



GROW THE PRIDE



It is hard to believe that the International Convention has come and gone. It will hold a place in my memory for many years to come!! If you were one of the ones that had the opportunity to go I know that you all saw a lot and learned a lot. If you didn't get to go this year, hopefully you can begin to make plans to go to Honolulu, Hawaii next year for the 98th International Convention. International President Joe Preston gave us the message to "STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE." During 2014-2015, we can "Strengthen the Pride" by bringing the 1.36 million members of our Lion's family closer together, working in a spirit of cooperation and understanding. This is not the pride of being boastful; it is pride of accomplishment in building communities, providing meaningful service, and helping foundation of our commitment to serving others, and has made us the global leader in humanitarian service. This is the platform for success in the coming year, through our centennial, and well into the next hundred years of our association.

Strengthen the Pride through Service - Centennial Service Challenge: This celebration of service will begin in July 2014 and will conclude in December 2017. There will be four elements to the Centennial Service Challenge, with special recognition available to clubs that report their participation in the Global Service Action Campaign projects that align with the program.

Strengthen the Pride through Membership Development - We can promote membership growth and development in the following ways: Ask One: Every Lion should invite at least one new member during the 2014-2015 Lions year, and focus on pursuing those who demonstrate a desire to serve others. Tools, such as the "Just Ask" brochure, are available to support this effort.

Strengthen the Pride by Strengthening Your Club - It is time that we got back to the basics of strengthening our association from the "Club Up." Every club will be encouraged to examine what they are doing and consider implementing new management strategies and techniques to energize their club. Participate in the Community Needs Assessment to determine how best to serve their respective communities. Participate in the Club Excellence Process (CEP) to improve club effectiveness and enhance the membership experience. Ensure that all members are actively involved in club activities and operations

Strengthen the Pride through Leadership - We can strengthen our clubs by developing strong club leaders. Ensure club officers are trained to fulfill the responsibilities of their position. Establish a leadership development plan that includes goals for member orientation, mentoring, zone meeting participation and other leadership training.

Strengthen the Pride through Partnerships - We can do more and accomplish more when we work together with like-minded people, companies and organizations. Clubs are encouraged to partner with others when it is mutually advantageous, strengthens their communities, and helps the club better serve others.

Strengthen the Pride through Rededication - Our founder, Melvin Jones, instilled the pride of service in our first members, and nurtured pride in membership as Lions Clubs International began to grow. As we prepare for our centennial, schedule a celebration of Melvin Jones' birthday on January 13th as a tribute to our founder, and rededicate yourself to the community and humanitarian codes, objects and principles of our association.

Strengthen the Pride through Giving - The more you give, the more you have to give. This year, all clubs are invited to make a contribution to LCIF, the charitable arm of our association.

Strengthen the Pride through Creativity - The ability to adapt and take on new challenges has been an important part of our past success, and has helped us thrive in an ever-changing world. To ensure our future growth, we need to creatively embrace technology and use it to our advantage. Engage in social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, the LCI blog and other sites. Use and promote tools like Service Activity Reporting and MyLCI, which make it easy for clubs to report activities, find information, and share their pride

Strengthen the Pride through Courage and Conviction - Lions members have both courage and conviction. As Lions, we need to roar. We need to tell the whole world who we are, that we will never stop trying, because we have service to perform, and we are going to provide it, no matter what the challenges are.

This is a great message from our International President, Joe Preston. We can all follow this "Pride Strengthening" advice for ALL of our clubs.

I hope that many of you were able to make it to the Cabinet meeting that was held on Saturday, July 26th. We had a day full of fun and exciting things: New Officer Training, Cabinet Meeting, Tail-twister session and the installation of Cabinet Officers (with their cool PINK shirts). This is the time for change; we have to start thinking “outside of the box”. We have to build our membership, by chartering new clubs and rebuilding struggling clubs. We have to identify and develop new leaders to step up in the District and take new leadership roles in the years ahead. We have two of the best Lions in our GMT and GLT positions to assist in making this happen. GMT Coordinator PDG Dick Smith is working in many different areas of the District in assisting in developing new charter clubs and branch clubs. We are also working with a few struggling clubs to make them stronger and better!! GLT Pete Stamsen is working hard to efficiently train members of the District in all aspects of Lionism. He has developed a Training Plan for the 2014-2015 Lions year and he is setting up and conducting CEP throughout the District. Kudos to these two great Lions for their hard work...and we are only a month into our new Lions Year.

I will leave you with the following quote from Margaret Mead – “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – You and your clubs are a small group, our District of 57 clubs and 1420 members are a small group, our State of Georgia consisting of 5,749 are a small group. However, 1.36 million LIONS worldwide is the largest service organization in the world. Always keep in mind without the “small groups” the 1.36 million would not exist. 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 – District 18-I

District Governor Vicki Hubbard Club Visitation Dates:

- August 18 – Loganville
- August 25 - Jefferson
- August 27 - Winder Noon
- August 28 – Winder

- September 9 - Madison
- September 15 - Commerce
- September 18 – Oxford

- October 2 - Athens
- October 6 Dawsonville
- October 9 0 Dahlonega
- October 14 - Loganville Legacy
- October 28 – Lawrenceville

- November 18 – Decatur

- Conyers Lions Club – TBA
- La Vista Lions Club – TBA
- Snellville Lions Club - TBA
- Thomson Camellia City Lions Club – TBA
- Washington Lions Club - TBA

2nd Vice District Governor’s Club Visitation Dates:

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| Aug 4 | Clermont North Hall Lions Club | 7pm | |
| | 5 Gainesville Lions Club | 12pm | |
| | 11 Athens Classic Lions Club | 7pm | |
| | 21 Evans Lions Club | 12pm | |
| Sept 2 | Athens Heritage Lions Club | 12:30pm | |
| | 4 Royston-Franklin Lions Club | 12pm | |
| | 7 Colbert Lions Club | 7pm | |
| | 11 Lincolnton Lions Club | 5:30pm | ??? |
| | 18 Martin Lions Club | 7:30pm | |
| October 7 | Monroe Lions Club | 11:30am | |
| | 7 Forsyth County Lions Club | 7pm | |
| | 9 Union County Lions Club | 7pm | |
| | 14 Thomson Lions Club | 7pm | ??? |
| | 21 Union Point Lions Club | 7pm | ??? |
| | 28 Grovetown Lions Club | 7pm | ??? |
| November 4 | Carnesville Lions Club | 7pm | ??? |
| | 6 Buford Lions Club | 1pm | |
| | Winterville Lions Club | 7pm | ??? |

Atlanta India – TBA

"Zone 1 will have our first "rally" at with Blairsville hosting, Thursday, August 28, 6 PM at Steve's Steak House, aka The Cookie Jar."

Thanks, Rev. Ken {Kenny Drew} Fuller, Sr

UPCOMING EVENTS

Engage youth to benefit 25 million people and be part of the [Centennial Service Challenge!](#)

“Engaging Our Youth” in August

August - This month’s Global Service Action campaign encourages Lions to involve the community’s youth in service activities. By working with young people to develop and lead projects, they can gain valuable skills that help them achieve their dreams. Projects that engage our youth include environmental cleanups, book drives, assembling care packages for homeless shelters, assisting at special needs camps, after-school tutoring and more. Visit the [Engaging Our Youth page](#) for more ideas and resources.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/global-service-action-campaigns/engaging-our-youth.php>



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

Check page 20 for info on 25 Youth Project Ideas

Planning Ahead

September 2010

Keep the Camp Fires Burning

[October](#) – Sharing the Vision



Plan for Sight Night 2014

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.

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.



GA. Lions Lighthouse
 VP June Phillips, PDG
junelieu@aol.com

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010f>



2014 Beacon of Hope Award

Greetings,

I am so pleased to announce that we are now accepting *Beacon of Hope Award* nominations for 2014's award. As the new Executive Director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, I am continually amazed and inspired by the Optometrists of Georgia and their dedication to providing quality vision care to those in need. I hope you will take a moment to nominate an outstanding optometrist you know.

Sincerely,

Roberta Green
 Executive Director, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Application Download

Questions & submissions, contact:
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scrosswhite@lionslighthouse.org
 770.738.4678 (direct)
 404.636.5549 (fax)

<http://www.lionslighthouse.org/images/pictures-for-email/BeaconOfHopeOptometrists%20Application%202014.pdf>

Thank you so much Pete Stamsen of the [Lawrenceville Lions Club](#) for printing our [#operationeyecare](#) recycling posters for us. They look awesome!



Recycle eyeglasses, sunglasses, & cell phones here!

Operation: Eye Care, We Care
 Join the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in our mission to provide vision services to uninsured Georgians and underdeveloped countries across the globe.

HONDURAS **KENYA**

visit www.lionslighthouse.org



**Service Numbers
 From July to June
 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.
 121 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
 524 were from 18-I

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 -I District Chair:
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Mark your calendars! Upcoming Lighthouse Events

Partnering for Success BBQ Lighthouse Partnering with Communities in Schools: Back-to-School Farmhouse Event



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.

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 pm

Location: Farmhouse 17,
138 Holcomb Bridge
Norcross, GA 30071

7th Annual Taste of Chamblee Returns October 4, 2014 A Community Food and Music Festival



The 7th 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. Event entry is FREE. Tickets for food and beverage will be sold for \$1 each, with samples ranging from 1-4 tickets.

Please visit
www.TasteofChamblee.com for
more information. #TOC14

District I	6/30/2014				
County	Surgery	Vision Clinic	Aids	Total	People
Banks	2	3	6	11	7
Barrow	1	62	4	67	45
Clarke	2	259	15	276	182
Columbia	1	22	6	29	19
Dawson	5	50	1	56	40
Dekalb	2	942	167	1,111	727
Elbert	3	3	7	13	9
Forsyth	3	23	19	45	29
Franklin	5	13	0	18	14
Greene	0	3	11	14	8
Gwinnett	32	393	91	516	348
Habersham	10	6	6	22	17
Hall	3	29	22	54	34
Hart	0	10	1	11	8
Jackson	4	59	11	74	50
Jasper	0	7	0	7	5
Lincoln	0	0	2	2	1
Lumpkin	2	29	7	38	26
Madison	3	41	1	45	31
McDuffie	2	3	7	12	8
Morgan	1	4	6	11	7
Newton	7	31	15	53	36
Oconee	0	25	2	27	18
Oglethorpe	0	12	6	18	11
Putnam	6	0	7	13	10
Rabun	0	0	20	20	11
Rockdale	9	52	9	70	49
Stephens	6	61	9	76	71
Taliaferro	0	0	2	2	1
Towns	0	0	11	11	6
Union	3	0	26	29	17
Walton	5	13	19	37	24
Warren	0	7	0	7	5
White	4	4	2	10	8
Wilkes	0	3	6	9	5
District I	121	2,169	524	2,814	1,887



Lions Camp for the Blind
Olin Newby, PDG
newby@wildblue.net



Report From: Olin Newby, District I VP Camp for the Blind

I want to report that camp ended on Friday July 25 for this year. As far as I can tell the campers had a wonderful time. Thanks to all that supported the Lions Camp program this past Lions Year. I would hope that the Lions and Clubs would contribute their time and money this coming year for the Georgia Lions Camp.

We had “Lions Day” on July 19th. We had a good meal and fellowship with Lions from all over the State. Theme for the day was “Christmas in July” People brought many items that the camp could use and everyone seem to have a great time. The Campers beat the District Governors in the beeper ball game. Everyone had a great time. We served 225 people for lunch.

The Executive Committee is working on some ways to improve the camp .We are looking at ways to broaden the camping program to include other people that have disabilities other than blindness. If you have any ideas let me or any member of the Executive Committee know what you are thinking. Also, I must tell you that the Director and Secretary of the camp was terminated recently. This is part of the effort to refocus the new direction of the Lions Camp. Additional information will be forthcoming as it develops.

Thanks again for what you do in your community and for the Lions Camp as a Lion, Olin Newby

Fellow Lions,

Lion Pete Stamsen asked me to let everyone know of a terrific offer--the **Gwinnett Braves has offered us \$3 Baseline tickets or \$4 Field Box tickets** if we can gather 20 people for either one—“maybe this is a reward for Lions purchasing 300 tickets at last month’s game”. **The half-price offering is valid from July 7 – August 30 and must be purchased in advance.** How about sponsoring a Baseball Team, a Boy Scouts Troop or Girls Scout Troop. You can call Alden Treadway with the Gwinnett Braves at 678-277-0350, or Lion Pete Stamsen at 770-597-2926. When Lion Pete obtains 20 interested responses, he will talk with Alden to schedule the game date.

My family, friends and fellow Covington Lions attended last month’s game – we had a great time and got to see and meet more Lions. What a terrific way to fellowship. Perhaps those of you who wanted to go, but couldn’t can now do so.



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
www.facebook.com/lionscarsncrafts



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Bill Graham - blueberryfarm@windstream.net

A Day at Leader Dogs for the Blind



Did you ever wonder what happens at Leader Dog on a daily basis? The short answer is—a lot! Just look at a few of the things that happened around campus on Friday, May 30.

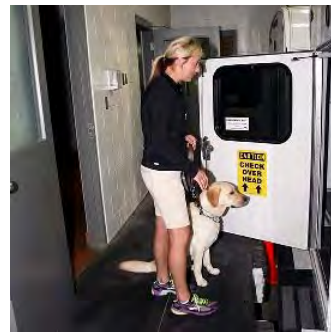
Residential Custodian Angela passes the emergency phone and pager to Residential Assistant Kim in the morning along with updating her on any happenings with the clients in class.



Dog Care Supervisor Sue checks the pills and dosages for any dogs needing medication.



Carol in puppy care takes Murphy (a dog in training who had double elbow surgery) out to “park” and stretch his legs. Puppy care takes care of puppies, breeding stock dogs and other dogs (retired, career changed, etc.) who need special attention and care.



Jenny and other guide dog mobility instructors (GDMIs) load dogs in basic training on the truck to take them to downtown Rochester for training. Each dog must sit before entering the vehicle.

In our kitchen, Cook Stella makes rice crispy treats for an afternoon snack for clients.



Puppy Care Volunteers Eric Malloy and Dennis Chrzan check the food chart before preparing the puppies’ first meal of the day. Volunteers also clean puppy runs, wash dishes and toys, do laundry and walk breeding stock dogs.



Maureen, Mike and Roxane of the facilities team clean up the kennel lobby prior to opening to the public.



Amanda Smith (guest O&M specialist from Topeka, KS) chats with Erica, manager of extended services, before going downtown to learn about guide dogs and GPS while Erica headed up to her office to work on her budget.

Some of our staff at Leader Dog also volunteer their time in other departments. Jennifer works in dog care and also volunteers once a week in client services. Here she heads to client services with her newly adopted career changed dog, Feather.



Volunteer Master Gardener Liz Berkheiser tends to our flower beds around campus.





GDMI Randy walks alongside a client and his new Leader Dog for their first traffic-checks, which are controlled practice runs where a vehicle pulls out in front of the client and Leader Dog team, and the Leader Dog must exercise intelligent disobedience to stop the team from getting too close to the vehicle. Vehicles are typically driven by GDMIs.



Dr. Wilson evaluates a puppy before taking her over to Pawsitive Steps Rehab for some therapy during her lunch break.

Beth, Carla and Kathleen of the Lions engagement team discuss Lions summer visits, which are special weekend events where Lions club leaders are invited to the Leader Dog campus to learn more about what goes on here. Beth's dog, Kipper, takes a nap on the floor.



Facilities team members Dave and Arnold unload a gardening cart from the downtown facility. The downtown building is a jumping off point and resting place for clients and dogs when they are practicing in the busy Rochester downtown area.



GDMIs Debbie and Jill take Pro Seminar guests (O&M specialists on campus to learn about guide dogs and GPS) on a blindfold walk to experience traveling with a Leader Dog.



Future Leader Dog Kellen rests in a little nook at the reception desk and practices being calm in a work environment.



Food Services Aide Reyna makes sure the clients get what they need as they gather in the dining room for three meals a day during their stay. Today, clients were served tuna salad with fruit and French bread for lunch.



Puppy Raiser Nancy Colombo waits in the lobby with the current dog she is raising, Future Leader Dog Ripley, to get his regularly scheduled vaccinations from the veterinarian.



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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





Dear Lions,

When I became president of Lions Clubs International was a dream come true. Now, I am honored to see another dream as Chairperson of [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#). The Foundation is a vital part of Lions' international service efforts, so I am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve this year with support from LCIF.



Last year, LCIF set a goal to raise US\$35.7 million in funding to meet Lions' humanitarian needs worldwide. I am proud to say that you hit that mark! More than ever, Lions are involved in service projects to meet the needs of their communities. LCIF has seen an increase in requests for disaster

relief assistance in recent years; Lions Quest continues to expand around the world, reaching more students than ever; we continue to fight preventable blindness, including from diseases like trachoma and river blindness; and we continue in our commitment to our partners at the GAVI Alliance in fighting measles, among many other humanitarian projects.

Your [contributions](#) have helped people all around the world by providing [disaster relief](#), [saving sight](#), [preventing measles](#), [supporting youth](#) and [meeting humanitarian needs](#). To be able to help even more people, we have a new goal to raise US\$38.3 million for LCIF and I know that we will be able to achieve it. In fact, I am going to challenge you to set the goal even higher!

What if every Lions club donated US\$100 per member to LCIF? We would raise US\$136 million - imagine all of the good that could be done with those funds! As Lions, we can do almost anything. By working together, we can help each other to follow our dreams for a better world. You can make a difference, and LCIF can help.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Awards Humanitarian Grants

More than US\$3.1 million was awarded in [Lions Clubs International Foundation grants](#) during the June/July 2014

Board of Directors meeting in Toronto, Canada. Through these funds, 72 grants will support life-changing projects around the world. Lions will provide hospital equipment in Brazil, support clean water projects in Madagascar,

Mali and Niger, provide children's vision screening equipment in Greece, expand a school for the blind in the

United States, and much more. Lions will help millions of people worldwide through these grants, which were made possible through your support. Thank you for [your contributions to LCIF!](#)



Updates to the Standard Grant Criteria

The [LCIF Standard grant](#) minimum and maximum request amounts have been updated. The new Standard grant minimum request amount for matching funds is US\$10,000 and the new maximum request amount for matching funds is US\$100,000. These expanded criteria allow

LCIF to help even more Lions meet the needs of their communities through our most popular grant.

Please note: these updates apply to all applications received at LCIF as of July 1, 2014.





Dear Lion,

It is truly an honor to serve as your new international president of Lions Clubs International. With my 40 years of service as a Lion, I know that we are much more than volunteers. We're an international family working together to strengthen our communities and the clubs we love.

Being a Lion has meant so much to me, but I wouldn't be in the position to serve this great association if someone hadn't asked me to become a Lion.

I was just a 21-year-old starting a career when a local businessman invited me to lunch. He didn't tell me where we were going, but he took me to a lunch hosted by my local Lions club. It was such a great experience, and the club invited me back to the next meeting...and the meeting after that. And before long, I was a Lion.

As Lions, it's our mission to serve, but it's also our duty to ask new members to join our clubs. I hope you will join me in strengthening our membership and our service throughout the year. Together, we can strengthen the pride!

Together in service,

Joe Preston

Ask One!

Just imagine if every one of our 1.35 million Lions asked one person to join their club. Imagine the huge impact it would have on membership growth and the amount of service we can provide.

It starts by inviting one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join. Give them the opportunity to be a Lion, and give your club the opportunity to grow. Click the Ask 1 image <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/ask-one.php> to get the tools you need to invite new members, then Ask One today!



Centennial Service Challenge!

Lions will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017, and I'm inviting you to be part of this special moment in our history. The [Centennial Service Challenge](#) encourages Lions around the world to help reach our goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017.

Lions can participate by supporting our Global Service Action Campaigns throughout the year: [Engaging Our Youth](#) in August, Sharing the Vision in October, Relieving the Hunger in December and January, and Protecting Our Environment in April. Let's celebrate 100 years of Lions Clubs International by doing what we do best: Making a global impact through service!



Join International President Joe Preston and Lions around the world in strengthening the pride. Here are some great resources that can help strengthen your club.

Strengthen the Pride through Service. Service is the foundation of our association, so let's continue to build on it as we approach our Centennial.

- [Centennial Service Challenge](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/centennial/service-challenge.php) – Take part in our international service challenge to celebrate 100 years of Lions service!

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration in 2017, Lions are encouraged to help reach the Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in the [Global Service Action Campaigns](#).

- [August](#) – Engaging our Youth
- [October](#) – Sharing the Vision
- [December/January](#) – Relieving the Hunger
- [April](#) – Protecting our Environment

You can help spread the word! Encourage your Lions club officers to report service activities through MyLCI, the online membership and activity reporting system. For more information, [visit MyLCI](#) and review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about service activity reporting. Lions clubs that participate and report activities through My LCI's online service activity report will be awarded a special banner patch in recognition of their contribution to service.

- [Serve Children in Need](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/services-for-children/index.php) – Find out how your club can support and empower children in need.

Strengthen the Pride by Strengthening Your Club. Make sure your club is on track for success and growing to meet the needs of your community.

- [Ask One](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/ask-one.php) – Looking for new members? Get the tools you need to energize your membership efforts and spread the word in your community.
- [Club Excellence Process](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php) (CEP) – Get your club performing at its highest level through an interactive CEP workshop. Now available in two versions – CEP Pro and CEP Lite.
- [Club Blueprint](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/blueprint-for-a-stronger-club.php) – Map out your plan for ongoing club success in three simple steps.

Strengthen the Pride through Creativity. Use technology to enhance your communications and create new connections with your community.

- [Online Tools](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mk71.pdf) – Find new tools to increase your online presence and club efficiency.
- [Social Media](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/2013-social-media-trifold-getting-started-facebook-twitter-club-district-accounts.pdf) – Use the power of social media to promote your club and connect with new members.

Check out the [2014-15 President's awards](#) to learn how exceptional clubs and members can earn special recognition for strengthening the pride!

Additional Resources

- [Leadership Development](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php)
- [Lions Learning Center](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php)

To learn more about International President Joe Preston:

- Download [biography](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/preston.pdf)
- Watch [biography video](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php?id=gBiHct)
- IP Preston's [Facebook](#) Page and [President's Service Blog](#)

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>Go for the GOAL 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.</p> <p>Intended Audience: Club officers and board members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, 8/6/14, 12:00pm, CDT• Wednesday, 8/13/14, 7:00pm, CDT• Friday, 8/15/14, 7:00pm, CDT
<p>The Role of the Cabinet Secretary 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.</p> <p>Intended Audience: Current and incoming cabinet secretaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, 9/5/14, 7:00pm, CDT• Wednesday, 9/10/14, 12:00pm, CDT
<p>Effective Club Meetings 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.</p> <p>Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, 10/1/14, 12:00pm, CDT• Friday, 10/10/14, 7:00pm, CDT
<p>Harmony in the Pride 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.”</p> <p>Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, 10/29/14, 12:00pm, CDT• Friday, 11/7/14, 7:00pm, C

GLT UPDATE

Lions Course Categories

Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

Category	Courses
<u>Leadership</u> Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-leadership.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Lions Leadership• Writing your Personal Mission Statement• Creativity• Mentoring• Promoting Innovation• Managing Change• Servant Leadership
<u>Managing Others</u> Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-managing.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coaching• Conflict Resolution• Delegation• Effective Teams• Member Motivation• Valuing Member Diversity• Team Motivation
<u>Achieving Results</u> Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-results.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting Goals• Decision Making• Managing Meetings• Providing Community Service
<u>Communication</u> Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-communication.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective Listening• Public Relations• Public Speaking

Pete Stamsen
District GLT Coordinator

Zone Chairs and others,

The below link is from PCC Lion Mark Miller, who will be conducting the training on August 23rd in Tifton. We are asking all Zone Chairs to attend again if they wish and for those who missed the training in Winder—even if they have served before, to complete two training opportunities: first an online webinar and second, the training event in Tifton on the 23rd.

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>

Thanks for stepping up to this leadership position.

DG Vicki

P.S. Training sessions will be held in Tifton on Saturday August 23, 2014.
Please send me an email back to specify if you will be at the training in Tifton.



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>

The Extension and Membership Division invites you to attend our free monthly webinars! These webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Webinars are conducted in English only.

Webinars are recorded and posted on the LCI [website](#).

Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.



Save the Date! Space is limited so register today!

Keeping Your Members: How to Increase Member Satisfaction

Keep your members happy by implementing some of our best practices for member satisfaction. You will learn what you can do today to help re-energize your club and keep membership strong.

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 Noon – 1 p.m. (CDT)



<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/394692062>

Post, Tweets, Hashtags? Social Media Works!

This webinar will showcase easy ways to use social media to promote your club. Find out how other clubs use Facebook and LinkedIn to spread the word and get noticed in their communities.

Thursday, September 25, 2014 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (CDT)



<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/194555886>

MEMBERSHIP PULSE =

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/EMN.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5801%20Memberships%20Pulse%20Vol%203%20Issue%201%20EN

Introduce Family and Friends to Lions Service

There is no one more important in our lives than family and friends. However, many of those closest to us do not know what we, as Lions, do within our communities. Think about undertaking new projects or revisiting existing projects that can involve people outside of your Lions club. There's no better way to introduce what we do as Lions than to invite family and friends to see us in action.

Promote Your Next Meeting

A press release is a fast, effective and inexpensive way to attract new members who want to be part of the great work you do. Spread the word about your club by using this [sample press release](#). It can be quickly and easily customized to include your club's information. Just download the press release, replace the bold sections with your club information and submit it to a local reporter at your community newspaper or broadcast outlet.

Goal setting + Teamwork = Successful Service

Lions are a part of an organization with many members and passionate goals. It's the united strength of these members that results in successful service. Every Lion should be an active and supportive member of their district or club team. Every district and club leader should reach out to team members to ensure Lions experience pride and personal development by making a difference through service.



Parent Problem: Does a Child Need to Fail Before They Can Succeed?

When it comes to learning disabilities and education, the jargon that comes with the territory can be daunting and, understandably, frustrating.

Parents of newly diagnosed children and veterans of the space alike can find themselves wondering what exactly a particular model, plan or policy entails. One mother of a child with dyslexia wrote to us with the following question about the *discrepancy model* and how it affects the diagnosis of a learning disability:

What is the “discrepancy model” and how is it applied in determining a learning disability? If a student is two grade levels or more behind, how can that information be used to demonstrate that the child is actually in need of remedial services? Many school districts in our region of NY are telling parents that they do not need to remediate the student. But if the student is two years or more behind, why would they *not* be required to remediate the student? Especially if the student is in high school and is more than two years behind by achievement testing in all areas (reading, writing, math). We were told that as long as the student passes the state tests with a 65% that is all they are required to provide to the student. Is this accurate? Are high schools allowed to say that students are proficient if they are just barely passing their state course end-of-year test assessments? How is that educating to proficiency? I am so frustrated and confused about this stuff!

One of our Parent Support Specialists, [Norma Francullo](#), herself the mother of two children with dyslexia and a special education attorney, responded with the following explanation:

The discrepancy model assesses whether there is a significant difference between a student’s scores on a test of general intelligence (i.e. a [WISC](#)) and scores obtained on an achievement test (i.e. [Woodcock Johnson Achievement Test](#)). This model is used to identify children with learning disabilities. If there is a discrepancy between the child’s IQ and scores on their achievement test, then there is reason to believe that there is a learning disability. Depending on the state that you live in, if the child’s score on the IQ test is at least 1.5-2 standard deviations higher than their scores on an achievement test, then that child may have a learning disability.

If your son is having difficulty in school, the school *does not* have to wait until he fails to evaluate him for special services. Have you put your request in writing and has the school denied your request in writing? If not, put your request in writing to the special education department director. If you have proof that your son is two years behind, include that information in your letter to your school district when requesting that the child study team evaluate him for services. Within 20 days from the date of the letter, the school is *required* to schedule a meeting to discuss your request.



Wish List:

The Southeast Region Center is committed to supplying highly trained assistance dogs to those in need, but we need your help to do that! There are a number of ways to donate; either through monetary donations, volunteering time, or donating products for us to use in the health, training, and maintenance of our dogs.

SOUTHEAST REGION WISH LIST

Kennel Equipment & Supplies

Canine Health & Well-Being

Bitter Apple (1 gallon size)

Grooming

Cage Dryers – Double K Model 560 5’ Grooming Shears

Oster ‘Golden A5’ Hair Clippers with #10 blades

Dog Treats

Original or King-size Kongs Bil Jac Liver Treats

Souper or Giant 8” size Nylabones Science Diet Jerky Treats

Iams or Eukanuba Dog Biscuits

(Regular and Lamb & Rice flavors)

Training Equipment

Agility Pause Table (adjustable height)

Practigate (w’connectors-10’ sections)

Practigate (w’connectors-5’ sections)

Show Ring Matting

Lambskin-style pet rugs

(30”x20” or 30” square)

Lambskin/Sheepskin-style plush chew toys

Little Tykes- Jungle Climber

Little Tykes- 8 in 1 Adjustable Playground

Dormitory Supplies (new items only)

Towels and washcloths

Development Supplies

CD/DVD Duplicator

Audio visual equipment

DVD player

VCR player

Portable projector screen

Campus- Outdoors

Outdoor Garden Benches for Dormitory Patios

“Around the Tree” benches for nature trail area

Outreach Supplies

Blue EZ Up Express II Canopy

Team Training Donations

(These items are needed in sets of 10)

Nylabones –Giant size

15’ Long Lines

Stainless Steel Bowls-2qt (32oz)

Styptic Powder (.5 oz)

Stainless Steel Bowls-1qt (16oz)

Kongs – Large size

Fresh N Clean Shampoo (16oz)

Zoom-Grooms (soft)

Petrodex Dental kits (with finger brushes)

Stainless Steel Combs (with rubber handle)

Millers Forge Safety Cut Nail Clippers

(Orange handle, Large size)

Kwik Stop or Groomax brand

Tuff Brand Adjustable Collars with easy clasp

(1” wide x 18-26” long) - Navy Blue

Shedding Blades – Medium size

Slicker Brushes – Medium size

Tips for Traveling With Diabetes

Summer is officially here! Whether your family will be taking a road trip, flying across the country, or setting sail on a cruise, the key to a healthy and hassle-free trip is planning ahead. Here are tips to help you plan your trip from beginning to end!



- **Take a letter.** It's getting easier to make it through airport security with your diabetes supplies and devices, but it's still a smart idea to bring a letter from your physician.
- **Wear medical ID.** People with diabetes should wear a medical ID at all times. In case of severe hypoglycemia, a car accident, or other emergency, the ID provides critical information about your child's health.
- **Overpack.** A good rule of thumb is to pack twice as much insulin and supplies as you think you'll need. Keep them all in your carry-on bag so they're with you at all times.
[Get more trip planning tips.](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/treatment-and-care/when-you-travel.html?utm_source=email&utm_medium=parents-enevs&utm_content=063014-link&utm_campaign=TRAVEL) = http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/treatment-and-care/when-you-travel.html?utm_source=email&utm_medium=parents-enevs&utm_content=063014-link&utm_campaign=TRAVEL
- Also check out the *Diabetes Forecast's 35 Top Travel Tips for Traveling with Diabetes.* = http://www.diabetesforecast.org/2013/jun/35-top-tips-for-travel-with-diabetes.html?utm_source=email&utm_medium=parents-enevs&utm_content=063014-link&utm_campaign=FORECAST
- Traveling by air? Here are some tips for flying.
[Fact Sheet: Air Travel with Diabetes.](http://main.diabetes.org/dorg/PDFs/Advocacy/Discrimination/air-travel-and-diabetes.pdf) = <http://main.diabetes.org/dorg/PDFs/Advocacy/Discrimination/air-travel-and-diabetes.pdf>



Register Today for the Safe at School-Back to School Parent Webinar



DATE: Mon, Aug 18, 2014
TIME: 2:00 PM EDT
DURATION: 1 hour
HOST: Taryn Egelanian

This **free** webinar, to help plan for the new school year, will feature a Safe at School overview, as well as information about developing a 504 Plan, federal/state laws, Safe at School updates and resources available to families/schools. Space is limited; registration is available first come, first-served. Note: For those who cannot participate, the webinar will be recorded and posted for online access within 2-3 weeks of the live session. Closed-captioning will be available.

Back to School! Parent Advocacy Webinar

You will hear from parents who have been there- on behalf of their own children and through their work with other parents who want to keep their children safe at school!

Monday-August 18, 2014 = 2-3 PM EDT

Webinar Topics:

- *Safe at School campaign overview
- *School diabetes care challenges
- *Federal and state laws
- *Safe at School Updates
- *Developing a 504 plan & strategies to overcome challenges
- *Key resources for families & schools
- *Getting involved in Safe at School

There is no cost to attend

Closed captioning is available for the webinar via this link.

Register Today!

Registration for the live webinar is limited: first-come, first-served.

Can't make the live broadcast?

The webinar will be posted for online access within 2-3 weeks of the live session.

register today

<https://cc.callinfo.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=12oa7ckc20xc4>

Lions Make a Difference

Lions have a strong commitment to fight diabetes and diabetic eye disease. Whether they are hosting screenings in their local communities or volunteering at a diabetes recreational camp, they meet the challenge head on in various ways:

Community Outreach

Lions work together to enhance existing programs or provide life-saving services where none exist, including:

- ⇒ Community education programs
- ⇒ Diabetes and vision screenings
- ⇒ Provision of medication and supplies for families in need
- ⇒ Support of diabetes foundations and recreational camps

Strides...Lions for Diabetes Awareness Program

People with diabetes need to stay at a healthy weight and be physically active every day. The Strides Program enables Lions to engage and empower their communities to join together in the fight against diabetes. Strides events can include walking, cycling, running, dog walking, dancing or other enjoyable physical activities to promote the benefits of healthy exercise.

Annual Events for Diabetes Awareness

Lions around the world observe special days that promote awareness of diabetes and its complications, including diabetic retinopathy (vision loss or blindness caused by diabetic eye disease).

World Sight Day (October)

Sharing the Vision Global Service Action Campaign (October)

Diabetes Awareness Month (November)

World Diabetes Day (November 14)

Diabetes Alert Day (4th Tuesday of March – USA)

**For assistance with your club's diabetes awareness programs,
Contact your District I Diabetes Awareness Chairpersons**

Lion Dede deMarks at liondede@msn.com
Lion Kathy Higgins at klhiggins07@aol.com



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>

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.



WAYS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN & YOUTH TO HAVE A LOVE FOR LEARNING

1. Discuss things you read and hear, especially the things you find interesting.
2. Ask how they feel about various issues including current events, relationships, and values. Allow them to have opinions without passing judgment. Ask them to help you understand why they feel the way they do.
3. Pursue your own interests with others. Remember not to match yours.
4. Encourage children & youth to have interests of their own. If they show curiosity about a hobby, area of study, sport, or instrument, encourage and support them in any way you can.



Engaging our Youth

25 Youth Project Ideas

1. Organize a youth forum or town hall meeting to highlight topics that youth have identified as critical community issues.
2. Offer a back-to-school health or community fair in conjunction with a local school district. Work with local healthcare providers to offer free screenings at the health fair, including physical, dental and hearing exams, in addition to free immunizations.



3. Provide safety identification for children and youth with serious chronic illnesses (medical bracelets or necklaces, etc.).
4. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
5. Supply Braille and large print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
6. Sponsor an activity day for individuals with developmental disabilities.
7. Prepare and send care packages to military personnel.
8. Remodel a children's center or school room: paint, repair and landscape.
9. Assemble and provide care packages for homeless shelters or other facilities.



10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Assist at camps serving children with special needs.
12. Refurbish used bicycles for children.
13. Organize a highway or park clean-up.



14. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
15. Donate supplies for orphanages, foster children or other children and youth in need.
16. Collect and donate supplies to a local school.
17. Tutor at an after school program.



18. Paint a playground.
19. Volunteer at a senior citizens' home.
20. Clean and repair a community center.
21. Plant a garden at a school.
22. Organize a job fair to help young people identify their career goals.



23. Implement a reading program at a school or library.
24. Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people in your community.
25. Organize an alcohol/drug awareness seminar.



Camp Inspire: A Week of Recreation, Learning, Fun

SOGA's 2014 Camp Inspire featured a lot of fun while learning and testing skills, and making friends June 15th-20th at Camp Dream in Warm Springs. 77 athletes, 35 Youth Leaders Educating others About Disabilities (Y-LEADS), 14 SOGA staff, and counselors participated in the overnight camp.



Before kicking off camp-style activities including swimming in the lake, bowling, archery, the climbing wall and even tackling a zip line; participants went through physical fitness tests and learned nutritional tips from Finish Line volunteers facilitating 13 Testing Recreational Activities and Improving Nutrition stations.

Y-LEADS participated in the Youth Leaders Forum where they learned leadership skills to promote inclusion and bridge the gap between students with and without intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Georgia provided the camp at no cost and could not have done it without our wonderful and dedicated sponsors! Members of Knights of Columbus Georgia Council, the camp's presenting sponsor, assisted athletes during activities every day. Rotary Club of Dunwoody and Special Olympics Project Unify and the Youth Service Fund-Rotary Club of Atlanta also sponsored the camp.

Athlete of the Month: Suzanne Goossens

You can look to Suzanne Goossens for an example of what Project Unify and Special Olympics truly means.



She swims with the Extra Special People Pirhanas, but when she isn't competing, she encourages her friends to work harder and improve each day. The fearless attitude is a testament to the dedication the Oconee/Clarke County athlete has given through Special Olympics over the past 10 years, in not only sports, but by encouraging her friends with and without intellectual disabilities.

Suzanne is enthusiastic about life and loves learning new

things! Some of Suzanne's favorite things to do (besides swimming) include water skiing, boating, and hanging out at her lake house with her family.

She also enjoys zip lining, skydiving, and wall climbing. This May, Suzanne won a gold medal at State Summer Games.

Congratulations to Suzanne for winning the gold and being named Athlete of the Month!

Vehicle Donations

Are you thinking of selling or trading in that old car, boat or RV? Why not donate it instead? As a charitable contribution, your donation will make a big difference. SOGA has partnered with Car Program, LLC to turn your old vehicle into much

needed funds for our program. Car Program will make all the arrangements at no cost to you. They handle the title transfer requirements and will provide you with a tax deductible donation receipt when they pick-up your car. Need more information? Click here to **donate your vehicle** and a helpful representative will call you shortly, or you may call our car donation program at 1-800-240-0160.



Silent Auction Items Needed

SOGA has several upcoming silent auctions that are in need of items. If you personally have or know someone/a business who might be willing to donate any of the following, please contact **Susan Skolnick** or 770-414-9390 x111: vacation/time-share home, resort/hotel stay, sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, airline tickets/vouchers, golf foursome, restaurant gift card, or any other item, type of service, or recreational activity that you think would be a great addition to a silent auction. Each silent auction item donation helps us to raise money and ensure that all SOGA programs are free to our athletes and their families.



Duck Derby August 8th

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 to adopt your ducks today!



Thank you to our sponsors Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies, Rooms To Go Children's Fund, Allconnect, LAZ Parking, Whitaker Oil Company, Risk Placement Services, Precision Aviation Group, Dobbins Thrift Shoppe, Highwoods Properties, Sherwin-Williams, Craig Automotive, Dale Massey-State Farm Insurance, and North Georgia Replacement Windows. Also thank you to Six Flags White Water and our media partner 94.9 The Bull.

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.



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.



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

Join us on September 22nd at the Country Club of Roswell for the 16th 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!

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.

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.

P&G Promotion

Help support Special Olympics with this year's P&GbrandSAVER® 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.

Childhood vaccines are safe. Seriously.

Children should get vaccinated against preventable and potentially deadly diseases. Period.

That's what a project that screened more than 20,000 scientific titles and 67 papers on vaccine safety concludes this week. The review appears in the latest edition of the medical journal *Pediatrics*.

The evidence strongly suggests that side effects from vaccines are incredibly rare, the study authors said. They found no ties between vaccines and the rising number of children with autism, as a small but vocal group of anti-vaccine activists, including actors Jenny McCarthy and Jim Carey, [have said](#).

The review also found no link between vaccines and childhood leukemia, something that was suggested in [earlier studies](#). The researchers found that some vaccines did cause a few adverse effects but it was only for a tiny fraction of the population.

There was evidence that the meningococcal vaccine can lead to anaphylaxis -- a severe, whole-body allergic reaction -- in children allergic to ingredients in the vaccine. Other studies found the MMR vaccine was linked to seizures.

"Vaccines, like any other medication, aren't 100% risk free," said [Dr. Ari Brown](#) an Austin, Texas-based pediatrician and author of the popular book "Baby 411," who was not involved with the study. "You have a sore arm, redness at the injection site. Those are the things we see commonly. Fortunately the serious adverse effects is extremely rare."

Brown said parents ask her how safe vaccines are all the time. Some patients also ask if they should delay or stagger the vaccinations. She counsels against that practice. She said the younger the child, the more danger these diseases present. "By delaying the vaccines you're putting your child at risk," Brown said. The positive effects of vaccines dramatically outweigh the bad, experts said.

An editorial accompanying the study calls vaccines "one of the most successful public health achievements of the 20th century." Because of vaccines, many diseases that plagued children for centuries have all but been eliminated.

"There were good reasons that these diseases were targeted for vaccine development since they are so life-threatening," said [Dr. Carrie Byington](#), vice-chair for research in the University of Utah's pediatrics department, and the new chair for the [American Academy of Pediatrics committee on infectious diseases](#).

Millions of Americans live longer on average because of the protection vaccines provide. [Life expectancy](#) has gone up in the United States by more than 30 years. Infant mortality

decreased from 100 deaths per 1000 to 7 between the 1900s and 2000.

A vaccine for [smallpox](#) led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to declare the disease eradicated in 1978. Prior to a vaccination for [diphtheria](#), it was one of the most common causes of illness and death among children. Now it is rarely reported in the United States. Yet [research shows](#) there is still doubt among some medical residents about the effectiveness of vaccinations.

"That is particularly concerning for me," Byington said. "Young residents may be in the same position as young parents who have trained at a time, or lived at a time, when these diseases were extremely rare, and they may not have ever seen how serious a vaccine-preventable infection can be."

An [increasing number of parents](#) over the years have opted out of getting their children vaccinated. And that may be having a negative impact on the community's health.

[A study](#) found that large clusters of children who had not been vaccinated were close to the large clusters of whooping cough cases in the [2010 California epidemic](#). While California typically has higher vaccination rates than the rest of the country, that state is dealing with yet [another whooping cough epidemic](#).

This spring also saw an 18-year high number of measles cases in the United States. The largest outbreak was in Ohio where the [virus spread](#) quickly among the Amish, who are mostly unvaccinated. This outbreak was a real surprise to health officials who thought that the infectious disease was thought to have been eliminated from the United States in 2000.

The editorial accompanying this latest study suggests doctors, who parents typically trust to tell the truth about medical information, need to use this study to speak with confidence about the importance of vaccinating children.

"Looking at all these mounds of data -- there is still no data that show an association that shows vaccine and autism," said Brown. "I would love it to close this chapter and move on. I don't think it will. But the more research, the more we learn about autism, the more we can reassure parents that there are no links here."

[Retracted autism study an 'elaborate fraud'](#) = <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/HEALTH/01/05/autism.vaccines/>
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What are measles, mumps and rubella? Measles, mumps, and rubella are highly contagious viral diseases that have the potential to be very serious. They can be spread through contact with an infected person through the air.

The measles virus causes fever, cough, runny nose, pink eye, and rash. If the measles virus infects the lungs, it can cause pneumonia. Some older children infected with the virus will suffer from inflammation of the brain which can cause seizures and permanent brain damage.

The mumps virus usually causes fever, headache, and swollen glands. It can lead to deafness, meningitis, painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries and, rarely, death.

Rubella, also known as German measles, causes rash, low-grade fever, and arthritis. If a pregnant woman gets rubella she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects.

What is the MMR vaccine? The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is a recommended childhood vaccine. This three-in-one vaccine protects against measles, mumps, and rubella, and is required for children to enter school in most states. Children need two doses of the vaccine, while adults who need it should get at least one dose.

Who should get the MMR vaccine? Children should get the first dose of MMR vaccine at 12-15 months of age, and the second dose at 4-6 years of age. Children can actually get the second dose at any age, as long as it is at least 28 days after the first dose.

Adults who have not been vaccinated nor had the diseases, or don't know if they've been vaccinated or had the diseases, and who meet any of the following criteria, should get at least one dose:

- Adults born after 1957
- Work in a medical facility
- Women planning to or who may become pregnant, however women should avoid getting pregnant within 4 weeks of getting the MMR vaccine

Who should not get the MMR vaccine? Anyone who has ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction to gelatin, the antibiotic neomycin, or to a previous dose of MMR vaccine should not get this vaccine.

Anyone who is moderately or severely ill should probably wait until they recover before getting the vaccine.

Pregnant women should wait to get their MMR vaccine until after they have given birth. Women should avoid getting pregnant for four weeks after getting the MMR vaccine.

Anyone with the following characteristics should check with their healthcare provider about whether they should get the MMR vaccine:

- Has HIV/AIDS, or another disease that affects the immune system
- Being treated with drugs that affect the immune system, such as steroids, for two weeks or longer
- Has any kind of cancer
- Is taking cancer treatment with x-rays or drugs
- Has ever had a low platelet count (a blood disorder)

What are the side effects of the MMR vaccine? Mild-to-moderate problems:

- Fever, rash, and seizures
- Swollen glands in the cheeks or neck
- Temporary pain and stiffness in the joints
- Temporary low blood platelet count

Severe problems (rare):

- Deafness
- Permanent brain damage
- Serious allergic reactions, with symptoms including:
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Wheezing
 - Hives
 - Pale skin
 - Fast heartbeat
 - Dizziness

Over-the-counter pain relievers such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen can help ease pain and reduce fever.

It's extremely rare for these vaccines to cause serious harm or death. If the person getting the vaccine has a serious reaction, seek immediate medical attention.



Where in the World

International President

Joseph Prestor



Engaging Our Youth



The [Centennial Service Challenge](#) kicks off with this month's Global Service Action Campaign, Engaging Our Youth. Help us reach our goal of

serving 100 million people by December 2017! Young people are the future of Lions, and inviting them to organize and lead service activities can teach them valuable life skills. Reach out to children in need through literacy programs, vision screenings, feeding projects and other fun activities.

[Visit the Engaging Our Youth page](#) for more project ideas, and don't forget to [report your activities using MyLCI](#).

Serving Children in Need

Helping children to grow up healthy can have a major impact on their future. The following Lions programs focus on serving children:

- The Reading Action Program teaches children to read.
- Lions Services for Children Symposium Program (for districts and multiple districts) promotes children's health and education services.
- Lions Children First Program (for clubs) provides resources for serving children.
- Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box donations help schools disrupted by disasters.

- Recreational camps give kids with diabetes, physical disabilities and other special needs the opportunity to have fun.

[Find links and resources on the LCI website.](#) =

(<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/services-for-children/index.php>)

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The most effective Lions clubs regularly identify ways to expand their humanitarian service impact, develop leaders, and meet club members' needs and expectations. Now your club can discover new ways to bring value to the community and to club members by developing a blueprint for success.

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Get Ready for International Literacy Day

September 8 is International Literacy Day, and we encourage Lions everywhere to plan Reading Action Program projects to help promote literacy and education around the world. Volunteer to read stories to children at a local library. Donate books to a women and children's shelter. Organize a vision screening to help people receive the care they need to see and read better.

[Visit the Reading Action Program page](#)

(<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/RAP/project-ideas.php>) for more project ideas and resources!



Watch the Latest Lions Quarterly

The latest issue of the Lions Quarterly (LQ) video magazine is available for viewing and downloading on the [Lions News Network](#).

Learn how Lions make a global impact by addressing childhood hunger through school meal programs and nutrition education and find out how a Lions vision screening helped save a young girl's life. Also in this issue: a Lions Down Syndrome Center teaches preschool children reading, writing and fine motor skills; and Lions establish a community facility that brings residents of all ages and backgrounds together. [Download LQ today](#) and share it at your next Lions meeting or event!

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Lion Bob Watson
 District 18E
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Lion Chuck Mohr
 District 35F
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Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

As stated from a fellow Lion – we have to rethink when doing our Club budgets. Where exactly is the money you raise going? Does some money go to specific charities who **already** get \$ millions \$? If so – why are we also giving.

We, as Lions, have four (4) state initiatives – LCIF, Camp for the Blind, Lighthouse and Leader Dogs for the Blind. All clubs within the District should give a minimum of \$25.00 now and be 100%. Then during the rest of this Lion's year – give the normal amount your club usually gives to the four initiatives. If you wish to give more – please do so – they do need it.

The rest of the money your club raises should go out and help within your community. Specific Co-ops, food banks, building ramps for the handicap, putting swings in parks, providing needed equipment to the Police or Fire/EMT that the county does not get. There is also the Special Olympics, Camp Kudzu and a few others the Lion's support.

So please think about your budget this year and remember the **Lion projects first and the community second** before you think of outside money making charities.



Club Secretaries,

The 9th goal for District Governor Vicki is to have ALL Club MMR (Monthly Membership Report) reported to LCI before the end of each month. This also includes your SAR (Service Activity Report). Also, please be sure to SAVE your MMR, SAR and SAR write-up and email it to DG Vicki (lionvicki@gmail.com) and me (stallwor@bellsouth.net). A copy of your SAR write-up (with pictures) should also be sent to PDG Ed Hashbarger (edmcionh@bellsouth.net) for inclusion in our District Newsletter.

From experience, it is imperative that you maintain accurate membership status and attendance. If you have to drop a member, please be sure you accurately report the reason. Also, I maintained my SAR write-up throughout the month (as we completed Board meetings and Membership meetings, fundraisers, special events such as health fairs, white cane, other club attendance, etc., added pictures along the way and included Lions volunteer hours). That way, by month-end, I was done and ready to report to LCI and District--just a suggestion because it worked for me.

Your job is an important one for your club—in fact, THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB because you keep the club together and in the right direction. You are the TO-GO person for your club.

Good luck and if I can help in any way, please let me know.

Aloha!
Lion Doreen



MEMBERSHIP



We have to stop the loss of members within our clubs.

Close the back door – retain your members by improving your programs – keeping everyone busy with projects – try new ideas – visit other clubs

We cannot continue in the wrong direction.



CLUB REPORTS



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

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Our Fall 2014 Pancake Breakfast will be Oct. 11 from 7 - 11 write it down!

Comer Lions Club = In preparation for our annual fundraiser, The Madison County Agricultural Fair, our Comer Lions Club is having an Art Contest for students at Comer Elementary School. The students will make a drawing about what the fair means to them. Our Club will choose a winner, whose drawing will be used on our Flyer to advertise the Fair. Prize will be free ride tickets at the Fair for the winner and siblings plus money for a home room class party.

Commerce Lions Club = Lions Jack Legg, Bill Ives, Mackwell Etris, and Brad Johnson worked a total of 10 hours working on local service programs.

Conyers Lions Club = Conyers Lion Club started the 2014-2015 Lions year with a formal induction ceremony of its slate of officers at the first meeting, July 7th. Nineteen Lions and one guest attend the ceremony. Outgoing officers were recognized for their hard work and support of the community through Lionism.

July 14th - Board of Directors meeting where the year’s programs, fundraising, budget, membership and leadership training plans were discussed. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 25th.

July 21st meeting - DG Vicki Hubbard, and guest Lorraine Perro, just happened to be dining nearby and graciously agreed to join the meeting. The DG’s official visit is scheduled for October 20th. Decatur Lions Barbara Southern, recently moved to Conyers, and Ara White, works in Conyers, joined the meeting and initiated transfers to Conyers Lions Club. Friends of Lion Barbara Southern, Lion Kenneth Johnson and wife Muriel, from the St. Joseph, Missouri Lions Club, were welcomed and provided a memento of their visit--a 2014 Georgia state pin.

July 26th - Nancy Morton-Linek, Tom Linek, and Lee Cronan, attended the first MD18-I cabinet meeting, hosted by the Jefferson Lions Club, where DG Vicki and her “Team Pink” provided all with a little business, wallet-slimming, tail twisting entertainment, and a palate-pleasing lunch.

On October 25th - the club will be participating in the annual Conyers Old Town Festival providing public awareness of LCI and serving its traditional cotton candy and hot popcorn for a small fee. Although this conflicts with the upcoming District Rally, Conyers will be represented at both functions. Stop by our booth for some “sweet and salty”—10 am to 5 pm.

Service Activities and Hours: Home Depot’s “Kids Workshop”—7 Lions helped 85 kids build a “bug” house (21 hours); GA Lions Lighthouse Eyeglass Cleaning—6 Lions (18 hours); Eyeglass Collection—133 pairs (4 hours); “Plant a Row” (PAR) Garden—1 Lion to 200 lbs. of product to Rockdale Emergency Relief (RER) (30 hours); Aluminum/metal Recycle Program--\$22 (3 hours); Global Action Campaign “Relieve the Hunger”—50 lbs. collected/delivered to RER (3 hours).

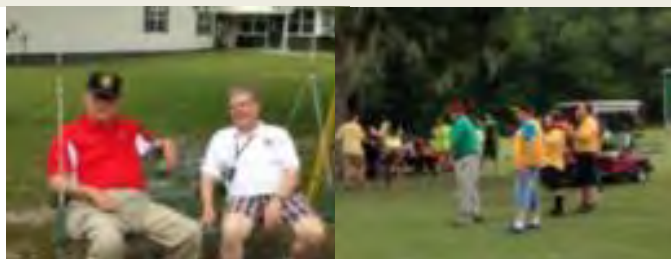


Covington Lions Club = Our Lions had a busy month, as usual! We are starting the new year with a bang.

- 14 Covington Lions helped the Oxford Lions Club with their annual 4th of July parade. Members helped with a water station and with our own entry into the parade – an army people mover.
- Our monthly board of directors meeting was well attended and many important items were discussed including approving budgets, setting our calendar of events, and ways to increase our membership. We are looking forward to a tremendous year of service.
- Our first meeting of the month on July 10 was a celebration of Friends and Family. We enjoyed a delicious potluck supper with approximately 60 members and guests present. The program was “Ask Me Why I Am A Lion” and focused on activities the Lions support and the ways we serve.
- Doreen and Earl Stallworth attended the state multi-zone training meeting in Winder on July 12 and enjoyed the many presenters.
- Several members attended Lions Day at Camp for the Blind on July 19 and enjoyed the festivities.
- Our second meeting of the month on July 24 was very informative as we had the head football coaches of our 3 county high schools speak about their programs and brag on their outstanding student athletes. All 3 coaches have extensive experience and said Newton County is the best place they have ever coached because of the community support and excellent work ethics of their students.
- 7 members attended the 1st District Cabinet training and meeting held July 26 in Jefferson. The training sessions were useful and the meeting was informative. Our own Doreen Stallworth was installed as District Cabinet Secretary and received special recognition from District Governor Vicki Hubbard for her hard work so far this year.
- Our Lions had over 700 hours of volunteer work in the community during July.



Dahlonega Lions Club = Lions Chuck Neil, Lew Houser, Bill Lundsberg, Harold Rosignoli provided assistances in taking the Flags and Markers that are put up around the entrances to Lumpkin County for the Fourth of July. Flags and markers are in honor of veterans. President Chuck Neil provided community service to 23 people at the Senior Center pancake breakfast. Lion Larry Channel provided to 69 graduates and guest of the Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition GED Graduation. Lion Michael Smith put in 4 hours at Community Helping Place. Community Helpin Place mission is to address with care and compassion the needs of the people of Lumpkin County. Lions Anne Mundy and Bill Mundy attended "Lions Day" at Georgia Lions Camp on July 19th, 2014 in Waycross, Georgia. Lion Bill Mundy, 1st VDG Anne Mundy, PDG Don Wagner and PID John Pearce attended the first Cabinet meeting for District 18-I in Jefferson on July 26, 2014.



Dawsonville Lions Club = Help put up the Flags and veterans' memorial crosses. Lion Don Cargill delivered 1004 eyeglasses and 75 cell phones to the Lighthouse. Pres. Don Cargill led the meeting - the guest speaker was Christie Haynes from the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce. Lion Great Hicks received the membership advancement key. Lion Pres Don received his Melvin Jones Award (which was late from LCI) and David James received his Morris Taylor Citizenship Award from Past-President Katie Hulsebus. The board met at Lion president Don Cargil's house and the budget and a few other items for 2014-15 was approved.



Decatur Lions Club = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 100 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 100 pair. Two (2) members worked a total of 31 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 31 man hours. A \$100.00 donation was sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Purchased, delivered and donated to the Methodist Children's Home: 1 Bushel yellow squash, ¼ Bushel zucchini squash, 1 Bushel tomatoes, 1 Peck sweet peppers: Total Cost: \$36.00. Secretary Genie Massingale and Treasurer Ken Massingale attended the District 18-I Cabinet Meeting in Jefferson, GA. CMS (Retired) Gretchen G. Evans presented a very interesting speech about the many war zones and experiences she had during her 27 years in the Army. Chaplain Bob Evans spoke about his calling into the chaplaincy and some of his duties he has had during his 35 years in the ministry, as well as his current position as Acting Assistant Director and Chief, Chaplain Service for the Atlanta VA Hospital Center.

Evans Lions Club =

We are the Evans Lions
so hear us ROAR this
year...we are coming
back strong!



Evans Lions Club = On Saturday July 26th, the Evans Lions, representing Columbia County, kicked off our 3rd Annual Food 2 Fight Hunger Campaign with the Salvation Army who represented Richmond County in Augusta. We were joined by wonderful community volunteers from the Police Department, Fire Department, Retired Marines, 4H, Girl Scouts and even church organizations. We began our event with a ribbon cutting by our very own Lion Mascot and began what was to be the best year ever for our food drive. Prior to the event there were various companies around the area that hosted food drives for us and others that gave money so that right at the start, we had food to begin building. The contest brings bragging rights for a year to the winning team by either collecting the most weight in food and/or by building the tallest food pyramid made out of the donations from that day. The Evans Lions are proud to say that we collected 8,429 pounds of food that will go to the Columbia County Cares Food Pantry that serves all of Columbia County and some of Richmond with the Back Pack for Kids program and just to assist families in need. The Salvation Army collected 1490 pounds. They had been heckling us for months about winning and the Lions Roared over the Army with over 4 tons of food. Our pyramid this year was also the tallest we have ever gotten being 18.5 feet high, a little short of my goal but more than enough to take the win because the Salvation Army conceded the pyramid and gave up. Lion President Susanne Beeland would like to thank the many Lions who contributed money to our cause at the convention and to District Secretary Doreen for her check that helped us make a big impact in the community.

Hartwell Lions Club = Recruited as race director for 5k race. Laid out 5k course and fun run course. Met with Chamber of Commerce for updates. Ran the course umpteen times to get it right!

Jefferson Lions Club = The Jefferson Lions Club hosted the 1st District 18-I Cabinet Meeting on July 26, 2014 at Certus Bank in Jefferson, Georgia. Officer training was held at 9:00AM and the Cabinet Meeting was at 11:00AM. We had good attendance and everyone seemed to have a good experience. Lions Mark and Gay Bradley, Edna Briggs and Rita Gunter provided the refreshments. Lions Jerry Legg, Ronnie Moore, Teddie Lohmeier and Don Lohmeier also helped. Lion Jerry Legg of the Eyeglass Committee reported that 57 eyeglasses, 6 sunglasses, and 6 lenses. **July 14** - Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order by Lion President Gay Bradley on at the Jefferson Club House. The 2014-2015 Budget was presented and approved. Lion Dot Hunt reported that she and Lion Buddy had passed out flyers at several car shows advertising the Jefferson Lions Club 14th Annual Classic Car Show to be held on August 9, 2014 at the Jefferson High School, Jefferson, Georgia. Lions signed up to work and buy trophies for the show. Lions Don Lord and Edna Briggs of the Membership Committee passed out sheets with a pie chart showing each member where they might find prospective new members to join the Lions Club such as a friend, church, job, neighbor etc. Lion President Gay Bradley reminded the Club that the Jefferson Lions Club would be hosting the 1st District 18-I Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the Certus Bank. Officer training would start at 9:00AM at the Cabinet Meeting at 11:00AM. Lion Jimmy Mock reported that JEMC needed to know if the Jefferson Lions Club plans to offer free eye screenings at the JEMC Annual Meeting on September 18, 2014. Lions Gay Bradley and Rita Gunter volunteered to help Lion Jimmy and others to have the screenings this year. Lion President Gay Bradley called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:40PM with 17 members attending. Several other local new projects were also discussed. **July 28** - Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order by President Gay Bradley on at the Jefferson Club House. Lion President Bradley presented to the Club that the Board had approved a \$100 1st and a \$50 2nd prize for the Lions Peace Poster Contest to be held at Jefferson Middle School, East Jackson Middle School and the Jackson County Boys and Girls Club. Lion Teddie Lohmeier will be the Chairman. Lion Dot Hunt passed out work sheets for the Jefferson Lions Club 14th Annual Classic Auto Show to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at Jefferson High School. She collected money for trophies. She reported that she and Lion Buddy and others had passed out 1200 flyers to advertise the show at several car shows. Lion Jim Smith brought Lions Calendars to be delivered. Lion Jim reported that the Club should possibly have a net profit of \$2,045. This is one of the Club's main fundraisers. Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 57 eyeglasses, 6 sunglasses and 7 lenses collected this month. Lion Gay Bradley reported that the 1st District 18-I Cabinet Meeting was a success and thanked everyone who helped. Perfect Attendance Awards for the 2013-2014 year were presented to the following persons Lions Dwayne Ansley, Edna Briggs, Greg Broussard, Harold Fletcher, Bob Friedlander, Sandra Friedlander, Rita Gunter, Dot Hunt, Buddy Hunt, Jerry Legg, Bill Legg, Don Lord, Ronnie Moore and Jim Smith. Lion Edna Briggs made a motion and Lion Don Lord seconded that the Club support Lion Mark Bradley as a candidate for the 2nd District Governor for the 2015-2016 year. Our Program for the night was presented by the Lions Don Lord, Edna Briggs and Sandra Friedlander of the Membership Committee. Lion Don challenged each Lion to recruit at least one new member this year. Each Lion was given a sheet to nominate persons as prospective members. The groups included were relatives, professional persons, job, church, neighbor, friend, other civic or social organization, someone with whom you do business. Each Lion was also given a printed pamphlet about the Lions Club and a new member application. Lion Sandra Friedlander gave a presentation on things that we could tell others about the Lions Club and the local activities that we have and the many services that we provide as a national and international organization. She provided each member with a copy of her presentation to use for reference. The Jefferson Lions Club Board Meeting was called to order after the regular meeting - by Lion President Gay Bradley at 7:44 PM with 10 members attending. President Lion Gay Bradley, 2nd Vice President Lion Ronnie Moore, and Secretary Lion Rita Gunter attended officer training at the 1st Cabinet Meeting.



JEFFERSON LIONS CLUB
14TH ANNUAL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW
 JEFFERSON, GEORGIA



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014

CARS, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE TRACTORS
ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME



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

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER VEHICLE

SCHEDULE		TROPHIES	
Registration	<i>9am – Noon</i>	Cars & Trucks	<i>Top 40</i>
Show Judging	<i>Noon – 2pm</i>	Tractors	<i>Top 4</i>
Awards	<i>2 – 2:30pm</i>		

OTHER PRIZES: 50/25/25 Drawing & Longest Distance Driven

GOOD FOOD – Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks

CONTACT - BUDDY HUNT (home) 706-367-8933 or (cell) 706-621-0700

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.

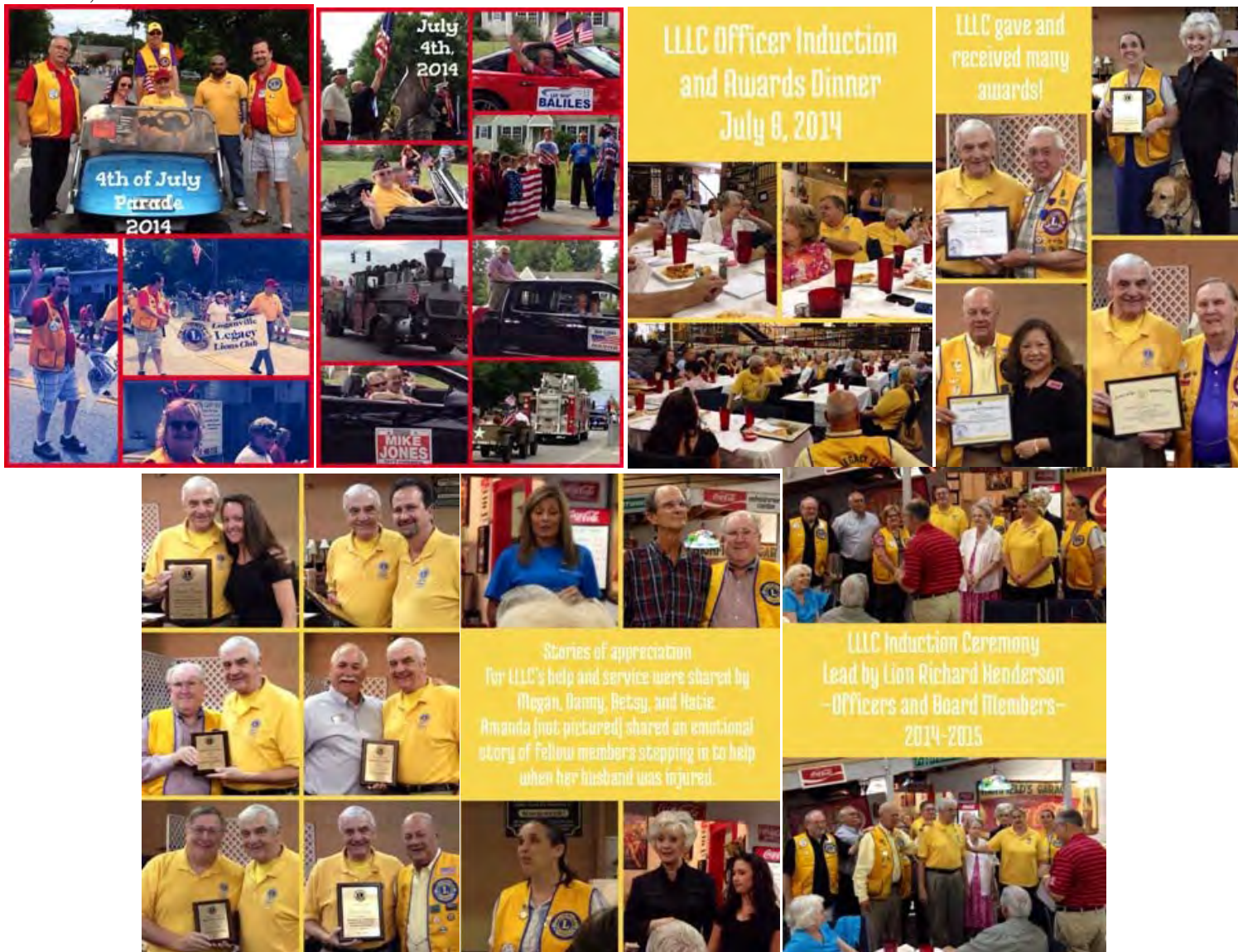
Personal canopies may be set up behind show cars on grass.



LaVista Lions Club = Only meeting was a business meeting held on July 8th. Fourteen members attended, including all regular members. Perfect attendance pins for 2013-2014 were awarded to ten members. Our second meeting of the month (On July 22nd) was cancelled due to our meeting place also being a polling location for the July 22nd runoff elections.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had 4 members attend our 1st Cabinet Meeting for 2014-2015' We had 2 members attend the Georgia Lions Camp meeting. We had 8 members attend our 2 July meetings. We are planning a raffle for a fundraising event in August and September.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club Pleased to advise that a second request for cataract surgery has been approved by the Lighthouse. Secured cataract surgery for one "in need" individual from Loganville. surgery done by Dr. Carlin in Snellville. process was managed by lions Chuck Bagley and Wayne White, with the completion managed by Victoria Jordan from the lighthouse. 12 Legacy Lions members participated in organizing and managing parade route and collecting food donations for Shepherds staff food bank. Collected 380 pair of glasses for recycling. 37 Lions and guests attended 2014-2015 officer installation conducted by PDG Richard Henderson. Awards were given to two outgoing charter officers; Mark Moore and Christina (Lynch) Dixon, and "spirit of service" awards were given to Lions Chuck Bagley, Skip Baliles and Dana Sciavicco for special their efforts in the support of the ideals of Lionism. guests included outgoing Zone Chair Earl Stallworth, incoming District Secretary Doreen Stallworth, and our guiding Lion Sonny Medlin also Lion Walter Steerman, Dean of Loganville Lions based on his 57 years in Lionism, Melvin Jones recipient and Lion of the Year.. and Hall of Fame member gave our invocation.... individuals/organizations who have benefited from Legacy donations were in attendance to express their appreciation, these include Shepherds staff, Special Olympics, and three individuals who have received financial support or cataract surgery. Additional recognition went to Kim Moore for her service as District Alert Chair, and to Betsy Grenevich for her service as associate director for both the Lighthouse and Georgia Lions Camp..... Lions of the year were given to Chuck Lynch for his service as charter president, and to Betsy Grenevich for her ongoing commitment to causes in support of the vision impaired. 7/26 - Illc member and Zone Chair attended 18-I Cabinet meeting and officer installation in Jefferson, GA. As combined sect/treasure have spent 12 hours reviewing membership info, prep for meetings, financial duties, travel, collecting/packing glasses, other follow-up activities for cataract surgeries prep for officer installation program . 1 Legacy Lions Club member attended Lions Day at Georgia Lions Camp along with her service dog James and was provided transportation by Lion Pete Stamsen. 7/26; 1 Illc officer attended officer training in conjunction with 18-I cabinet meeting in Jefferson, GA.



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
- Entry Fees:** Pre-registration \$20 thru 08-11-14 Race day \$25
Mail checks payable to Monroe Lions Club, P O Box 823, Monroe, GA 30655
- Awards:** Overall M/F, Masters M/F, Grand Masters M/F and 3 deep finishers in each age group. Finish line managed by Classic Race Services with complete race results online at www.runningintheusa.com



Information: For additional information, please contact Kathy Ivie at 770-266-2332 or email kivie@waltonemc.com or Carole Black, Classic Race Services at 706-680-7223 .

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

M _____ F _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Day Phone: _____ Email: _____

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.

Youth small medium Adult small medium large xlarge xxlarge

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 _____ Date _____
(Parent if under 18)

Norcross Lions Club = The Norcross Lions Club now has 26 members. Some of these members are potential members of a new club, the Peachtree Corners Lions Club. PDG John Rudert worked 48 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and doing other tasks in the Optics Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. School supplies were donated by a member of the Norcross Lions Club to the Norcross Stuff the Bus campaign benefiting local school children. DG Ed Hashbarger and his wife Lion Yoriko attended the Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Ed drove the GA Lions Lighthouse van to and from the event. PDG Ed Hashbarger shared information gained from the LCI Convention with the Club. The contract for the Norcross Art Fest food booth was shared. PDG John Rudert attended Lions Day at GA Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross, GA. PDG Ed Hashbarger attended the District 18-I Cabinet Meeting.

Social Circle Lions Club = The month of July focused on the club's service activity of the F.I.S.H Summer Lunch program for Kids. Chair Lion Larry Knox provided volunteer hours to prepare lunches and distribute equal 4 hours/day for 18 days this month, typically Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The program for the summer ends just prior to kids starting school in the fall. The last day of the summer lunch kids program is July 25. Other club business pertained to finalizing plans for the Back to School Vision Screening event August 6, 7, and 8 that will be held at the elementary school. Lions Jamie Peterson, Juanita Barton, and Dede deMarks are leading the planning efforts to conduct vision screens for all the children present on those days. Other events planned are the Peace Poster contest and assisting the elderly at the Assisted Living Centers with game activities. The club had a new member join this month. Congratulations to Lion Claude Sanders for joining an awesome club. A new members orientation is planned for the next meeting.

Toccoa Lions Club =



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Bill Graham greeted the gathered crowd and asked for prayer requests. In the absence of Chaplain Larry Earhart he asked Secretary Bryan Gordon to lead the prayer. Then Lion Tamer James Black led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and led the signing of God Bless America. James then assigned the order of tables to attend the food buffet. The pride chewed on their prey . . . food and weaved many tales at the various tables.

Gong went the bell . . . President Bill asked everybody to keep eating as he made some announcements. Bill recommended that all members read the minutes of the board meeting attached to the agenda. Bill called on Bryan the secretary to give a verbal synopsis of the minutes. Bill pointed out that we have several postings a week to the club's Facebook page. He encouraged people to write Laurel Graham, our webmaster, to add content to the page. Send pictures and notes in e-mail to laurelgraham@gmail.com and then visit the club's Facebook page by typing the following into the browser window . . . www.facebook.com/toccoalions Bill pointed out in the board minutes that it was approved to not charge members for the meal of a guest. The idea being to encourage our members to bring visitors to our regular meetings so they can see what we do. The current arrangement with the catering company requires the club to pay for twenty-five meals as a minimum. If we have more than twenty-five people we pay additional.

Bill asked Dave Stancil to make an announcement. Dave invited all members to join his family for a picnic this Saturday the 10th at noon at Henderson Falls Park in pavilion one. It is a celebration of his son's first year of life. He also said no gifts but make donations to the Ronald McDonald House in Atlanta instead. His boy Clint is about ready to begin walking. His birthday is 7-2-13. Bryan told the pride that the calendar ads sales have not begun yet but the subscription sales were kicked off at the last luncheon meeting by Drew Taylor. The money collected on the ads pays for the production expenses and the expenses associated with the Peace Poster contest. All the money we collect in on subscription sales is pure profit to the club.

Bryan recited information from the minutes of the board of director's meeting about the sight conservation committee. The club put glasses on 66 people and issued 71 one pairs of glasses. Five people broke or lost their glasses and bought their second pair from the club. The evening branch reviews the applications for glasses at their meeting on the third Tuesday evening of the month at 6:00 pm at Toccoa Church of Christ fellowship hall. In the absence of Henry Fields, our grand old man Tail Twister, Bill Graham appointed himself tail twister. He did not have a very good joke to tell. Bill's cell phone rang while he was conducting the meeting and he did NOT fine himself for this infraction. All present were fined \$1.00 except Bryan who was fined \$2.00 for talking back to the Tail Twister. Jack Barnard passed the hat and we collected in \$17.71 in fines.

Steve Spruill was invited to present the budget drafts that the board of directors are proposing for the Lions year 2014-2015. Steve first reported that we are in sound financial condition, actually the best condition we have been in for several years. In a nut shell, he used the operating results for Lions year 2013-2014 and projected it forward for year 2014-2015. After some discussion with the members on some line items a vote was called. The proposed budgets were passed by a unanimous vote of the membership present. The evening branch club will consider and vote on the budget next Tuesday, July 15th at their meeting.

Dave Stancil asked Steve if we could not give money to the Top Five banquet that the Rotary puts on but instead make a direct scholarship award from our club to a deserving student. Bill Graham asked Dave to come to a board meeting and make that proposal. Mary Ann Mojica announced that she had come into possession of a certificate good for two rounds of golf at the Currahee Club. She said she would auction it off for a donation to the Toccoa Stephens County Animal Shelter. Steve Spruill was the highest bidder at \$100.00 and won the certificates.

Toccoa Lions Club is working to "Go Back to the Future"

The Toccoa Lions recently held their Club History/New Member Orientation. At this meeting, all of the club's past presidents names were read and those Past Presidents present (pun intended) gave some remarks about their year. TLC Past President & 18D Past District Governor Loyd Prewett gave some good remarks about his year as TLC President (1968). He reported that in 1968 the club had 81 members working on 140 projects with seven fundraisers toward an \$11,000 yearly budget, and boasted the oldest and youngest past district governors of Region 18.

The complete TLC 1968 TLC Presidents report will be posted separately (it is long). The Editor encourages all Toccoa Lions to read this post. It tells you what an active Lions Club can do. If you would like a complete history of the Toccoa Lions send an email to toccoalionsclub@gmail.com

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE EVENING CLUB MEETING

The evening meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on July 15, 2014 by the Branch President, Kay Royal, at 6:01 PM when she rang the bell in the fellowship hall at the Church of Christ with 11 members in attendance. Members in attendance: Ray Cornell, Bryan Gordon, Dale Graham, Bill Graham, Michelle Jamieson, Will Mayhue, GeorgAnne Meeks, Roger Rousey, Sheila Rousey, Kay Royal and Margo Taylor.

President Kay started the meeting by asking everyone to rise and face the flag and pledge allegiance to the United States of America. Then she asked Lion Will to offer the opening prayer.

Kay mentioned that Lion David Chase is actually at Leaders Dogs for the Blind this week taking a course in mobility training with the white cane and Kaplan GPS device. So we deviated from the prepared agenda.

Bryan Gordon, immediate past president, was asked to make presentations to the evening club members. He talked about the president's awards that were given at the day meeting on June 24th to Jack McLaughlin as Rookie of the Year, Bill Graham as Co-Pilot award and Jack Barnard as Unsung Hero award.

Bryan presented Michelle Jamieson and Kay Royal with Committee Chair of the Year awards which included a framed certificate and an embroidered Lions polo shirt. Then Bryan announced that Shelia Rousey was named "Lion of the Year" and she was also presented with a certificate, polo shirt and a patch for her vest.

Bill Graham was asked to talk about the board of directors meeting minutes and stated that our treasurer Steve Spruill reported the financial condition of the club is very good. Steve had projected two budgets based upon operating results of the 2013-2014 Lions year. Bill passed out copies of the proposed budgets for Lions year 2014-2015 for both the administrative and activities accounts. The board has voted to present the budgets to the membership. The day club has approved the budgets and a vote is needed by the evening club to implement the budgets.

Kay called for a vote on the budgets and the membership unanimously approved them.

Kay mentioned that we will begin doing something new tonight as we will be sorting and packaging the recycled glasses, hearing aids and cell phones for donation to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The Lighthouse will process them for shipment overseas to other Lions clubs.

The meeting went into recess and some members sat at one end of the table and reviewed the applications to the club for glasses. Six applications were reviewed by this group of members and they rejected one application, approved one application and will contact four other applicants to secure more information.

The rest of the members went to the other end of the table and worked with Ray Cornell. Ray instructed members on how to grade and sort glasses, sunglasses, loose lenses, frames, cases, cell phones and hearing aids. This group of Lions packed up several boxes of goods to go to the Lighthouse as follows. 102 sunglasses; 18 loose sunglass lenses; 543 regular glasses; 162 regular loose lenses; 40 frames only; 22 cell phones and 5 hearing aids.

Toccoa Lions Branch Club Members receive Awards

2013/2014 Toccoa Lions Club President, Bryan "Bryan the Lion" Gordon continues his Award Presenting ways. Bryan presented Michelle Jamieson and Kay Royal with Committee Chair of the Year awards which included a framed certificate and an embroidered Lions polo shirt. Then Bryan announced that Sheila Rousey was named "Lion of the Year" and she was also presented with a certificate, polo shirt and a patch for her vest. (Editor note: Notice the strategic placements of the award certificates to hide Bryan the Lions tummy. This was not an accident.)

Toccoa Lions Club Holds Club History/New Member Orientation Meeting

The Toccoa Lions held a Club History/New Member Orientation meeting for their July 24th meeting. Rather than meet at their normal meeting place, they met at the Clary Center, an assistant living home. Three current/past members reside at this home and its sister facility, the Wilkerson Center. Pictured below are Lions Willard Kimsey, Vernon Smith & Andy Crawford. These Lions have a combined 177 years of Great Lions Service between them. All three are Past Presidents of the Toccoa Lions Club. Lion Willard is a Past District Governor and has held many other State/Districts positions. Lion Vernon celebrated his 101 year birthday the day before this meeting. Much of our Club History has been preserved due to the efforts of Lion Andy, who joined the Toccoa Lions in 1946. What a great way for our new Toccoa Lions to learn what Lions Service is all about.

Towns County Lions Club = Towns County LEO's - Miss Georgia Mountain Fair 2014 Mia Manto, also a LEO club member and Vice President, poses at the Lemonade Booth where LEOs work each day of the fair. Approved one eyeglass application for eye exam and glasses. The Towns County Food Pantry boxes and distributes food to underprivileged families in Towns County. Each July the Georgia Mountain Fair is held at the fairgrounds in Hiawassee Georgia. The Towns County Lions Club works during this event to raise money for the Club by manning the Funnel Cake Booth. All money that is made during this time in this booth is used to fund the Service Account of the Club during the year. The money is used to pay for scholarships, camp for the blind, eyeglasses, Lighthouse Foundation, etc. The members of the club also operate all the food booths throughout the fairgrounds and usher in the music hall. They also work at all of the ticket booths selling and taking up tickets for entrance into the fairgrounds.

Georgia Mountain Fall Festival
October 10-18, 2014

Look forward to the 2014 Fall Festival. With its mild temperatures and beautiful scenery there is no better place to be than the North Georgia Mountains in the fall. Each October, the 9-day event features exciting musical performances, Arts & Craft vendors, educational demonstrations, a flower show and the ever-popular Georgia's Official State Fiddlers' Convention.

Admission:

General Admission: \$12 (Includes Music Shows)

Children 12 & Under: Free

Parking: Free

Trolley available: Donations Appreciated

Union County Lions Club =



Union County Lions Club = Regular Board meeting at the Civic Center 4-H room in Blairsville, GA on July 3, 2014. Meeting called to order at 6PM by President Gene Little

- The board approved eye exams and glasses for three local individuals.
- Lion Gene Little presented the Committee assignments for 2014-2015 **Calling Committee** – Paul Clark and Betty Gurr; **Farmers Market**: Bob Wood; **Sorghum Festival**: Gene Little; **Fund Raiser**: Bob Wood; **Greeter**: Mary Arnold; **Special Events**: Louise Little and Mary Arnold; **Mints**: Jim Wentworth, **Eye Glasses**: Mildred & Michael Thompson; **News Articles**: Betty Gurr; **Parades**: Gene Little & Bob Qualiteri; **Peace Posters**: Louise Little (note Louise reported not much interest last year or two, but will check & continue **IF** there is better participation); **Programs**: will have membership make suggestions; **Spotlight**: Mary Arnold and Betty Gurr ; **Trash & Treasures**: Lisa Little and Mary Arnold; **Veteran Services**: Roy McKee & Mary Arnold; **Glasses Pick Up**: Bob Qualiteri. Still need volunteers for the Scholarships and White Cane Committees

July 10, 2014 Regular Meeting – held with 14 members (54% Attendance) and 3 guests.

- 1st Vice President Bob Wood gave update on Farmers Market's expansion. It is planned to be completed by end of July.
- President Gene went over the 'committee' appointments and asked for volunteers to fill open assignments. His goal is to increase membership & he asked several Lions how they would approach & invite someone to be a Lion.

July 24, 2014 Regular Meeting held with 16 members (62% Attendance) and 3 guests.

- There was no guest speaker tonight due to a scheduling conflict. The speaker at the August 14th meeting will present a program on Diabetes awareness. The monthly board meeting will be held after the meeting.
- Secretary Jim Wentworth passed out 100% attendance pins for the 2013-2014 Lions Year. He also presented a summary of The Union County Lion's Club charitable activities for the past year.
 - Provided approximately 20 eye exams and glasses annually to Union County Residents.
 - Supported Local Charities including:
 - Union-Towns Volunteers for the Handicap
 - Wilderness Scouts
 - Allegheny Lodge Christmas Basket Program
 - Boy Scouts of Northeast Georgia
 - American Cancer Society Relay for Life
 - Operation Christmas Kid's
 - Supported State-wide and International Lions Club Programs including:
 - Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind
 - Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind
 - Learning Ally (Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic)
 - Leader Dog for the Blind
 - Canine Companion for Independence
 - Lions Club International Fund
 - Lion Paul the acknowledged the 58th Anniversary of Lions Gene and Louise Little and the 60th Anniversary of Lion Carl and Anne Buser. President Gene Little's 80th birthday is on August 23rd.

Farmer's Market – 4 Saturdays in July – 14 Lions and 2 friends worked a total of 116 hours selling fried pies, hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community. On July 26th, the Farmer's Market was combined with the annual Green Bean Festival.

Used Eye Glasses – Chair Louise Little turned in the following at the recent Cabinet Meeting, 28 hearing aids, 116 cell phones, 563 pairs of glasses, 60 lenses, 134 pairs of sunglasses, and 11 shade lenses.



WORKING LIONS - 367 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 101 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 17 hours
Total: 485 hours
Submitted: 4 news article

Washington Lions Club = 4 members provided Bingo to nursing home people. 3 members helped with food pantry during the month of June.

Winder Noon Lions Club = The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church in July by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors were provided with a snack and a drink after they had given blood. 307 pairs of glasses were collected during the month.

Working together as a Team makes for good results:
1st District 18-I Cabinet Meeting



Did you submit yours?

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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.

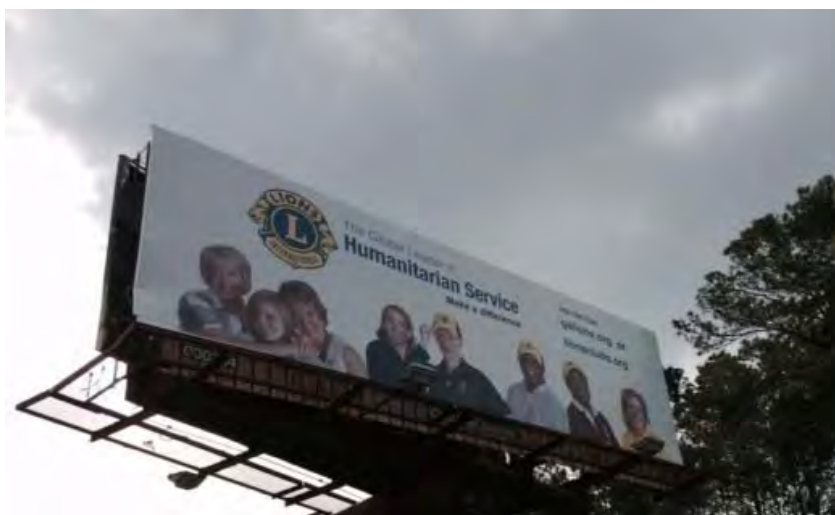


While there may still be plenty of time to register, early-bird discounts won't last. [Click below to register now.](http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails) <http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails> 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




LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD

IN SUPPORT OF LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 | 7:00^{PM}

BRAVES  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 youth group to attend the Braves game.

Donations made toward youth fees will help benefit someone within Georgia to get a Leader Dog.

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	OUTFIELD PAVILLION	\$ 34	
		TOTAL	

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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.

Cost of Hospitality Book:	At 2014 Convention \$100.00	June 2 – Aug. 30, 2014 \$110.00	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2014 \$120.00
	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.	\$
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