



# District 18-D Bulletin

**We Serve**



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

August 2009



District Governor  
Grace Clower

Dear Lions of 18-D,

In my first month as your District Governor, I have experienced both ends of the spectrum of Lionism. My experience began in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the International Lions Club Convention. Along with 752 other District Governor Elects from all over the world, I went through four days of classes to officially become your District Governor. I had lunch each day with District Governor Elects from Brazil, Sri Lanka, France, Japan and Korea. Even though none of them spoke English, we still understood each other as only Lions can. The Parade of Nations was wonderful. Many of the Lions were dressed in their native dress. The convention was a great experience.

Our new International President, Eberhard Wirfs, from Germany unveiled his theme and program for this year. "Move To Grow" is our theme. A couple of the programs are Lions in Sight (Public Relations) and Global Youth Music Competition. You will be hearing more about these programs soon.

I came home to the news that District 18-D had lost one of our most devoted Lions. Lion Bill Owens of the Towns County Lions Club passed away. I attended a graveside service for him in the small community of Suches. As I stood there on the hillside and heard his friends tell how much Lion Bill meant to his community, it occurred to me that Lions International is made up of Lions Clubs in communities like this all over the world. It also occurred to me that, to keep the legacy of Lions like Lion Bill going, we have to bring new Lions into our clubs. To do that, we have to move in order to grow. To move, we have to do things we have never done before. Our International President has asked us to invite spouses and family members, along with women, to become Lions. There have been some comments made about the work we need to do on membership. Our Membership Chair, VDG Ken Fuller, is already working on membership in the District. The Cabinet and MERL Team will be formulating a plan that will address membership, in the form of new clubs and new members for existing clubs.

I saw our service shining through on my visit to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind on Lions Day at the Camp. Our District Governor Team played the campers in a game of goal ball. The campers won the game, but we won the satisfaction of seeing smiles on the faces of all the campers. These teenagers were having the time of their lives with their friends. They talked about boyfriends, girlfriends, and all the things teenagers talk about. The courage and spirit of these campers was amazing. I was most impressed by the compassion and caring of the staff and counselors. We are blessed with a wonderful staff. Every dollar that we give to OUR CAMP is being well spent.

Our first Cabinet Meeting was held in Gainesville with 115 Lions present from all over the district. We heard reports from the Camp for the Blind and the Lions Lighthouse and conducted the business of the district. The Cabinet officers were installed by Past International Director Buddy Ouzts. I am blessed to have such a wonderful group of Lions to work with this year. Thank you all for your service to the district.

Our service is making a difference in a hurting world. We face the challenge of helping more people in need than ever before. I have no doubt the Lions of 18-D will meet this challenge. We all need to recommit ourselves to be the best Lions we can be. I am proud to be a Lion and your District Governor.

Yours in Lionism,  
Grace



**33rd Annual USA/Canada  
Lions Leadership Forum**



*September 24-26, 2009  
Memphis, Tennessee*

We hope that all of you will invite a first timer to attend the Memphis Forum. Those of you who do invite a new attendee will receive a special Forum Pin, stating the year 2009 and the words FORUM MENTOR.

We feel that the real growth of the Forum will come by getting new people to attend. We are targeting all Lions, Lioness and Leos, although most of the seminars will be geared to Lions. They don't have to be current or past officers, as we want everyone to come discover a new world of leadership and service.



To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

Thank you for helping us reach new people. Together we can make the Memphis Forum the best Forum ever!

For all the information on the Forum, go to:  
<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

*Discover a New World of Leadership & Service*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**September 2007**

**Send A Kid To Camp Day**



**Planning Ahead**

**JOINT MEETING of  
Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation  
and Camp for the Blind**



**11 – 13 September  
at the  
Courtyard Marriot  
in Tifton, GA**



**Check details under the Lighthouse.....**

**Plan for Sight Night 2007. What do we do?**  
Decide who is going to organize and collect eyeglasses for your Sight Night activity. Consider partnering with your Leo Club, Boy or Girl Scouts, Children Church Groups, schools, etc. Confirm the date for trick-or-treat in your community.



What a challenge.....  
  
Work with kids.....

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



## **Where in the World**

**Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out =**  
**Lions News Network**   
**• LQ-Lions Quarterly** 



## **Lions on YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and More**

Did you know Lions are all over the Web? Social networking is a great way to contact and keep in touch with Lions around the globe and to share what Lions are doing to make the world a better place. [Visit the online community](#) to connect with other Lions on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr.



## **LION Magazine Headquarters Edition Photo Contest**

The Headquarters edition of LION Magazine is holding a photo contest for readers. [Download the contest rules and instructions](#), start taking pictures and send them to the editorial staff for a chance to win a great new Sony digital camera.



## **OneSight Special Price Voucher**

Across North America, millions of people suffer from poor vision because they cannot afford basic vision care. OneSight offers a Special Price Voucher for Lions to provide eyeglasses from a Lenscrafters store at a reduced cost for those with a financial need. A book of 10 vouchers is available for

US\$500 (\$700 Canada). Individual vouchers can be purchased if your club does not receive a large volume of requests. [Read further](#) to learn more about the voucher program or obtain a book of vouchers.



## **Funding Available for Children’s Symposiums**

Grant funding is available to districts or multiple districts who organize a children’s symposium during fiscal year 2009-2010. The Lions Services for Children Symposium Program allows for up to US\$1,000 expense assistance for a symposium held prior to June 30, 2010. Up to four symposiums can be held in each constitutional area, each fiscal year.

Over 40 children’s symposiums have been held throughout the world since the program’s inception. Symposiums are an effective way for Lions to join with health care professionals, educators, governmental agencies and other organizations to address the education and/or health needs of underprivileged children. Applications for funding are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Note that preference will be given to districts or multiple districts who have not previously received expense assistance through this program. Find out more about the [program](#) and download the official application. All reimbursements will be subject to the program’s rules of audit.



## **Strides: Promote Diabetes Awareness**

Would you like to increase your club’s visibility in your community? Would you like to organize an enjoyable and exciting event? A Strides Walk can attract families, community residents and prospective members to your club while

promoting diabetes awareness in your area. Learn how you can make a positive difference and raise awareness for your club membership through the [Strides Walk Program](#). Your club or district can organize a walk at:

- Lions district or multiple district convention
- Community health fair or other event
- Special health awareness day, such as World Diabetes Day (November 14) or Lions Diabetes Awareness Month (November)

A Strides Information Packet contains all information necessary to plan a successful walk. Complete the [Strides Walk Materials order form](#) to obtain a kit or other educational materials. For more information the program, contact [Health and Children’s Services](#).



## **Lions and DECA – A New Partnership for Diabetes Awareness**

Lions Clubs International and the Diabetes Education and Camping Association (DECA) recently entered into a partnership to further lend support and resources to Lions who sponsor, organize or assist with diabetes camps or who want to become more involved. DECA serves as the worldwide voice to advance diabetes camping programs. A “Lions Clubs Only” section of the DECA Web site, which Lions may access free of charge, is coming soon to provide a variety of resources for Lions involved with diabetes camps. Learn more about [DECA](#) and the [Lions Diabetes Awareness and Action Program](#).

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### **LQ Available Online**

LQ, the quarterly video magazine that profiles exciting and unique Lions projects from around the world, is available [online](#). Peruse past editions, or watch the July LQ, which features veterans reconnecting with their loved ones at Project New Hope in Minnesota; Lions working to eradicate trachoma and malaria in Ethiopia; children from around the world recovering at the Peace Village in Germany following medical care they would not have access to at home; and a Lions park bringing together the whole community in Zionsville, Indiana. [Submit your own story ideas and photos](#) for consideration.

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### **New Lions Quest Video**

A new Lions Quest video is available free of charge from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The DVD is available in all official Lions languages. It spotlights successful Lions Quest programs around the world. Lions Quest is the life-skills program for kindergarten through 12th grade. View the video online or [contact Lions Quest](#) to learn more.

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### **Lions Quest 25th Anniversary**

In recognition of Lions Quest's 25-year anniversary, Lions Clubs International Foundation will support a number of exciting activities throughout the upcoming year. The celebration started at the 92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, where Lions had many opportunities to learn more about the positive youth development program and show

their support for Lions Quest. Anniversary materials, including buttons, brochures and a [new Lions Quest DVD](#) will be available throughout the year. At the beginning of the school year, Lions Quest will launch the "Heroes in the Community" contest, joining Lions and Lions Quest classrooms together in service. As Lions Quest embarks on an exciting year of celebration, share the great success of the program with your fellow Lions and communities. For more information, please visit [Lions Quest online](#).

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### **Coming Soon: e-Clubhouse**

Lions Clubs International is gearing up to launch the e-Clubhouse. Designed with fill-in-the-blank fields for even the least of the Internet savvy, the e-Clubhouse will enable clubs to build their own branded club Web site, equipped with social networking tools and a password protected, members only area.

The e-Clubhouse will be rolled out in three phases. The first phase, being demonstrated at the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis and available through the LCI Web site in July, will offer clubs the ability to develop a branded public Web site. Phases two and three (timeframe to be determined) will release the social networking tools and members only area. Additionally, clubs will be able to convert their existing LionWap sites to the e-Clubhouse.

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### **Membership Cards 2009-10**

The May issue of LIONS, page 51, gives notice to all club secretaries that if you file online, you will not receive paper membership cards.

Club secretaries can now print out their membership cards at the LCI website. Just to go [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and Submit Reports. Log on and you will see complete instructions to print out your cards. You can use plain white card stock and cut the cards to size or purchase Avery blank business cards. Just remember to change the date to June 2010 and print in color. LCI automatically inserts the membership cards for printing.

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**READY GEORGIA**

Southeast Lions Leadership Institute PID Beverly Roberts has announced the location of the next SELLI in 2010. It will be at Hickory Knob State Park in South Carolina on April 15-18, 2010. Hickory Knob State Park is located on the South Carolina / Georgia state line, northwest of Augusta. Additional information will be published when available.

This is an excellent resource for anyone who wishes to advance to club or district leadership.

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**Great website for evaluating your preparedness for an emergency. Lots of good information. This will also let you know about the current swine flu status.**

<http://ready.ga.gov/>

**Also find it on your web site under  
GA LIONS ALERT**





# Region/Zone Meetings

**Region I -**

**Zone 1- 2 November place to be announced**

**Zone 2 – 31 August place to be announced**

**Region – February place to be announced**

**Region II -**

**Zone 1 -**

**Zone 2 -**

**Region -**

**Region III -**

**Zone 1 - Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at Winder Lions Club Building on 354 East Broad Street, Winder, Ga.**

**Zone 2 – Tuesday, September 8th at 7 PM. The Lawrenceville Lions meet at The Garden Plaza At Lawrenceville, 230 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.**

**Region – Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 PM to Eat & 7 PM for the Meeting at The Golden Corral Steakhouse, 163 East May Street, Winder, GA.**



Subject: Camp for the Blind Fundraiser

Each year Lanier Speedway in Gainesville partners with several charities (such as Sunshine Camp for children with cancer,) etc., to assist with fundraising endeavors. This year the Camp for the Blind has been given the opportunity to participate, and will be in charge of the opening ceremony. Our responsibilities are simply to have the tickets we think we will be able to sell printed and to sell the tickets. For those presold tickets we will earn half the price of each ticket. Adult tickets will sell for ten dollars and children's (6-12) will sell for five.

The date of the race for which we will be selling tickets is August 15th. The race will consist of several short races (trucks, Bandoleros, street stock, mini-stock, legends). The main event will be a 100-lap race of late model cars driven by racecar drivers such as Chase Elliot.

If this turns out to be a good moneymaker for the Camp, we will be able to make it an annual event. I will be glad to get the tickets you need to you, and David Edge has agreed to handle the monies. Thanks for all you and your club do for the Camp.

For more information, please contact PDG Ken Thurmond, 706 754-1787 or 706 768-9469, or via email at [eyebank@windstream.net](mailto:eyebank@windstream.net).



Dear Lion,

## New LCIF Volunteer Structure

Lions Clubs International Foundation is in a position of un-precedented opportunity to build upon the recent success of Campaign SightFirst. To do so an LCIF Development Plan was created, which was approved by the LCIF Board of Trustees at the May 2008 Board Meeting. This plan is designed to strengthen our Foundation, and a critical aspect of the plan is the creation of an enhanced LCIF volunteer structure, similar to that of CSFII.

This enhanced volunteer structure will provide consistently trained and longer-serving LCIF Coordinators in every district and multiple district. These volunteer coordinators will serve as ambassadors of LCIF in all regards and will be supported in their efforts by geographically assigned LCIF Development staff. This change is being undertaken to better serve the needs of Lions and those we serve worldwide. The efforts of these LCIF Coordinators will help increase both awareness of LCIF's work and donations received, allowing Lions to provide greater humanitarian service when needed locally and globally.

PDG Steve Hart, has been appointed and received training in May with MD Chair PDG Hashbarger for a three-year term. Please note that the new LCIF MD and District Coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. This new structure will be effective following International Convention in Lions year 2009-2010.

## *HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES*

Working together, Lions have the opportunity to build a stronger Foundation and create a better world. LCIF supports many humanitarian efforts, in addition to sight initiatives. Many of LCIF's successful programs range from combating disability to aiding disaster relief efforts. Lions continue to develop projects that address the immediate and long-term needs of their local and global community.

### *Disaster Relief*

To assist Lions in helping their communities following a natural disaster, LCIF Emergency grants are issued for a maximum of US\$10,000. The funds help meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. Lions often offer assistance for emergency or non-emergency humanitarian projects, through volunteering their help, donating supplies or requesting assistance from the Foundation. When disasters occur on a much larger scale, Major Catastrophe grants are awarded for long-term reconstruction projects. LCIF and Lions have helped countries around the globe following major catastrophes, including the Pakistan earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, the South Asia tsunami and September 11, 2001. Other major humanitarian initiatives include:

### *Diabetes Treatment/Prevention*

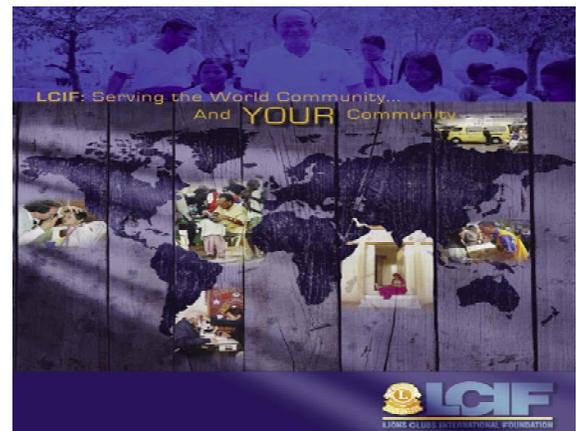
In 1999, LCIF established diabetes prevention and control as a part of the Core 4 program, which includes initiatives to preserve sight, combat disability, promote health and serve youth. Since then, LCIF has approved 15 diabetes related grants for US\$1.3 million.

### *Low Vision*

Low vision, an eye condition that cannot be improved medically, surgically or with conventional lenses, became part of the Core 4 grant program in 1999. Grants have supported the expansion of low vision services and education to those affected.

### *Special Olympics Opening Eyes*

The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program established a partnership between LCIF and Special Olympics in 2001. To date, more than 100,000 vision screenings have been provided to Special Olympic athletes and more than 40,000 Special Olympic athletes have received free prescription eyeglasses.





## Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:

### 18-D Environmental Award

#### General Guidelines for Award:

The contest will be conducted on a Region basis. Each of the zones within the region will work together on identifying, completing and documenting an environmental project within their region. There will be a rotating trophy or plaque with annual name plates. The club within the region that has the most participants on a percentage basis will hold the award and be responsible for bringing to all zone and joint zone functions as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting each year. One of the main purposes of this award is to bring attention to our environmental responsibility as Lions, but just as important is for the clubs that make up the three regions to work together on a project in their area for the good of the community at large. Criteria will be set for the contest by assigning points for various categories.

Areas from which to choose:

- \* Community clean-up
- \* Tree plantings and various plantings of shrubs and ground cover for conservation
- \* Recycling programs
- \* Education including photography and environmental contest for youth
- \* Other (Ideas from Lions Club International website under environmental projects).

Basic contest rules:

The contest must be documented from initiation through completion using text and pictures. Areas of evaluation for the project must include area assessment, community input, partners from other organizations, project selection, determine labor, materials and budget needs, get agreement and commitment for participation, involve all clubs in the region, get funding lined-up, make public aware of your Lions project, and get media coverage. Each of these areas will have credits given in the contest. The contest will be judged by 3 outside impartial individuals using a standardized instrument. The contest package must be sent to Lion Wayne Turnbull, 18-D Environmental Chair by 15 April 2010.

If you have questions call Lion Wayne at 706-769-5310(H) or 706-714-6310(C).

*Lions Green Teams are ready to help save the planet by:*

Cleaning the environment - **32% of clubs organize a community clean-up project.** Lions Green Team community clean-up is a great way to improve the environment and work alongside Lions, Leos, and non-Lions on a "hands-on" high-visibility community service project.



Thirty-two percent of the world's 44,951 Lions clubs in participated in a community clean-up project in 2006-07 (Source: Lions Club Activity Report). A community clean-up project was the third most implemented Lions project worldwide.

Lions Green Team participants can wear Lions-logo apparel or hats to publicize that a Lions Green Team is at work! A Lions logo sign at the clean-up site can reinforce the message.

Planting trees - **if every club planted a tree, there would be more than 44,000 new trees on the planet; if every Lion planted a tree, there would be more than 1.3 million new trees on the planet.** Lions Green Teams can plant trees to help the Earth. Fourteen percent of the world's 44,951 Lions clubs (in 2006-07) participated in a tree planting project according to the Lions Club Activity Report.

Recycling - **eyeglasses, paper, computers, and car batteries can be recycled.** Lions Green Teams fulfill the *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle* environmental message by reducing landfill debris through reuse or recycling. Lions Green Team efforts occur at Lions club, district, and multiple district activities as well as in the homes of environmentally-conscious Lions.

View the **Lions Green Team Kit**. Items to be recycled can include:

- Eyeglasses (Lions recycle millions of pairs each year)
- Hearing aids
- Paper – books, magazines, telephone books
- Aluminum
- Metal – keys, dry cleaner hangars, patio furniture
- Plastics
- Motor oil
- Paint
- Computers
- Inkjet cartridges
- Cellular telephones
- Athletic shoes
- Clothing
- Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and crutches



[Educating others](#) - a hybrid car exhibit and an environment contest help educate others about the environment. **Lions Green Teams** can educate the public about the importance of preserving and protecting the environment.



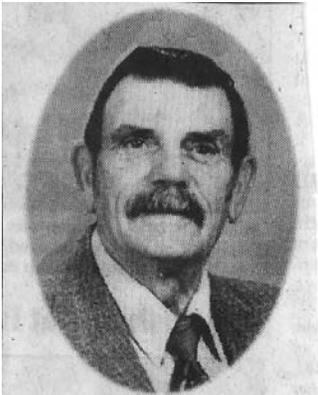
View the **Lions Green Team Kit**.  
Suggested environmental education projects are:

- Organize a community-wide recycling event.
- Volunteer at a recycling center.
- Lead a community-wide clean-up project.
- Clean a freshwater pond or river. Stock it with fish.
- Demonstrate how to plant trees.
- Encourage schools to include environmental education in their curriculum.
- Sponsor an environment contest. Provide an environmentally-friendly prize.
- Sponsor a Lions Green Team Club at a local school.
- Sponsor school-based environment projects such as the collection of used athletic shoes, notebook paper, or books.
- Host a Lions Green Team seminar for the public. Submit press releases about the environment to the local media.
- Volunteer to help local groups or municipalities implement environment projects.
- Sponsor a hybrid car exhibit/demonstration.
- Raise funds for an environment project.

*A new Lion year is coming – start thinking of our future*



**“Opportunity lies within Lions.” Unknown**



WILLIAM B. OWENS, SR.



**Lion William B. Owens, Sr., of Suches, GA. Or known as Grandpa Bill and Bloop is survived by Peggy, his wife of 63 years. Lion Bill graduated from Tech High School in Atlanta and attended Georgia Tech until he was called to the army in WWII. He served with the 15<sup>th</sup> Forward Artillery Observation Battalion in Africa, Anzio and Italy for 3 ½ years, a unit that was on the front lines for a record 534 continuous days which earned them a special commendation. After the war’s end he became a 59 year member of the plumbers Local #72 and joined his family in a plumbing shop in the Buckhead area for 33 years.**

**Bill was active in the Lions Club, having been president of the Brookhaven Lions Club, the Union County y Lions Club and was a life member of the Towns County Lions Club. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow, was elected to the Lions Hall of Fame and served as Sergeant of Arms for over thirty years. He served as Commander of VFW post 7394 of Union County, was a member of the Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114 and a lifetime member of the Yaraab Shrine Club.**

***A personal note:***

***Peggy Owens***

**wishes to THANK all Lions and Lions Clubs throughout the State for the kind cards and letters sent after they heard about Bill’s passing.**



Dear Lion,

**EBERHARD J. WIRFS — LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Eberhard J. Wirfs, of Kelkheim am Taunus, Hessen, Germany, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009. Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian and community service.

President Wirfs, an entrepreneur and retired CEO of his own company, is a pioneer in the marketing of frozen food specialties across Europe.

Using as his presidential theme Move to Grow, President Wirfs plans to build momentum or movement and “grow” association membership in order to meet the increasing needs for community service around the world.

President Wirfs is an experienced and effective leader with particular strength in membership development and extension and leadership training, and in combining service and fellowship.

A member of the Hofheim am Taunus Lions Club since 1985, President Wirfs has held many offices within the association, including club president; district governor; council chairperson; faculty group leader for the District Governors-elect Seminar, which trains incoming governors; and international director. He served as CEO of the German Lions Foundation, Deutsches Hilfswerk. In addition, he systematically implemented Lions Quest, a mentoring program for young people, in Germany. He is an honorary member of the Kelkheim am Taunus Lions Club. In recognition of his service to the association, President Wirfs has received numerous awards, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

President Wirfs and his wife, Margit, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons. Oliver and daughter-in-law, Sandra, have one daughter, Hannah-Carlotta. Marcus is married to Pauline, who is from France.



**Lions International Mission Statement:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

**Lions International Vision Statement:** To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

**Lions International 8 Core Messages:** 1) We are global. 2) We serve where we live. 3) We give 100 percent. 4) We do it ourselves. 5) We are rich in heritage and pride. 6) We are in good company. 7) We are open. And 8) We are dedicated to sight—and more.

Dear Lion,

Congratulations on your election as an officer of your Lions Club. I hope you find your club in the same condition that I find the international association -- well prepared by the leaders who came before us and poised to move and grow.

Lions Clubs International has achieved some notable successes in recent years, especially in the area of membership development. The number of clubs in our association has grown by the thousands and the number of women and [family members](#) in our clubs has grown significantly. But resting on our laurels is not an option. Taking our cue from nature where nothing that does not grow survives, we must be prepared to act. It is our actions, not our plans and intentions that will define our leadership year and determine the legacy we leave for those who follow us.



I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to the leadership year we will share. As we move along our journey it will be my goal to provide you with the support and assistance you need to help your club move and grow.

Again, congratulations and thank you for all you do.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President  
Lions Clubs International

## Move to Grow



To recognize and reward effective action I am pleased to announce the [Ginkgo Awards](#). Most Ginkgo Awards will go to district governors for outstanding performance in membership growth and club extension. I hope that you will do everything you can to support your district governor's efforts, but please take note of the President's Ginkgo Awards. These will be presented to 100 special Lions on the basis of recommendations from area Lion leaders. Any Lion, perhaps even you, can qualify for these awards through outstanding actions including:

- Implementing a unique public relations idea
- Developing an outstanding service project
- Executing an innovative fund raising campaign
- Initiating a valuable leadership development program
- Selfless service to the association

## Move to Grow Special Highlights

### Global Youth Music Competition

Recognizing that the youths of today grow into the Lions of tomorrow I am also pleased to announce the Lions Clubs International [Global Music Competition](#). In addition to fostering cultural exchange and appreciation, the contest will demonstrate our commitment to the world's youth. It is my hope that this exciting contest will cement links between Lions and young people that will last a lifetime. I hope that your club will sponsor contestants in district competitions that will be the first step toward the top prizes for vocal and instrumental performances that will be awarded at next year's international [convention in Sydney, Australia](#).

## Important Information

### Leadership Training

In nature, growth usually requires generous amounts of water and sunshine. In Lions Clubs International, growth requires leaders with generous amounts of knowledge and skill. The "fertilizer" to grow such leaders will be new initiatives in training for district leadership teams, more interactive leadership development programs and training customized for specific areas of the world.

It is my hope to make enhanced training opportunities available to all Lions through the World Wide Web and other interactive courses and leadership tools. As members of the first and most important echelon of Lion leaders, I hope that you will make extensive use of them.



# RETENTION

## Why Members Drop

We've all seen lists of reasons given by members who leave their clubs. All of the reasons to continue or drop membership are greatly influenced by you, the club president and leader. The most common threats to retention, as given to us by our members, are:

### Lengthy/Boring Meetings

Poor meeting quality is always one of the chief reasons given for leaving a club. Interesting and productive meetings are very important to the efficient functioning of your club. They are also important to your members. You want these members to feel like they are spending their time on something worthwhile. Planning and running effective meetings that follow a well-prepared agenda will help accomplish this.

### Club Politics/Cliques

Are politics getting in the way of club business? Do cliques within the club alienate new members, making it difficult for them to feel a part of the group? Limiting cliques and politics will make your club environment welcoming and productive. All members will feel more interested and involved.

### Lack of Involvement

Once your club inducts new members, be sure to engage them in activities that interest them and encourage them to take on leadership roles. Members who see they play an active, important part in the club are far less likely to drop out.

### Working Together

Too often, differences in personalities, gender or culture hinder a club from functioning smoothly. Dwelling on differences can lead to poor communication, misunderstandings and the club's inability to set common goals. By learning to bridge differences and communicate openly with all members, you will create a productive environment for your club. Retention is an ongoing team effort, led by you, the club president. Keeping your club efficient, productive and meaningful to your members will result in many benefits:

- A club that is a vital, respected part of your community.
- The ability to help people in need locally, and globally.
- A club that offers personal and professional growth opportunities for members.

MD18 Retention Chair  
DG Kenneth Moore Jr.



*"We're the New Generation of Lions...  
Join Us Today!"*

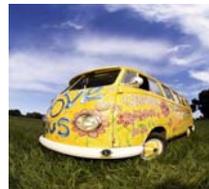
Dear Club Officer,

**We must continue to grow our membership. It is the key to our success, and the key in our ability to meet the growing needs of communities around the world.**

**Membership Doubler Pins will be awarded to every Lion who sponsors, brings into her/his Club a new member(s). The pins will be awarded at the next Cabinet meeting after the member is listed on the International report form. The sponsoring member and the new member will be recognized and awarded their pin by the District Governor and Vice Governors at the District Cabinet meetings.**



**Family Memberships are the emphases President Wirfs has this year. One can bring into the club his/her spouse on their initiation fee and only 50% OF THE INTERNATIONAL DUES EACH YEAR. One can have up to four (4) persons on the membership. There will be only one magazine mailed to the group and all must have the same address listed.**



**"Change the World"**

# CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Gee, its official - the District Governor is now a "Somebody."

The Snellville City Council Meeting recognized District Governor Grace for her many years of service with the Lions Club and her election as District Governor. The final part of the Proclamation reads - "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Jerry Obertholtzer, Mayor of the City of Snellville, Georgia, where "Everybody is Somebody", along with the Citizens of Snellville, proclaim Grace Clower as "Somebody" and officially acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contributions of her Leadership, Loyalty and Friendship that have touched many people and wish her much success in the coming year as District Governor of the Lions Club."



**Commerce Lions Club** = The whole month of August is devoted toward **Calendar Sales**. "Riding So That Others Can See" – check it out on 15 August. Be prepared for 29 October Pancake Supper at Commerce United Methodist Church, tickets will be available during the meeting on 22 September.

**Dahlonega Lions Club = EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES:** Lion year 2008 -2009 (6/29/2009): 42. **USED GLASSES, HEARING AIDS AND CELL PHONES: For Lion year 2008-2009, 1601 items were contributed. A total of 3257 items for the two year period.** The next screening date at the Community Helping Place is scheduled for August 12, 2009. This screening may have to be rescheduled Training for those who may be interested but have not been trained can be arranged. Since July 1, 2008 a total of 18 members have been trained on the screening process. Club members are proud of the fact that you are involved in a process that restores and/or improves vision of those who might otherwise lose it. **September 10, 2009:** Annual August Cookout in September. Bill Bellamy Lion of the Year Award presentation. **September 24, 2009:** Official Visit of District Governor Grace Clower. Lion Ray Smith gave a report on Yard Sale. Club raised \$1367.00 from the two day sale. Vision Clinic will be sometime mid August.

**Forsyth County Lions Club =** The Forsyth County Lions Club started the year with a bang. Serving food to the hundreds who attended the Cumming Fireworks and Dance Contest at the fairgrounds kept the members busy on Friday night, July 3rd. Then, before the annual Steam Engine Parade on July 4th, the members gave out 5000 pairs of earplugs to the children and other unsuspecting viewers lining the streets. Many newcomers did not realize how loud those whistles are when they pass by! **27Sep from 8to5 Play at the Park - Central Park, Hwy 365 and 2-11 Oct The annual Cumming Fair and Country Festival.**

**Jefferson Lions Club =** The Jefferson Lions Club recently held its annual banquet at Jackson EMC. The club's newly elected officers will serve from July 2009 through June 2010. 100% PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS presented to 24 Lions. 20-year Service Award including an appreciation plaque and chevron presented to Lion Ken Brand, Treasurer. **EYEGASSES COLLECTED:** 16 eyeglasses, 1 pair lenses, 7 cell phones and 3 chargers. In addition to other community service and activities, Jefferson Lions made possible 60 eye exams (with corrective lenses) for individuals in this area, and donated over \$10,000 to local, state, national and international Lion projects.



**PLANNING FOR upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Auto "Show, which will be Saturday, August 8, 2009.** Cars, Trucks, Antique Tractors, all makes and models are welcome. **LOCATION: At Jefferson High School** - show will be on a paved parking area one-half mile from downtown Jefferson on Highway 129 North. Many awards will be given. Show will be from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Come join the Jefferson Lions Club for family fun and good food. For more information call Buddy Hunt at 706-367-8933. Buddy Hunt said everything is arranged for the car show with the exception of selling trophies. He requested help from all members in selling trophies. Price is \$12 each. Buddy mentioned that he and Dot have been promised funds from Walmart to help with either food and/or gifts for the car show.

**Loganville Lions Club =** The Loganville Lions were privileged to have former District Governor Dick Smith from Winder as their featured speaker recently. Dick talked about the missions of Lionism and emphasized efforts made in Georgia, the Northeastern District in GA (18-D) and in particular the support Loganville Lions have made to all Lions charities, locally and internationally. Dick's message was inspiring to the club's understanding of their impact on the lives of people with disabilities, especially those with vision impairments. In addition, Ron Palmer of Bear Creek Golf Club spoke briefly about the course which will be the location of the Loganville Lions September 25th Fund Raiser Golf Tournament. Pictured are Palmer, Lion President Ben Johnson. Smith and Lion Neal Bvrd.



**Lawrenceville Lions Club =**  
[Annual Pecan Sales](#)  
**October - December**  
[Free Vision Screenings](#)  
**Year-round at health fairs**  
**(contact us if you need our services)**

[Sight Services Support](#)  
**Year-round resources available to low-income individuals**  
**Services pay for eye exams and**

**Nacho Cheese Machine =**  
**\$300 or best offer.**



**Norcross Lions Club** = The club sold snow cones and water at the Norcross July 3 fireworks. Members of the club are working on the Norcross Art Fest which is held the first weekend in October. Our speakers this month were 5 members of the Norcross Police Department. The K-9 officers demonstrated how their dogs find drugs and how they attack. We also looked at the technology inside a police car. The club sold hot dogs, beverages, and snow cones in Thrasher Park during the Norcross Bike Fest. Our goal is to meet more people in the Norcross community and talk to them about joining our club. Lion President Warren Anderson attended the officer training.

**Oconee Lions Club** = Turned in 216 cell phones, 115 pairs of eyeglasses and 5 hearing aids to District Recycling Chair Judy Stamsen.

**Snellville Lions Club = SNELLVILLE LIONS CLUB WILL BE AT THIS YEAR'S "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"** The Snellville Lions Club will be selling funnel cakes, snow cones, and soft drinks during the National Night Out event on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This activity will occur in front of the Old Navy Store on Scenic Highway in the Snellville Commons Shopping Center. **Service Projects;** Items turn into the Lighthouse Used eye glasses 217 Loose Lens 39 pairs Cell Phones 6

**[Annual Spaghetti Dinner](#) - 12 September** = Everyone loves Italian food and our chefs do a great job of preparing this meal. We are sure you will be pleased. A bake sale will also be part of this event.

**[Annual Elisha Winn Festival](#) - October** = Visit our trailer and tents where you are guaranteed to enjoy our great hot dogs, hamburgers, funnel cakes, drinks, and snow cones.

### Officers for Lions year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010



**Toccoa Lions Club = Sight Conservation:** Lion Nick is making changes in the information being reported for the months activities. He will submit the number of clients requesting services, the number receiving services and the cost of glasses. Lion Kay has been made aware of a new source for the frames and lenses made available to patients. She will explore this and report at the August board meeting. The board discussed the need for a new source of funding the Sight Conservation program. It appears we will need to route funds from a fundraiser or place the interest from the CD into the fund. This will be discussed further in August.



**Lion President introduced Senator Jim Butterworth. He served in the Air Force as a pilot and is a pilot for Delta Air Lines. He resides in Clarkesville. He talked about the current state of the State and National economy. Individuals must do more to be responsible for their own welfare.**

**State revenues are down. Currently there needs to be several billion dollars cut from budgets. Local governments must find ways to do the same or do more without increasing taxes. We as citizens must learn what we can do without.**

**Our state has been getting its revenues from state sales taxes, income taxes and property taxes. When sales of items are down so are the revenues. In rural areas services may see more of an effect the other places. Small hospitals may be required to cut services requiring a resident to travel for needed services. If you are in a trauma need you should be within one hour of a center. The farther away a patient is the more likely one is to suffer severely. Senator Butterworth stayed after the meeting to answer questions from the group.**



Lion Bryan introduced Barbara Allen of the Toccoa-Stephens County Literacy Council. Dr. Allen told us that the council serves anyone from ages 6 to 66 and they currently have 130 people enrolled. She advised that people are tested to determine the level of service needed. As with all things in these times money to operate becomes a factor in how much and what services are provided. Volunteers are needed to assist in providing services and one may sign-up at the Whitman Street Center Monday through Friday. Anybody with a good heart can help mentor a student. Questions and answers followed Dr. Allen's presentation.



*Mary Ann Mojica is the Toccoa Lion of the Year pictured here working at the pancake breakfast in February 2009.*

We have tentatively set dates for all our major functions.

We need lots of worker bees for

- |                            |   |                           |   |                       |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| October Pancake Breakfast  | - | November Harvest Festival | - | January Puppet Show   |
| February Pancake Breakfast | - | March Golf Tournament     | - | April White Cane Days |
|                            |   | June Magic Show           |   |                       |

**Towns County Lions Club** = Every Member of the Towns County Lions Club is a stock holder in the Georgia Mountain Fair, Inc. It is our baby. Every member needs to take a keen interest in the Fair and attempt to volunteer in some way. Without the loyal support of the Club Stock Holders the Fair cannot function as it should. Lion Hilda Thomson gave info on the upcoming Georgia Mountain Fair in Hiawasse, GA. Dates are July 15 through July 25. Only eleven days this year as opposed to 12 days in past years. New events, new carnival rides, two added food booths and much more. Also more advertising via radio and TV stations.



**Winder Noon Lions Club** = Seven members assisted in the Blood Drive conducted on July 1, 2009. **Firefighters of the Year** awards were presented to William Reidling and Tracy Moubrey. **Policeman of the Year** award was presented to Daniel Evans. **Donations:** \$75 was given to CURE Children Cancer and \$75 was given to Lighthouse Family Retreat in memory of Ryan and Missy Morgan. The club sponsored a hole for \$75 in the Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament which supported the Patriotic Call.



**Union County Lions Club = Sight Conservation:** No application this month. **Lion Mints:** 98 rolls of Lion Mints placed. **4Jul09:** Our 4th annual Old Fashion July 4th Event at Meeks Park with free admission to games and watermelon eating contest was well attended with 95 participants from ages 4 through adults and included a 'hole in one' golf shot for 17 years of age and up. There was a fee of \$1.00 per shot for this event with proceeds going to the Georgia Lions Camp for Blind in Waycross, A. There were 1st & 2nd place ribbons for children games and trophies in other events. All others received participant ribbons. Our service men & women were honored with banners and our American flag honored with an Honor Guard of Scouts from Scout Troupe 101. There were 19 Lion members and one Lion friend manning the event. Lion hours were 119 and 7 hours for friend of lions. Thirty four Union County Lions volunteered to man 43 shifts during this time at our food booth at GA. Mtn. Fair grounds. There were also 25 friends & family members who volunteered 182 hours during this time. In addition to Lion hours for July 4th Event & Ga. Mtn. Fair, 14 Lion members had additional 230 hours for Lion causes. A total of 868 1/2 hours!!! **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours: 1,096** hours. On July 4th Lake Nottley in Blairsville had their annual boat parade. Any theme..... so I decided to decorate my nieces "very yellow" boat for the Union County Lions Club. It was fun and out of 20+ boats we took the 3rd place trophy! My niece name Melinda Rolader with her Aunt Lion Lisa..... We had Lions cheering us on from the bank as well as on the water!



**Lion Sam Weissberg  
receives  
Lion of the Year**



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

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

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

## **A Historic Year: Letter from Board Chair Mark Miller**

Dear Lions,

First, we finished in the black. So many charities are facing financial troubles. To have made our budget goals is an amazing accomplishment. We never had to make cuts. In fact, we expanded services and still ended within our budget. Talk to some folks in other charities to realize how amazing this is!

More importantly, our service numbers are through the roof. While the final count on clinic and hearing aids will be a few days in coming out, WE DID 362 SIGHT SAVING SURGERIES LAST FISCAL YEAR! We also know that we massively increased the number of aids and clinic contacts! (1600 aids, 4,428 clinic exams and eyeglasses)

We have so much to proud of in our Lighthouse and its leadership. Thanks go to the most dedicated staff for giving so much of their heart to our vital mission. Thank you to all the Lions who have volunteered at vision screenings and eye clinics held White Cane fundraisers in your community, made personal contributions to the Lighthouse and helped in countless other ways to support the Lighthouse last year.

Now, let's get ready to break even more records this year!

Yours in Lions Service,

Mark Miller  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

## **The Lighthouse Fall Meeting will be September 11-13**

at the Courtyard Marriot in Tifton, GA. It will include great information to help your club work with the Lighthouse Foundation to serve the people of Georgia.

- **City:** Tifton, GA
- **Place:** Courtyard Marriot, 814 West 7th Street
- **Phone:** 229-388-0803
- **Hotel Price:** \$104/night. 30 doubles and 10 king beds are reserved for the event.
- **Breakfast coupon:** \$10/room or \$8.95/person
- **Banquet Price:** \$25/person
- **Last Day to Register:** September 4, 2009 for a head count for the banquet.

We will not be charged for the banquet room or meeting rooms if 30 rooms at the hotel are occupied. Use the word "Lighthouse" to reserve your room at the group rate. A more detailed schedule will be sent closer to the date.

## Weekend Schedule:

### Friday, September 11th

4:00pm - Pre Council of Governors

6:00pm - Lighthouse Executive Committee

### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - Camp Executive Committee (1.5 hours)

9:00am - Council of Governors

11:00am - State Committees

1:00pm - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

2:00pm - Camp Breakout Meetings

3:00pm - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

4:00pm - Camp Breakout Meetings

5:00pm - PDG Association, Camp Breakout Meetings

6:30pm - Banquet with Speaker

### Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - Camp Executive Committee (1.5 hours)

8:30am - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

10:30am - Joint Session

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## Better Vision

## Better Hearing

## Better Georgia



**VISION CLINICS**

**1442 Exams Provided**

**2332 Eyeglasses Provided**



**EYE SURGERIES**

**307 Surgeries Provided**



**HEARING AIDS**

**1463 Aids Provided**

## An increased demand has led to a rise in the number of people the Lighthouse helps

**Service numbers below reflect patients served from July 2008 to May 2009**

- 95 percent of eye surgery patients feel safer in their homes after surgery.
- 60 percent of eye surgery patients are able to drive again.
- 1 in 3 people over the age of 65 will experience hearing loss.
- Many people go without hearing aids because they can't afford them.
- The Lighthouse vision clinics target populations at risk for suffering from chronic eye disease, such as patients with diabetes or hypertension, the leading causes of blindness in America.
- For every 1 dollar donated, the Lighthouse can provide 5 dollars in medical services.
- 94 percent of all donations go directly to Lighthouse programs and services.



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**This Masters, PDG**  
[tstmasters@windstream.net](mailto:tstmasters@windstream.net)



From *Kristen Picus, Camp Director:*

## Hearts Are Wild

The concept of this fund raiser for the camp was to have the support of the Lions of Georgia but not require their attendance. With approximately 3 months left before the “Fun Raiser” there is still much to do. Listed below are some of the things that we need help with.

**Table Sponsors.** This is a great way to raise funds and isn’t that difficult to sell, even in this economy. A \$300 donation gets the sponsor’s name on a 5X7 card which will be placed on that table. If they have a logo that they would like us to use, please forward that in a format ready to be printed. There are only 13 table sponsorships available and we expect they will be sold soon. At that time we will have paid for the tables including the dealers. There is only one sponsor per table.

Letters have been sent to many potential corporate sponsors so before you contact them, please make sure they are not already on our list.

**Raffle.** The goal for everyone to win something. Anticipating 150 participant’s means that we need 150 raffle items to give away. Each participant would receive a raffle ticket when they check in at the registration table. Winning tickets would be drawn throughout the event, adding to the “Fun” part of the evening.

**Silent Auction** The silent auction should be the biggest portion of the fund raiser. This was started at the State Convention in Jekyll Island, will continue at Lions’ Day and culminate at **HEARTS ARE WILD**. Several Lions are already busy obtaining auction items but we can always use more.

**Volunteers** In addition to those that work getting sponsors, raffle and silent auction items, we need volunteers to either work just before the event or at the event. Help is needed in the following areas:

**Publicity and Promotion:** Prepare and submit press releases to appropriate periodicals, radio and TV station before and after the event.

**Silent Auction/Raffle** Compile the list donors, prepare auction bid sheets, setup auction tables **Dealers** Qualified individuals who would like to deal Black Jack, Craps, Texas Hold’Em, or Roulette . .

The flyer for **HEARTS ARE WILD** is posted on the camp website at [www.glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org). Should you need more information or have questions call me at 404-444-2064. My e-mail address is [eressler65@bellsouth.net](mailto:eressler65@bellsouth.net) or [eressler65@gmail.com](mailto:eressler65@gmail.com). If you obtain a raffle/silent auction, please send it to me so I can catalog them.

Thanks for your help.

Ed Ressler  
 Co-Chairman

**Georgia Lions Camp Presents:**



**Hearts Are Wild  
Casino Night 2009  
To Benefit  
Camp for the Blind**



**October 3, 2009  
From 6pm-11pm**

**Social Hour until 7pm  
Hors d'oeuvres & Gaming from 7pm-10pm  
Gaming Ends/Cash Out at 10pm**



**Doubletree Hotel,  
Windy Hill  
For More Information,  
please call:  
Edward Ressler at  
404-444-2064**



**Game Table Sponsors**

**\$ 300 – slots,  
Cards,  
Roulettes**

**\$350 –Craps  
Table Each Side**

**Make Checks Payable to Georgia Lions Camp**

**Send to Ed Ressler  
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**TABLE SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Table Type: \_\_\_\_\_**

**AUCTION ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ESTIMATED VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_**

# ***Lions Night at Lanier National Speedway***



***The evening will consist of several short races (trucks, Bandoleros, street stock, mini-stock, legends). The main event will be a 100-lap race of late model cars driven by racecar drivers such as Chase Elliot.***

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series featuring Super Six Series

## **Saturday Aug 15, 2009**

## **Starting at 7:00 PM**

**Georgia Asphalt Series 100 Lap Pro Late Model Feature**

***Adults @ \$10.00 per Ticket***

***Children (6-12) @ \$5.00 per Ticket***



The speedway is donating half the cost of all tickets sold by Lions Clubs to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross, GA.





**Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall**  
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My son David is a senior at Oklahoma State University. I just got a call from David, and today when he and Ozzie were walking back from class and were crossing the street, a SUV turned without looking. David of course didn't see the car coming, but Ozzie did and dug his paws in and stopped. The car slammed on their brakes and stopped within two feet of David and Ozzie!

As a mom I wish they would just take the bus, but David is an independent man. He was proud to call and say, "Mom, Ozzie just saved my life today!"

Please pass this on to everyone that works so hard for Leader Dog. These partnerships don't just make life easier -- they can truly save a life!

Grateful for all that you do,  
*Gail Cline*



I would like to thank everyone for their help in starting my new life with my new partner Bandit. He is a very handsome black lab with a personality that would charm anyone. Bandit loves to work and easily adjusts to almost anything. Since we have been together we have become members of our local Lions' Club (Bandit is an honorary member) and have started doing volunteer work with our local Department of Human Services.

With Bandit at my side I have had the opportunity to gain experience working in an office. I have people ask where my dog is and when they are told he is under my desk, they marvel at how well behaved he is in public. We also bowl in the Mid Michigan Blind Bowler's League every Friday night. We spend quality time with each other playing in our back yard and going out to eat with friends.

Bandit and I have bonded very well. He has blended into my family nicely and will socialize with other family members; but when this activity is over, he shows them where his loyalty is when he returns to my side.

Sincerely,  
*Rebecca Borka*



I want to let everybody at Leader Dog know how happy and pleased I am with my Leader Dog Ada! I had an experience today with a bus driver. It's very cold and snowy here in Indiana, and the driver let me off at the wrong place in my neighborhood. I was rather close to my house, but the streets are pretty snow-covered. I had my Breeze with me, which told me what street I was on. A man who was out shoveling snow confirmed that I was on Harper Drive, so Ada and I headed in the direction we needed to go. The snow made the way very hard to navigate, but Ada got us home safely. I had happy tears in my eyes. Ada's whole body wiggled all over with happiness because she got lots of praise and kisses. We're still working on the curious nose in the stores, but she's really a great dog and so smart! I can't say enough wonderful things about her. She grows dearer to me each day!

One happy working team,  
*Debbie Morgan and Ada*



I thought you might enjoy the attached picture of me and Kelby in our rain gear. Sad to say, Kelby doesn't much like the hat. But she loves to have her photograph taken no matter what is required of her. She is a very willing and patient partner.

All of my medical doctors love her. I actually think that they are happier to see her than they are to see me.

*Linda Will*



### Some Great Fundraising Ideas

The Lions of MD-2 Texas published 100 Ideas for Fundraising in 1997—and many of their ideas are still great today. We picked out our 10 favorite ideas, and one mega favorite, to get your fundraising ideas flowing.

1. Car Show
2. Auction (Silent, Live or Both)
3. Car Wash (get those Leos involved with this one)
4. Have a Carnival
5. Host a Golf Tournament
6. Work Fairgrounds Booth for Percent of Sales
7. Ice Cream Social
8. Chili Cook-Off
9. Horseshoe Tournament
10. Bowling Tournament



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig [lion.swampthing@gmail.com](mailto:lion.swampthing@gmail.com)

RFB&D awards-

- Highest % Increase District-D (8.29%)
- Highest \$ Amount District-D (\$12,593.00)
- Highest \$ Amount Club-Athens (\$3565.00)
- Total amount given by MD18 in 2008-2009 was \$37,699.98 (up slightly from previous year) so 18-D gave 33.4% of the statewide total!

On behalf of the Georgia Unit and the RFB&D Committee THANK YOU, 18-D, for your continued phenomenal support!



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## Kathy Champion Finds Her Angel



*Angel is an opportunity for me to get my freedom back.*

After a Successful, 27-year career in the united states army as a civil affairs officer, 44-year old Kathy Champion is about to retire. The Lieutenant Colonel and PhD of Biological Sciences has served our country as a medical advisor and technician in foreign countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Bosnia.

In October 2007, Kathy was diagnosed with optic neuritis as a result of a virus she contracted while serving in Iraq. Her diminished eyesight has rendered her legally blind and impinged on her ability to continue her fiercely independent life. But Kathy is a fighter, and she recently came to Southeastern Guide Dogs from her home in Gulfport, Florida, with the goal of reclaiming her freedom. Her new journey began the day she met her guide dog, Angel.

Kathy has always referred to her two children as "angels" so when we told her she was being matched with a dog named Angel, she knew it was fate. The bond began to grow before they even met and becomes stronger every day. Today, Kathy and Angel walk side by side with confidence and dignity. We are proud to play a role in their Forward Together journey.



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



Photo by Michael Livera. Pictured: CCI Skilled Companion Dog Farah gives Jackson Riggs a good luck kiss at the start of the 2008 Athens Run for the Dogs.

## Athens Run for the Dogs

The Georgia Volunteer Chapter for Canine Companions for Independence hosted their sixth annual fund raiser, Athens Run for the Dogs, in Athens, Georgia on September 13, 2008. Participants from this year's run raised over \$18,000 for the Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence.

Assistance dogs aren't just born, they're raised.



Volunteer puppy raisers provide these specially-bred puppies a safe home, take them to obedience classes, serve up a healthy diet, provide socialization opportunities and give lots of love.

Each hour spent caring for a CCI puppy is vital to its development as a future assistance dog. The puppy raising program provides a unique opportunity for volunteers to assist CCI with its very important mission. To learn more, contact:

Ed Burger, SER Puppy Program Manager  
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Lion Kathryn Higgins  
 Diabetes Awareness Chair  
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Learn more about diabetes  
 at Northeast Georgia's

# Diabetes 101

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Georgia Mountains Center  
 Gainesville, GA

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.*

A full day of diabetes information for people with pre-diabetes, Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes plus their family members and friends Cost: \$15/person; \$20 after Sept. 4. Breakfast and lunch is included.

## Celebrating a long healthy life with diabetes

Honoring diabetes champions through personal testimonials from the newly diagnosed to those who have had diabetes for more than 50 years

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration, Exhibits and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

8:40 – 9:30 a.m. Video Presentation

*Diabetes Champions: Celebrating a Long Healthy Life with Diabetes*

**Session 1 9:40 – 10:30 a.m.**

1. What is Prediabetes, & What do I Need to Know?  
 Amy Roark, RD, LD, CDE Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic

2. Diabetes & Bone Health  
 Cheryl Williams, RN, CDE The Longstreet Clinic

3. Getting Sleepy? Sleep Apnea & Diabetes  
 Wesley Head, MD Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic

4. Dealing with Daily Diabetes, the Emotional Ups & Downs

Randall Overdorff, LPC Psychiatry & Psychological Associates, LLC

5. Your Achilles Heel, Keeping Your Feet Healthy  
Ruldoph Cisco, DPM Northeast Georgia Foot & Ankle Specialists, PC

10:30 – 11 a.m. Break and Exhibits

**Session 2 11 – 11:50 a.m.**

6. Diabetes, Beginning the Journey

Connie Niedermeyer, RN, CDE Northeast Georgia Health System

7. Medications for Diabetes

Philip Marler, MD The Longstreet Clinic

8. Affording Diabetes in these Difficult Times

Mandy Reece, PharmD, CDM, BC-ADM District 2 Public Health

9. Keeping Your Heart Healthy

Pam Williams, RN, BSN Northeast Georgia Health System

11:50 a.m. –12:20 p.m. Lunch and Exhibits

**Session 3 12:30 – 1:20 p.m.**

10. Over the Counter Medications & Diabetes

Mandy Reece, PharmD, CDM, BC-ADM District 2 Public Health

11. Diabetes & Gastric Bypass

Mindy Bell, MS, RD, LD Northeast Georgia Health System

12. What to Expect from Your Doctors Visit

Antonio Rios, MD Northeast Georgia Health System

13. Healthy Eating with Diabetes

Suzanne Burns, MS, RD, LD, CDE Northeast Georgia Health System

**Session 4 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.**

14. Chronic Kidney Disease & How it is Treated

Pamela Wegienka, RN, CDN Baxter Healthcare Corporation

15. What's New with Diabetes Treatment

Cacia Soares-Welch, MD Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic

16. Moving for the Rest of Your Life

Bobby Norris, BS Excercise Science Northeast Georgia Health System

17. Southern Cooking the Healthy Way

Mary Ann Clever, RD, LD The Longstreet Clinic

**Panel Discussion/Support Session 2:30 – 3 p.m.**

18. Panel Discussion

Cacia Soares-Welch, MD Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic, Bobby Norris, BS Excercise Science Northeast Georgia Health System, Mary Ann Clever, RD, LD The Longstreet Clinic, Mandy Reece, PharmD, CDM, BC-ADM District 2 Public Health

19. Support Session: Someone I love has Diabetes

Cheryl Williams, RN, CDE The Longstreet Clinic

**Cost: \$15 per person; \$20 after Sept. 4**

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How long have you had diabetes?

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- ≤50 years  ≤55years

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Atlanta, GA 30329-2012

Or send by fax to: 404-320-0025

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(1-888-342-2383), ext. 3166

*Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify.*



"Peace Begins  
With Me"  
2008-09 Grand  
Prize Winner

The theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest is **"The Power of Peace."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.



**Fellow Lions,**

**AUGUST 2009**

31<sup>st</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
Current club information sent to me  
Enroll Leos In Young Leaders in Service Awards program  
Begin Kids "N Coins collection project

**September 2009 Leo White Cane Month**

7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Summary sent to me

**October 2009 Leo Club Growth Month**

12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day  
31<sup>st</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
Sight Nights

**November 2009**

11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving  
30<sup>th</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me

**December 2009 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

1<sup>st</sup> World Aids Day  
12<sup>th</sup> Hanukkah  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
31<sup>st</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Summary sent to me

**January 2010**

31<sup>st</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
MLK Day of Service  
Leo Day with the U.N.

**February 2010**

14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day  
28<sup>th</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me

**March 2010 GLC SEND A KID TO CAMP MONTH**

31<sup>st</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
Club Officer nominations  
Liberty Days  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Summary due to me

**April 2010 LEO AWARENESS MONTH**

30<sup>th</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
Club elections  
Global Youth Service Day  
Record-a-Thon (RFB&D)

**May 2010**

15<sup>th</sup> Leo-72 Report due to YP and me  
31<sup>st</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me

**June 2010**

30<sup>th</sup> Leo MMR due to YP and me  
Year-end celebrations  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Summary sent to me

As other dates and information becomes available I will advise.

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*In Service, Steve*



100 WAYS WE AS LIONS CAN HELP CHILDREN  
(AND OURSELVES FOR THAT MATTER):

- \_ Begin Lions Quest in your schools.
- \_ Identify special need children and provide services.
- \_ Provide prenatal care to prevent birth concerns.
- \_ Provide school packages (or assist other agencies) for low income students.
- \_ Develop talents in young people that might otherwise go unnoticed.



**NOTES FROM SCHOOL :**

**What Children (and we all)**

**Need**

- A is for Acceptance
- B is for Boundaries
- C is for Compassion
- D is for Devotion
- E is for Encouragement
- F is for Fun
- G is for Goals
- H is for Honesty
- I is for Inspiration



# Around The World



## YCE Online Directory

Attention district governors and council chairpersons: Get your YCE program posted on the Lions Web site! The Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp & Exchange Report Form (YCE 510A) is due to International Headquarters by **August 31**. You can download a form online at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) by clicking: Member Center/Planning Youth Projects/Youth Camps and Exchange.

## Leo Club Program Update

The Leo brand rejuvenation project is almost complete! To best meet the changing needs of youth and young adults throughout the world, several programmatic components have been reviewed and modified to enhance the Leo Club Program. When the new brand rolls out in July, you will see a fresh new look, along with two separate and distinct tracks for Alpha and Omega Leos. Part of this fresh look includes a modification of the Leo age ranges to most effectively address the needs of each track and its members. Starting July 1, 2009:

- Alpha club membership will be for youth between 12-18 years of age and will focus on individual and social development.

- Omega club membership will be for young adults between 18-30 years of age and will focus on personal and professional development.

These new age ranges better match the current membership of Leo clubs across the globe. In a recent survey conducted by the Youth Programs Department, 88% of survey respondents said their Omega club membership consisted of Leos from 19-30 years of age, while 83% said their Alpha club membership consisted of Leos from 12-18 years of age. Furthermore, the new age ranges also better reflect the current practices of other service organizations like Rotary International and Kiwanis International.

Both tracks will continue to be connected through a larger Leo community, united by its common purpose of Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

There are many options for Leo members who no longer fit the age range. Click on the links below for more information:

- Leo to Lion Program
- Join a Lions club
- Start a new club



## LIBERTY DAY—YOUR LIONS CLUB AND SCOUTING PROJECT

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has recognized Liberty Day as a citizenship project. Older Cub Scouts (Webelos 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are encouraged to undertake a project at least once a year under the BSA program, Good Turn for America. Liberty Day is now listed as one of the suggested projects.

Liberty Day Kids is the ideal method of a Webelos den, Boy Scout troop or Venturing Crew to complete a Good Turn for America project using Liberty Day. For Liberty Day Kids, the scouts learn a set of questions and answers directly out of the Constitution. They then take these questions and answers out to the public in a mall, post office, or other gathering place and ask adults the questions. Every adult questioned is given an “I Got Quizzed” sticker or an American flag lapel pin along with a pocket Liberty Day booklet.

This is a great way for a Lions Club to be involved in Scouting. The relationship between Lions and Scouting goes back to the beginning of both organizations in the United States. The cooperation between Scouts and Lions benefits both organizations. Young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models—Lions. For more information, read the section on Scouting in the “Lions of Georgia Handbook” (pp 148-149).

If your Lions Club is interested in sponsoring a Liberty Day project with a Scout group, please contact your District Liberty Day Chair or Lil Shurtleff, MD Liberty Day Chair.

**LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/U.S.  
CONSTITUTION**

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