who simply weren't ready for school when they started kindergarten. Parents who couldn't afford a traditional preschool had few options that prepared their children for the first day.

## Giving Veterans and Their Families a Chance to Heal



For many veterans returning home from combat, reconnecting with their families is a challenge. It takes time and understanding to readjust after living apart – often for more than a year – and for many veterans' families, there is no help.

## Lions Help Feed and Clothe the Homeless



Gwendolyn Strain of the San Francisco Bayview Hunter's Point Lions Club knows what it's like to be cold and hungry. She was once homeless, but with a helping hand, she was able to get back on her feet and start giving back. She started out feeding the hungry by serving a small pot of soup out of her van.

Soon Lions began to help her. When Gwen's van broke down, the Lions helped pay for a new van to keep the food drive going.



## LIONS QUARTERLY



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

## CONTESTS

[Together We Can Grow](#)

Win US\$250 in Club Supplies or MJF Donation

[Peace, Love and Understanding](#)  
Purchase 2014-15 Peace Poster Kits

## HIGHLIGHTS

[Digital LION Magazine](#)

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

[President's Service Blog](#)

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**LIONS OF GEORGIA**  
**2015 MD 18 CONVENTION**  
**THE UGA TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**15 RDC ROAD, TIFTON, GA**  
**MAY 15 – 17, 2015**



**HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION**

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	Lion (Check)	Guest (Check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

Club:		District:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:			

Hospitality Book Includes: 2 District Breakfasts and District Governors Banquet on Saturday Night.

	At 2014 Convention \$100.00	June 2 – Aug. 30, 2014 \$110.00	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2014 \$120.00
Cost of Hospitality Book:	Dec. 1, 2014 – Mar. 31, 2015 \$130.00	April 1– April 30, 2015 \$140.00	After deadline, May 1, 2015 \$145.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@ \$25	each	Total Amt.	\$
Make Checks Payable To: <b>Lions of Georgia MD Convention</b>				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash		Date Paid		Amount Paid:	\$

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LIONS OF GEORGIA MD18 CONVENTION**  
**SEND FORM AND CHECK TO: Lion PDG Duncan Sinclair, Convention Treasurer**  
**569 Minisee Road, Moultrie, GA 31768**

The official hotels are off I-75 · Exit 62 & Highway 82:  
**Comfort Inn & Suites** (905 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8250) \$85\* per night.  
**Country Inn & Suites** (901 7<sup>th</sup> St W, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8100) \$85\* per night.  
 Rooms are also available at:  
**Holiday Inn Express** (814 West 7th Street, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-3300) \$95\* per night.  
**Days Inn & Suites** (1199 82W, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-8505) \$85\* per night.  
 \*Applicable taxes will be added to all room rates.  
 Don't forget to mention that you are with the Lions of Georgia.



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