



We Serve

District Bulletin 18-D



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

September 2010



District Governor

Ron Bennetti

Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

Since my return from the International Convention in Australia, I have been extremely busy doing the work of a District Governor. I returned on Thursday and on Saturday I was off to Centerville, Georgia for the Zone Chairman training session. Most of the Zone Chairman as well as the cabinet officers attended session. A great bit of information was absorbed by all who attended. I would like to thank all who attended and I know that the information they absorbed will be used effectively in our district.

The following weekend Deanna and I went down for Lions Day at the Camp for the Blind in Waycross, GA and what a wonderful weekend we had, this was the first time that all the governors were together since their installation in Australia. We had some time to talk over our strategies for the year and see how the camp operated. All Lions that attended had a wonderful day and were entertained by the campers at lunch, and then the Council of Governors was entertained after dinner. Upon my return home I had to prepare for first cabinet meeting which was the following weekend.

The cabinet meeting was well attended by the club's and I have heard great reviews about the length of the meeting and the contents of the meeting. It is my intention to keep meetings short and to the point for the rest of the year.

The month of August start off with a bang making club visits, I first started at Dawsonville and then Hartwell, Commerce, Toccoa, Union County, Elberton, Clarksville, Buford, Snellville, Atlanta Classic City and Dahlonega. Every one of these visits I met Lions from our district and what wonderful Lions they are, the clubs have many programs that they are doing in their communities. When I selected my motto for the year as; "**We are Knights of the Blind and We Serve**", how was I to know that it was a perfect motto for the clubs of District 18-D. Each club has performed service to their community in special way to make his motto stand out.

We have also moved forward in keeping with the International President Sid Scruggs motto "**A Beacon of Hope**", during the month of August by "**Engaging Our Youth**" in service projects throughout the communities that we live in. We now look forward to bringing the second part of his plan into action which will be the month of October "**Sharing the Vision**" in which I hope each club will try and organize eye screenings, increase the collection of eyeglasses that go to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for future distribution to third world countries, encourage members of our clubs to visit the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and take the tour of the facilities that we have and participate in the recycling of our glasses. By participating in this activity it will help the visually impaired in our communities. All this is being done in conjunction with World Sight Day/Month in October.

I'm looking forward to visiting additional clubs during the month of September and seeing what projects and activities these clubs will be doing. As I make my visits I will be talking about some of the upcoming events in the District reminding the clubs and members of the upcoming **55th District Rally** in November and the **Hall of Fame Dinner** the same weekend. Please keep the weekend of **November 12-13, 2010** open for this event. I also would like to inform the clubs that we are sponsoring district for this year's state convention to be held in Gwinnett County in June. One point I must make at this time is that the International President will be attending our state convention and we will also have our Past International President in attendances at the convention as well.

As the sponsoring district a good showing of our members is a must so please make plans to attend this convention in support District 18 D.

As a final note, just remember, "**We are Knights of the Blind and We Serve**"

Thanks for all you do for Lionism,

**Yours in Service,
DG Ron**

18-D District Rally

12-13 November = Hall of Fame nite and District Rally

Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming District Rally. Inform all of your members to mark their calendars for this day.

There will be a Friday Night Reception/Hall of Fame dinner starting at 7:00 pm at a cost of \$22.00 each. Dress for this event will be casual. Location will be at Elks Club on 1547 Riverside Drive, in Gainesville, GA.

The 55th District Rally will be held at noon (12) and our speaker will be ID J. Carl Young, from Omeme, Ontario, Canada. The 2nd Cabinet Meeting will start at 2:00 am. This will take place at the Gainesville Civic Center on Green Street in Gainesville.



There will be a seminar from 9-10:30 am followed by a Panel Discussion with ID Carl and a couple of other dignitaries from 10:45 to 11:45. The Rally will start at 6:00 PM till until with a dance after Rally.

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Cost will be \$22.00 per person. Come one, come all... **Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis for \$176.00.**

Check out the Editor's section of the Bulletin for more INFO

Check your mail box

For more info will come – stay tuned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 2010

Send A Kid To Camp Day

JOINT MEETING of

**Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
and Camp for the Blind**



Georgia Lions
Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

**11 – 12 September
at the Marriott
Gwinnett Place
Duluth, Georgia**



Check details under the Lighthouse.....

Planning Ahead

"Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign

Every five seconds, someone in our world goes blind – and a child goes blind every minute. Lions have an opportunity to shine a light on vision and show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Sharing the Vision."

Take Action

During October, your club can plan activities in connection with our own [Lions World Sight Day](#) on October 7-8, 2010. Or, organize projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community by helping those who live with blindness and visual impairment.

Campaign Resources

Use the following resources to plan and promote your "Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign project.

- **Call to Action Flyer:** Get an overview of the "Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.
- **Planning Guide:** Use this step-by-step approach to organize your very own "Sharing the Vision" project.
- **Project Ideas:** Review ideas you and your club can use to participate in the campaign. The opportunities are endless.
- **Press Release:** Send a press release to local media to help publicize your "Sharing the Vision" project.

For More Information

To learn how your club can participate in the "Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign, [contact us](#) today.

Plan for Sight Night 2010 = What do we do?

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



What a
challenge.....

Work with
kids.....



Where in the World

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



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

A Beacon of Hope in 2010-2011

Our 2010-2011 Presidential theme, A Beacon of Hope, expresses the thought that there are more than 1.3 million lighthouses in 205 countries – Lions members who will continue to light the way, and serve as beacons of hope. The key to our success is through service and impactful projects.

A Beacon of Hope Resources and Activities

Use the following resources to help your club – and our association – be A Beacon of Hope in 2010-2011:

- [A Beacon of Hope logo](#): Download a logo to use on club communication and promotional materials.
- [2010-2011 Presidential Theme brochure](#): Read about our international theme, A Beacon of Hope.
- [2010-2011 Presidential Awards brochure](#): Find out about recognition programs for outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.

Sign the Service Commitment Pledge



Lions share a long history of service. As the world's global leader in community service, we are the example of how one organization - with members working together - can make a huge impact. International President Sid Scruggs is asking all Lions to sign a pledge to serve those in need, and make a difference in someone's life this year. [Sign the Service Commitment Pledge](#).

How to Plan a Children's Summer Camp Project

Poverty and alcoholism are responsible for a high number of abandoned children in parts of Europe, where hundreds of kids end up in orphanages.



The Lions of Sölvesborg bring joy and new opportunities to kids from children's homes in Lithuania and Poland by inviting them to a summer camp in Sweden. [Learn how Lions made this project happen. And get "Tips and Tools" you can use to do a project like this in your community.](#)

Lions-Measles Initiative Receives US\$400,000 Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Lions and LCIF are joining a worldwide effort spearheaded by the Measles Initiative to protect children from measles, a leading cause of childhood blindness. This Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program is being funded in part by a US\$400,000 grant to LCIF from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. LCIF is providing an additional US\$300,000 to support the project. [Read blog](#).

Enter the Lions Clubs International Contest

The Lions Clubs International Contest gives Lions the chance to showcase their hard work and creativity. Clubs, districts and multiple districts are encouraged to submit their entries for this year's Contest in four categories: Newsletter (Bulletin), Trading Pin, Friendship Banner and Web site. [Download the official entry form for more information](#).

Special "Beacon of Hope" Commemorative Lapel Tack, Available While Supplies Last

P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK

This handsome lapel tack is **inspired** by the "Beacon of Hope" design as used on the presentation version of IP Scruggs official 2010-2011 special lapel tack. The P2010 measures 1" round and is striking in its polished gold plated finish. Regular price is US\$2.25 each, be sure to order yours today at the special price of US\$1.85 each. This special price is valid through September 17, 2010.

Visit us online at [Lions Shop](#) to order this lapel tack and other fine Lions products.

In addition to our online selection of products you can also shop directly through our [Official Licensees](#) for many other Lions products.



LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ video magazine](#) to see how LCIF, U.S. and Filipino Lions changed one little boy's life.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs International Blog](#)
Read our blog for Lions Clubs International news updates throughout the month.

[Lions Clubs iPhone App](#)
Download our iPhone App to stay in touch with us.

[Seminar Resources](#)
Download presentations from international convention.

[Pakistan Flooding](#)
Learn how Lions, LCIF are providing relief to victims.

CONTESTS

[Peace Poster Contest](#)
Sponsor a 2010-2011 Peace Poster Contest in your city.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)
Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

[2011 International Convention](#)
Get all the details about our 2011 convention in Seattle.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



Videos



"LCIF Partnering for Service"
5:00 minutes

This video provides an overview of some of LCIF's key partnership programs in the areas of sight and youth. This DVD is available in English-only.



Lions:

One of our Lions in the newly formed Dacula Lions Club, Lion Jeff Wolfe, has obtained information on an 80-minute documentary film by producer/director Joseph Lovett, who suffers from sight-robbing glaucoma himself. This film covers preventing, treating, and coping with vision loss. If you will review the attachment, you can see all the details. Lion Jeff is working on holding a screening of this film in Metro Atlanta. We also hope to get the Lighthouse involved.

This is a great opportunity for Lions all over Georgia and all over the world to make the public aware of vision loss and all that is involved by holding screenings of this documentary film. This is a perfect time to use this opportunity to alert the public, since IP Sid Scruggs' emphasis is on "community service".

Check out the outreach toolkit which can be downloaded from www.goingblindmovie.com



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



Dear Lion,



Lions have long been committed to programs that serve our youth. They are truly tomorrow's leaders. But they need us! I would like to encourage all Lions to support our youth, particularly this next month, as we focus on service to youth.

I'd like to share with you one youth program that is near and dear to my heart - [Lions Quest](#). I have seen its great impact worldwide, as well as in my home country. This is a program loved by youth, teachers and parents alike. Why is it so loved, you ask? Because it has real results, and it gives hope for the future.



Others know this, too. The Minister of Culture in Germany told me - after Lions Quest was implemented - that it is not enough to deliver facts only in schools. We must also deliver ways to live and values for life.

And, this message is spreading. The Minister from Bhutan who attended our Lions convention spoke to me about wanting Lions

Quest in their schools. Leaders are realizing the value of Lions Quest. Three additional countries added the program last year - Bulgaria, Mauritius and the Philippines - bringing the program to 60 countries now. Next month we will be meeting in Colombia with Latin American leaders about expansion throughout the region. But there are so many other countries and communities where this program could make a difference.



Lions, now is our chance to make a name for ourselves as leaders in youth service. I challenge you to join me in global extension of Lions Quest.

Like me, I'm sure that you have been following the news reports of the deadly flooding in Pakistan. My heart goes out to the 20 million affected by this disaster. As the flood waters and death toll continue to rise, Lions are committed to helping.

Lions have been providing assistance since the devastating flooding began July 22, and [LCIF is providing US\\$120,000](#) to help Lions in providing relief to their communities.

You know well that Lions Clubs greatest asset is our volunteers - you and 1.35 million Lions around the world. Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club nearby, ready to respond with

their hearts and hands. In the case of disasters, we are the first to offer help, and the last to leave.

I was moved by a [video](#) the Lions in Pakistan created. While it shows the effects of the disaster, it also shows hope - hope for brighter days ahead. This hope is because of Lions. They have put aside their own needs to help their neighbors, providing needed relief supplies and shelter.

We are truly committed to long-term relief, and [Haiti](#) is one example where our work remains ongoing. The Lions of Haiti have done a great job given the widespread devastation and the local constraints that exist.



Six hundred Haitian families will move into new homes thanks to an initiative between LCIF, the Lions of MD 111 Germany,



and HELP, an international non-governmental organization (NGO). This is the first of many [reconstruction projects](#) to receive support from LCIF thanks to the generous response from the international family of Lions

following the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Through the project, homes will be erected directly on a family's plot of land, thus avoiding the hardship of further displacement and any potential property disputes. The building of these homes is an important first step toward reestablishing normal life for families who lost their homes and so much more after the earthquake.

From Haiti to Pakistan, China to Tennessee, Lions and our foundation are rebuilding homes and lives.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF

Sight and Youth Grants Approved

At the August 2010 SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting, 21 grants were approved for a total of US\$2.68 million. The Lions Quest Advisory Committee approved 19 grants for a total of US\$695,135. A full list of approved grants is [online](#).



Lions-Measles Initiative Launched with Gates Foundation

LCIF is working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support efforts of the Measles Initiative for global elimination of measles, a leading cause of childhood blindness. Four African countries have been chosen for [pilot Lions-Measles Initiative](#) programs. LCIF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are contributing a combined US\$700,000 to the initiative. [View a video](#) on this program.

LCIF at Upcoming Forums

Learn more about [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) at the Forums. LCIF will have a booth at the USA/Canada and Europa Forums, as well as seminars on LCIF and Lions Quest at all regional Forums.

Lions Quest Announces Educator Award Winner

Angela Troppa has been named as the Lions Quest [Educator Award winner](#). Troppa, a social worker at Fairview Elementary School in Springfield, Illinois, USA, was selected for her successful implementation of the Lions Quest program. The Educator Award was established to celebrate the contributions of educators across the U.S. toward positive youth development.



Lions Quest

"Excellent workshop, good community involvement and just good people."

Michelle A., Counselor, Proctor Jr-Sr High School

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WHAT IS LIONS QUEST?

Lions Quest is a life skills and prevention program of Lions Clubs International Foundation, implemented in over 50 countries throughout the world. Lions Quest programs teach young people skills necessary for everyday success. These skills include:

- Learning to accept responsibility
 - Communicating effectively
 - Setting goals
 - Making healthy decisions
 - Resisting pressure to use alcohol or drugs
- There are three Lions Quest programs:

- Skills for Growing for ages 5-10
- Skills for Adolescence for ages 11-14
- Skills for Action for ages 15-18

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Service-Learning in America's Schools

Late last year, the Corporation for National & Community Service [issued a brief](#) summarizing the research report *Community Service and Service-Learning in America's Schools (2008)*. Research studies show that when young people participate in service-learning, the benefits contribute to students' success and have a positive impact on their social behavior, habits, and attitude. A number of studies are available to support the need for policies that will build and sustain service-learning programs in schools. Tufts University's CIRCLE research center provides a [working paper](#) on the impact of participation in service-learning on high school students' civic engagement, and a [fact sheet](#) that investigates the effect of school-required community service on academic performance. With youth volunteering on the [decline](#) since the September 11 attacks, now is the time to engage young people in service! **Did you know - on average, course-required community service enhanced academic progress by 3.3% (in history) to 6.7% (in reading).**

New resources for Lions

Skills for Life - The new DVD showcases Lions Quest in action around the world. [Request it.](#)
sandy.olear@lionsclubs.org

Lions Quest Table Runners and Banner Stands - We have worked with our supplier to create an online ordering page for districts to obtain their own LQ table runners and banner stands. These items are great enhancements to your local conventions and exhibit booths! Priced affordably, [check them out now!](#)
http://www.beautifuldisplays.com/lions_club_order_page.cfm?RTY=2



Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:

EMBARRASSING

Have you or any member of your Lions Club checked out your Club web site????

At present, the following District 18-D Lions Clubs that have or are listed on the LionNet are as follows:

- Athens
- Carnesville
- Cornelia (Nothing appears)
- Dacula
- Dahlonega
- Dawsonville
- Forsyth County
- Lawrenceville (Nothing appears)
- Snellville
- Toccoa
- Towns County

If I were a Lion from another state and wish to move to Georgia – I would be looking on the LionNet and once I find clubs within District 18-D – low and behold I would find OUT DATED information. I would even think that maybe the club does not exist any longer.

Do you mean that you can't find somebody to work on your web site? In fact, if you don't have someone than WHY not ASK and get a new member in that might be able to work on the web site or develop a new web site.

Have you checked out the new Dacula Lions Club – they for some reason found someone within their club that made the Dacula Lions Club web site.

Gee, LionNet has guidelines and will help to set up a web site. Have you seen the one that Forsyth County has (but it has to be brought up to date).

Of course, I have to get with Toccoa and Dacula to let them know how to get on the LionNet page.

I know it can be difficult at times, but it really does not take that long to do updates.

Can you imagine people who are not Lions looking at your web site?

What do you think they would say or comment about and maybe even tell other people. Why would they even think of becoming a Lion and they see you web site?

What if someone needed help – what would they find?

Now – the one that Forsyth County used from LionNet - go to:

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/forsythcoga>

The two clubs that did their own check out = Dacula Lions Club:

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/forsythcoga>

Toccoa Lions Club:

<http://www.toccoalions.org>

I have already contacted LionNet to delete a couple of clubs and add 2. It sure would be nice if a few more Lions Clubs could be added to the LionNet. Think about it and see what you can do – just ASK.

Now – just go to this web site and get all the information you can to develop your club web site:

<http://www.lionnet.com/lionwap.html>



It is **FREE** – so why not check it out – there is nothing like improving your image.....

Also – have you bothered to go to this web site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mk97.pdf>

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MARKETING IDEAS

Is your club keeping its service a secret?



Dear Lion,

Lions share a long history of service. As the world's global leader in community service, we are the example of how one organization – with members working together – can make a huge impact.

With all we have accomplished, there is still so much Lions can do to bring light where there is darkness and despair. We are a beacon of hope.

Join President Scruggs in signing the pledge to:

- Support and participate in your Lions club's service activities to the extent you are able.
- Invite friends, colleagues and community members to participate in one or more of your Lions club's service projects.

Service Commitment Pledge

I commit myself to service to help shine our light brighter than ever and make a difference in someone's life this year:



Name

Club Name

City

State/Country

E-mail (optional)

Comment (optional)

Add Your Name

Best wishes,
Sid L. Scruggs III
International President

Global Service Action Campaigns

"Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign

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For more information on planning your participation visit our [Global Service Action Campaigns Web page](#) or [contact the Service Activities Division at International Headquarters](#).



October – [Sharing the Vision](#)

Plan vision health projects and work with the visually impaired. Many Lions already celebrate World Sight Day in October. This is a great month to organize a vision screening, volunteer at a nearby Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, organize an eyeglass collection or an activity to benefit the visually impaired in your community.

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[A Beacon of Hope logo](#): Download a logo to use on club communication and promotional materials.

[Awards Program Brochure](#): Find out about recognition programs for outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.

[Global Service Action Campaigns](#): Participate in Global Service Action Campaigns to bring attention to the service Lions provide for the environment, youth, sight and more.

[Beacon Awards](#): Find out about the Beacon Awards - and how they will recognize outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.

["The Power of Peace" Essay Contest](#): Sponsor a blind or visually impaired student to compete in "The Power of Peace" Essay Contest.

Beacon Awards

Clubs and districts that shine the brightest in the Global Service Action Campaigns will be recognized at the 2011 Convention in Seattle.

Campaign Resources

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- [Call to Action Flyer](#): Get an overview of the "Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.
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- [Press Release](#): Send a press release to local media to help publicize your "Sharing the Vision" project.

Set Your Sights High

All Lion leaders want their clubs to succeed, but perhaps you should set your sights even higher. [Club Excellence Awards](#) will be presented to presidents of clubs that are outstanding in all of the following areas: service, support of LCIF, membership, communication, leadership development, club development and financial responsibility.

On the Horizon

Lions Clubs International would like to recognize October recruiting success by re-introducing the October Membership Growth Award Program.

Participate in the 2010 October Membership Growth Award Program! Here's how:

1. Add members in October.
2. Report each member using either the MMR or WMMR. (MMR users must report by October 20. WMMR users must report by October 31.)

Participating clubs will be recognized on a section of the Web site with their name listed as well as the number of members they invited. You may wish to download the [October Membership Growth Award flyer](#) (pdf) to distribute within your club.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Contest Rules: Contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.*

The contest theme is **"Power of Peace."**

Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

Each essay should be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified. Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student. Essay entries cannot have already been published. Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000. They will be notified by June 1. The postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor is February 15. Note: A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry.

Activity reports on Global Service Action Campaign activities submitted via WMMR will automatically be entered for the [Beacon Awards](#) in the following categories:

- Most Creative Youth Program Activity (club or district)
- Outstanding Service to the Blind or Visually Impaired (club or district)
- Best Hunger Relief Program or Activity (club or district)
- Best Environmental Project (club or district)
- Lion That Best Exemplifies the Spirit of Service - entries are nominated by executive officers or international directors.

[Read the Beacon Awards Brochure](#) for more information about deadlines and reporting procedures.

Connect With us online





RETENTION

CLUB NEW MEMBER INDUCTION AND ORIENTATION

Forty-eight (48) Lions in JULY, forty-seven (47) in JUNE, fifty-two (52) in MAY, etc., all new Lions in Georgia. What should we be doing to retain them? First of all, were they inducted as Lions? Some of these Lions were charter members of new clubs, so I think we can assume that most of these new Lions were inducted. However, based on my charter club ceremony attendance, I know that not every new Lion was inducted into their new club. What about the new Lions who joined existing clubs? In fact, it is very likely that not every new Lions was inducted. LCI's web site provides clubs with "Meaningful New Member Inductions" (ME-22), which covers the special club ceremony for new member inductions, but what I am going to suggest is that Lions who may have missed the ceremony should be inducted the very next night they attend a club meeting! Induction doesn't take much time; **all** new Lions should be inducted!

I vaguely recall being inducted as a new Lion by PDG Millard Havener. Although the ceremony was nice, I doubt that my induction alone has kept me a Lion for over twenty years. What else should new Lions experience shortly after they become members? High on the list of experiences is participating in Lions' orientation. Why is orientation important? Yes, new members are considered Lions, but let's be honest about becoming new Lions. What do new members know about being Lions? The fact is that new Lions hardly know anything about Lions and being Lions! We were successful in getting them to join clubs, but how are we going to keep them if they don't know what they joined and become convinced that they should continue to be Lions?

New members need to participate in **Lions' orientation!** The major way new members will be able to receive orientation is by having existing clubs provide it. Although existing club members know a lot about being Lions, it nevertheless requires a fair amount of work to provide orientation to new members. Fortunately, orientation is something else LCI's web site has available. Once you log on to the web site, do a search for "The Orientation Guide" (ME-13). What you are going to find is a Club Membership Chairperson's Guide, which identifies the person responsible in a club for organizing new member orientation. No, this does not mean that a Membership Chair has to be the Lion who provides the orientation training, but this club leader is responsible for organizing orientation. The LCI guide ". . . contains complete planning instructions, suggestions for localizing materials, suggested outlines, checklists and complete orientation content." (p. 15) Furthermore, you will also discover an LCI Lions Orientation Refresher Series designed to provide an **orientation update for ALL Lions** over a series of club meetings. Clubs don't just lose new Lions. A refresher orientation can potentially help us keep some of these members.

So how was our first month's Georgia Lions membership retention? Statistically, we started the year better than last year. We lost 80 members in July, but last year we lost 99 members. Although the loss difference was only 19 (.003%), had we been able to retain this lower loss retention rate all last year we would have finished the year with an overall membership gain vs. the minor loss of 4 members we experienced. Let's continue to work toward increasing our retention: **INDUCT** and provide **ORIENTATION** to new Lions! This is our starting point.

Yours in Lionism, Richard "Dick" Smith



Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute

Dear Lions Leader,

As you may be aware, the Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute is not happening this year. Due to funding issues, the committee that does this fine program has had to suspend the program.

However, Lions Club International still offers a very similar program: It is called the *Senior Lions Leadership Institute*. The dates are November 18-21, 2010 in Albuquerque, NM. If selected to attend, you pay only for your transportation---all meals and lodging are covered. The problem is that the deadline for applying is **September 7th**. The following link will give you the application and all details. Please, if you have someone that has completed a term as a club president and is a current or future District leader, they will greatly benefit from this institute. (They may not have been a First Vice District Governor---so everyone up to and including the 2nd VDG can attend).

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/Slli-Albuquerque-2010.pdf>

If you have any questions about the institute, please feel free to contact me. This is a great opportunity for rising District Leaders. Don't let them be left out.

Yours in Lionism,
C. Mark Miller

Dacula Lions Quilt Raffle Entry Ticket

Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

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Contact Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Dacula Lions Club = Here is the info on the raffle of the Lions themed quilt. We will draw the winning ticket at the second Dacula club meeting on September 21. Every club in the district has been sent a flyer and sheet of tickets. Clubs can print this page only to make copies of the tickers to the left if more tickets are needed. **Please send completed tickets and money to Dacula Club Treasurer Charlie Tuggle - 2313 Carlton Chase Road, Dacula, GA. 30019**

Lions Themed Quilt Raffle – Buy a ticket!
One for \$2 or Three for \$5.



Dahlonega Lions Club =



Dawsonville Lions Club = Lion Holbrook with Biggest Tomato



Jefferson Lions Club = **ACTIVITIES:** Used Eyeglasses collected 98; lenses 164; sunglasses 13; cell phones 6. **Community Birthday Calendar Sales** are ongoing. If all money is collected, profit will be \$2822. **Road Cleanup:** On Saturday, August 28, 10 Lions plus 4 youth picked up trash along our adopted mile on Route 129 between Jefferson High School and Bells Grocery. Total 10.5 man hours for this service project. **Donations:** \$306.85 Eye examinations and eyeglasses for 3 individuals \$50 to St. Mary's Health Care as a memorial to former Lion A. G. Mitchell. \$500 to Wellspring Camp, which provides quality Christian camping and respite activities to children and adults with developmental disabilities. **MEETINGS:** **August 9** - Speaker was Zone Chair Bob Long, who is also serving his second year as President of the Winder Noon Lions Club. Lion Bob gave an encouraging presentation, saying he always enjoys visiting the Jefferson Lions Club. Lion Bob encouraged the Club to take part in Georgia Special Olympics, Send a Kid to Camp, and submit articles to local newspaper. He mentioned the poem about everybody, anybody, somebody, and nobody, and he cautioned Lions to not fall into the trap of "nobody" but to provide service to the local and global community, move forward and accomplish something. **August 23** - Speaker was Lisa Stephens, Director of Lindsay's Legacy Mentoring. Lindsay's Legacy is named for the late Mr. Jack Lindsay, who founded the local Potter's House, and who was well-known for his many, many other good deeds. Lindsay's Legacy has been in existence about six years, and, while starting out with just a few mentors, last year there were 235. New mentor training sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Hope Crossings Church, 2106 Old Pendergrass Road, Jefferson. (Free lunch with RSVP); Wednesday, September 22 at Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Office, 270 Athens Street, from 9:00-10:15 a.m.; and Wednesday, September 29, at Jackson EMC, 850 Commerce Road, Building 1000, from 8:30-9:45 a.m. RSVP for training, contact Lisa Stephens: 406-410-5525 or jacksonmentors@yahoo.com President Mack Cates, who is a mentor, commented that several of the children spoke at the spring mentor luncheon, and there was not a dry eye as the children expressed their appreciation for their mentors. **August 28** - Board of Directors meeting: President Mack Cates called to order an 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting to discuss and pursue the opportunity to sponsor a Leo Club at Kings Bridge Middle School. After discussion Lion Dwayne Ansley made a motion that the club authorize the needed \$100 expenditure to sponsor the Leo Club. Lion Lyle Robins seconded the motion, and it was approved. The first Leo club meeting is expected to be held on Thursday, September 2 at 9:20 a.m.



Car Show: On Saturday, August 14, Jefferson Lions held their 10th Annual Car Show in the Jefferson High School parking lot. 70 cars/trucks plus 4 tractors registered – a total of 74 entries (a great turnout for a rainy day!). 25 Lions worked during the show plus 2 former Lions. Total 505 man hours. Total profit was \$1,314.92, which will all be used for the club's Drive Against Darkness. 59 trophies were given at a cost of \$12 (\$708 total), which were paid for by individuals, that is, with money not taken from car show receipts. Top trophy winners included: Best of show: 1965 Ford Falcon Sprint, Conrad Lavender, Jefferson; 1936 master Chevrolet, Mickey Archer, Nicholson. Note: Two special trophies also were presented to Lavender and Archer honoring and thanking them for their work and support of the Lions. Best Ford: 1955 F-100, Mike South, Gainesville; Best General Motors: 1937 Buick Special, Linda Davis, Monroe; Best Mopar: 1966 Dodge Charger, Gary & Missy Cardwell, Jefferson; Best 1961 Cadillac Coup Deville, Charlie Smith, Anderson, SC; Best Studebaker: 1960 Studebaker Champ pickup, Tim Taylor, Colbert; Longest Distance Driven: 1968 Ford F-100/ Roy Phillips, Blairsville. Two special trophies were presented to Conrad Lavender, Jefferson, and Mickey Archer, Nicholson, honoring and thanking them for their work and support. Four tractor trophies were awarded: 1947 Farmall, showed by Kim Stephens, Atlanta; 1947 Farmall, showed by Amy Nixon, Athens; 1950 Ford, showed by Jimmy Payne, Bogart; 1950 Farmall, showed by Derrell Crowe, Jefferson. Leftover hamburgers and hot dogs were given to Dry Pond UMC in appreciation for Lions use of their tables and chairs.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Paid \$145.00 for rent for a deaf lady Collected 43 pairs of used eye glasses Performed 46 vision screenings Performed 10 hearing screenings Had 6 members attend the 1st Zone meeting Had 4 members attend the 1st Cabinet meeting Lion Pete Stamsen has been attending special meeting on the Lions State Convention.

Loganville Lions Club = *The Loganville Club also worked with City on the Independence Day Parade through downtown Loganville on July 3rd. The Club's job was to line up the entries for the parade according to a plan at a local school parking lot. This can be difficult because participants come at odd times to get in line and getting them all in the proper place according to the plan can be a logistics challenge. Our Club has done this for several years running and performs the same activities for the Christmas parade as well. The Loganville Lions were privileged to have Loganville Fire Chief Danny Roberts and Battalion Chief Rick Morris speak to a recent Club meeting. The Lions were given some background of the department from origin to present. Currently, the Loganville Fire Department operates out of three stations with 21 full time personnel assigned to the operations division working 24 hours a day, as well as 15 part time employees in the operations division and 4 administrative staff.*

Norcross Lions Club = New member Lion Marlene Porter attended the zone orientation meeting given by Zone Chair Pete Stamsen on August 14. PDG John Rudert was appointed Associate Director of the Lighthouse. August 1 Cabinet meeting attended by PDG Ed Hashbarger and Lions Secretary Trudy Rudert August 10 meeting attended by PDGs Ed Hashbarger and John Rudert, Lion President John Spencer, Lion Secretary Trudy Rudert August 1 officer training attended by Lion Secretary Trudy Rudert. Provided information and pictures for an article in *Inside Gwinnett* which is to be published in September in time to publicize the Norcross Art Fest. (at least 2 Lions, 2 hours) Provided eyeglasses to needy person (1 Lion, 1 hr.) Lions Bill Heron and Marlene Porter were appointed to a committee on Youth Service at Norcross High School. Provided crayons for children in the Norcross cluster through the Norcross Cluster Schools Partnership Treasurer Renee Heaven who was a speaker at our club meeting.

Snellville Lions Club = Service Projects: Collecting food items at each meeting for the Snellville and Lilburn food banks. Collected 69 used eye glasses and 52 loose lenses. The Snellville Lions Club will be holding its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Snellville United Methodist Church located at 2428 Main Street, Snellville, GA 30078. The dinner is being served from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets may be purchased in advanced or purchased at the door. For more information contact Marlene Gillman at 770-309-6589. Annual Golf Tournament Monday, September 27th. You won't want to miss the fun and action at the beautiful Summit Chase Country Club in Snellville, GA. Take advantage of the early 10:00 AM sign in time. After signing in, you can practice, practice, practice. Lunch will be at 11:30 AM and included with the admission charge. Tee-off time is 12:00 Noon. Pricing is \$100.00 per person. Come alone or bring your own 4-man team. There will be door prizes, Hole in One prizes, and much more. *Put these dates on your calendar! October 2nd and 3rd* The Elisha Winn Fair is located on Dacula Road (near the intersection of Hurricane Shoals Road) in Dacula, Georgia 30019 at the historic Elisha Winn House built in 1811. The fair is open to the public for \$3.00 an adult, children 12 and under free. Look for our (Lions) concession trailer and enjoy one of our famous funnel cakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, or snow cones, and more. All monies from the purchase of our food items goes directly to the charities we support. None is used for administration purposes. Hope to see you there.



DG Ron Bennetti at his official Snellville visit



New member Lion Earnest Poynter sponsor Lion Vic Moser

Toccoa Lions Club = Lions Community Calendar sales. Lion Ray reported for Lion Andrew that sales are moving forward with some members still late in getting their information to Lion Drew. Sales of the Ads continue to come in. *(Buy a calendar from a Lion @ \$7.00)* **NEW BUSINESS-** (1) Lion Pres. Bryan advised that the 2011 Lion State Convention will be in Duluth. This means that 18-D, our district, will be the host. It is anticipated that each club will participate at above 50%. A program for the convention needs advertising so the board gave the approval to expend \$100.00 on advertising Toccoa. Lion Henry made the motion with Lion Steve seconding. (2) The board was reminded that effective 07-2010 the monthly dues increased by \$1.00. Each member has been advised by announcement at club meetings as well as through the newsletter. The Secretary also explained it with the July billing for dues. (3) Lion Pres. Bryan has been asked to serve as the Associate Dir. for the Lighthouse and Lion Ruth the Associate Dir. for the Camp for the Blind. (4) The club has been asked to sponsor by a donation for breast cancer awareness the fund drive for "Kinckin It". (5) Lion Pres. advised that Lion Flo will handle the fundraiser for our flower bulb sales this year. (6) Lion Bryan has asked the board to develop ideas concerning recruitment for the year. (7) Lion Pres. asked the board for permission to explore another avenue concerning our Children's Fundraiser. The board gave permission to explore other methods which allow the club to retain a greater percentage of the sales revenues. No action will be taken without board approval. Lion Mary Ann reported the club directory is in its final review. There remains new member information that is needed and changes to some email addresses. **There are events upcoming in our community and district: (1) The Sage Market on the second weekend each month, (2) Fall Pancake Breakfast 9-25-10 , (3) Military Weekend 2nd and 3rd. These events need Lion participation. One or two Lions do not make a club.**



New Lion Gary Patrick is pinned by his sponsor Bryan Gordon as DG Ron Bennetti reads Gary's certificate. Gary Patrick recently retired to Toccoa after a career in computer programming. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and served in the US Marine Corp.. His retirement project is developing a retirement community off Collins Road in Toccoa.



DG Ron Bennetti, far right presents "Club Builders" awards to PDG Ruth Payton, Secretary Ray Cornell and President Bryan Gordon. The club builder awards are from the international association to Lions who sponsor multiple new members into their club.

Union County Lions Club = Sight Conservation: Lion Les Myers reported 3 applications for August. **Lion Mints:** No report for July. **Social Concerns:** Lion Betty Gurr sent Birthday cards for month of August. Lion Sarah Chumbley will be responsible for social concerns for year 2010-2011. **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours:** 424 hours. **Membership:** No applications. **Donations:** None this month. **August 1** – 1st Cabinet meeting was held on August 1 in Clermont. Union County Lions member attended were President Mildred Thompson, Secretary Nita Elliott, PP Gene Little and Membership Chair Louise Little. This was a very good and informative meeting. **August 12** - meeting was presided over by President Mildred Thompson. There were 3 guests and 20 members for attendance of 54%. President Mildred introduced D.G. Ron Bennetti, whose home club is the Dawsonville Lions Club, has impressive Lion record since becoming a Lion in 1994. D.G. thanked those that were Lions & then spoke of his recent trip to Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia. His slogan for 2010-2011 is “We Are Knights Of The Blind And We Serve”. **August 14, 21 and 28** and each Saturday through Oct 2 the club has a booth to sell Hotdogs, hamburgers, biscuit sausages, and drinks at the Farmers Market in Blairsville. This venue is new for our community and over 3000 people attended the grand opening on August 14. We have 4-5 lions each week working our booth and fun is had by all. All the vendors are locals that have raised their own vegetables and made their own crafts. **August 26** - the club had an appreciation picnic for all the volunteers that helped us in the Georgia Mountain Fair. We had 17 volunteers to attend and enjoy the food provided and we all had the opportunity to fellowship and talk about the fun time at the fair.





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

Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or

Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or

Snellville Lions Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

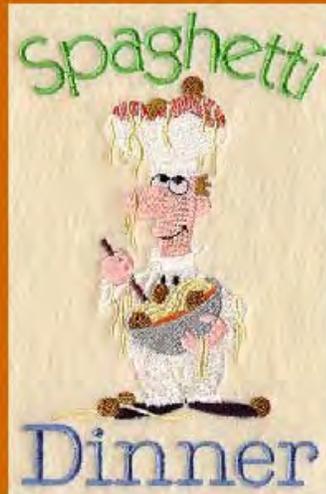
Date: 09/18/2010

Price: Adults - \$8.00

Children - \$5.00



Our local food banks need your help. When you come to enjoy your delicious dinner, please bring a canned food item or other food staple to help us assist them. Thank you.



Where:

Snellville United Methodist Church
Wesley Hall
2428 East Main Street
Snellville GA 30078

Join us for an Italian dinner with lots of atmosphere!

Smell the crunchy garlic bread coming out of the oven.

Select a favorite dressing for your tossed salad.

Twist the sauce-covered noodles onto your fork, add cheese, and enjoy!

For a finale, help yourself to a tasty dessert.

Contact 770-309-6589 for more information or visit our website to download your tickets.
www.snellvillelionsclub.com/spaghettdinner.htm





GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

Braves Catcher Brian McCann Supports Your Lighthouse Foundation



Brian McCann knows first-hand how devastating vision problems can be. His blurry vision could have cost him his job, but he was able to afford the surgery and eyewear he needed to stay in the game.

“Losing my sight could have cost me my job.

Fortunately, I had access to quality eye care that kept me in the game. Each year, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse helps thousands of Georgians to see and hear the sights and sounds that help them to be productive and fulfilled. Please support their efforts.”

Brian McCann, Honorary Campaign Chair
 Atlanta Braves Catcher



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10jFAZNkJBA>



Service Numbers
 From July to May 2010

4859 Georgians received 7581 points of service through our mobile clinic program.

1454 people have better vision after receiving a pair of glasses. 297 recipients were from 18-D

317 eye surgeries were performed. 56 were from 18-D

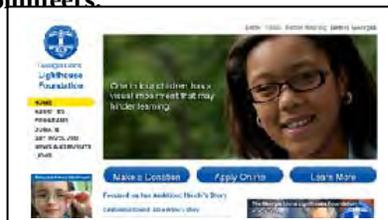
986 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 1810 hearing aids. 112 were from 18-D

Demand for all services is up 30 percent over last year.



Lighthouse Launches New Website

The Lighthouse Foundation launched a new website in January. It is still at www.lionslighthouse.org but it has been redesigned and reorganized to be easier to navigate for clients, donors, and volunteers.



Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

TO OUR FELLOW LIONS,

What a whirlwind year! The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind have worked harder than ever to improve the lives of Georgians in need. So far in 2010, we've experienced both growth and tremendous surges in demand, making your contributions not only increasingly valuable, but also increasingly crucial. From vision screenings to Camp clean up, take pride in all that you and your club have done to make our programs come to life.

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind 2010 Update

Once again Kristen and her Team have taken serving the Visually Impaired at our Camp to new heights. This year we had a 40% increase in campers over the previous year: Camp that was "Ripe for Change" challenged those "We Serve" as never before. Our Camp is growing in both numbers served and in the quality of service provided. Many of you had an opportunity to see this first hand on Lions Day. Indeed we have had a wonderful year at our Camp and me thank you for helping to make this a very successful year!

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 2010 Update

The Lighthouse is looking forward to big changes in the coming months. With the continued success of the Capital Campaign, a surge in applications, and an upcoming move which will enable us to serve more Georgians more efficiently than ever before, 2010 is set to be a milestone year for our organization. Your generosity and support have been key to making this growth possible— thank you for helping us reach and exceed our goals year after year!

Join us at our joint session to learn about NEW ways to help your Camp and Lighthouse in the new lion's year.

MEETING DETAILS:

Friday, September 10th

6:00 p.m. - Lighthouse Exec. Comm.

7:00 p.m. - Pre Council of Governors

Saturday, September 11th

7:30 a.m. - Camp Executive Comm.

9:00 a.m. - Council of Governors

11:00 a.m. - Lighthouse Breakout Meeting

- White Cane
- State Committees

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - PDG Association

1:00 p.m. - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

- Fun Fundraising Ideas
- Volunteering (Vision Screenings/Clinics)
- Trustees

2:00 p.m. - Camp Breakout Meetings

- Awards Committee
- Building and Grounds Committee
- Constitution and By-Laws Committee
- Board of Trustees

3:00 p.m. - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

- Hearing Screening Training
- Introduction to Planned Giving

4:00 p.m. - Camp Breakout Meetings

- Finance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Planning Committee
- Policy Committee

5:00 p.m.—Camp Breakout Meetings

- Elections and Nominations Comm.
- Personnel Committee
- Public Relations Committee

Saturday Night Banquet

7:00 p.m.— Go back with us to the 50's & 60's with a home-cooked dinner like Mom made, oldies music, hula hoop contest, and a sock-hopping good time!

Dust off your poodle skirt and letter jacket and & get ready to boogie!

Banquet Cost: \$30

RSVP to Grace Clower

770.972.9989 or

graceclower@bellsouth.net

Last Day to Register: September 1

Sunday, September 12th

7:30am - Camp Exec. Comm.

9:30am - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

- Engage with the Lighthouse: Benefit your Club

10:30am - Joint Session

Learn what the Camp and Lighthouse have been doing this year and how you can help!

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City: Duluth, GA

Place: Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place,
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096

Phone: (770) 923-1775

Hotel Price: \$89/night.

Breakfast for two included

Yours in Lions Service,

Gary Vaughters
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Remember to mention the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to reserve your room at the group rate.

Frank Spinney
Camp President
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind

Capital Campaign Update

On July 28, 2010, the Lighthouse Foundation received the keys to **our new 14,000 square foot facility**, thanks to the generosity of innumerable individuals, Lions Clubs, and organizations. Renovations to the building, which will house an optical shop and fully-equipped eye clinic, will be complete by late November. The clinic will be in operation by early 2011.



Challenge Grant:

As of August 2010, the capital campaign has secured a remarkable **\$2.4 million** in pledges.

An anonymous “Friend of the Lighthouse” has offered to give a **\$350,000 gift** if we successfully meet our **\$2.75 million goal**. In this final stretch, your support is more critical than ever—please consider a pledge today to help the Lighthouse reach its goal and build for the future!



Members of the Lighthouse Board of Directors signed the closing documents on the new Lighthouse building on Wednesday, July 28!! This is such an exciting time for the Lighthouse and for the Lions of Georgia! If your club has not made a pledge to the Capital Campaign, or has not made any payments toward pledges made, please make those arrangements with District Director PDG Kenneth Moore. Pictured here are: Seated, LR -- Chairman Gary Vaughters, Immediate Past Chair PCC Mark Miller; Standing, L-R -- Secretary Donna Townsend, Executive Director Christina Lesson, District D Director PDG Mike Higgins. Also in attendance was District A Director Kenneth Moore.

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Lighthouse & Grady Health Systems Partnership Makes Ear Care Accessible

Lions Lighthouse is thrilled to announce a new partnership with Grady Health Systems, our latest effort to bring hearing care to the underserved.

Dr. Carla Spyies, an audiologist at the Grady ENT clinic, has been instrumental in making the partnership a reality. Soon after joining Grady last November, she realized how partnering with the Lighthouse would help both organizations provide a better quality of service to patients in Fulton and DeKalb counties.

As a result of the partnership, Grady will revive its hearing aid program, giving patients a central location to receive hearing tests, get ear molds and fittings, and receive follow-up care. Providing a full continuum of care for our hearing clients, the relationship with Grady decreases transportation issues for clients without easy access to other provider locations.

“I’m grateful to make Lighthouse services available to my clients,” says Dr. Spyies, who has volunteered with Lions Lighthouse since 2009. “When you’re working with an underserved population, you’re able to help someone who’s really in need and hasn’t been educated about their health due to having many other pressing concerns. It’s extremely gratifying.”

Grady Health Systems and the Lighthouse share a strong commitment to serving the poor and disenfranchised. The Lighthouse looks forward to working with Grady to ensure that our clients have access to quality hearing healthcare.





GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
Tohis Masters, PDG
tstmasters@windstream.net



To Our Fellow Lions:



From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. Luke

Dear Friends of the Camp,
 Another Camping Season has come and gone. Maybe that is so maybe it is not. The Campers are gone that is for sure. We just had one of the best Camping Seasons in a long time and challenged the Campers to do more than ever before. With the Wall and our new Low Ropes Course added to the programming, our Campers are learning what it is like to trust in others and even more so to trust in themselves.

Just as we did last year, again this year we had a 40% increase in Campers over the previous year's Camping Season. That is a great story to tell, and we are very excited about this accomplishment. But that is where the Camping Season is maybe not over. We are still picking up the tab for that great Season. Lions always ask me, "What does it cost to send a Camper to our Camp for a week?" To me the answer is very simple: Divide our Annual Budget by the Number of Campers and that is your answer. Everything we do at the Camp is affiliated with having a great camping season, so all costs are expensed to that end. So the Cost per Camper is easy to determine in my mind: Budget for Camp \$307,700 | 140 campers = \$2,192/ camper.

I shared that with you because once again we did not make budget from a revenue stance. I thank Kristen, her team, and the Executive Committee for being frugal and not spending to budget as well. We cut corners where we could and even with some unexpected costs (dorm fire alarm system, girls' dorm air conditioner, etc...), we still did a great job of managing the Camp and our funds. However, we had to borrow \$50,000.00 from the Trust Fund in order to complete the Camping Season and pay the bills for July and August. So we are doing what is right in making our Camp better and better; the camper numbers reflect that. "On the Flip Side", we are "Ripe for Change" for getting our finances in order as well. We have some work to do...

We start the work now to have a great Camping Season next year. Please join the Staff of your Camp, the Board of Directors and I as we meet for the Joint Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and the Georgia Lion Lighthouse in Duluth, GA the weekend of September 10-12, 2010. We are going to celebrate the successes of both organizations and start the work for another great year of service. I look forward to seeing you there!

As always – Thank you for all you do for our Camp and those "We Serve". I'll see you in Duluth for the Joint Meeting. Take Care and God Bless!



Turn off the bubble machine!

Smile! You're at GLCB!!

Goal Ball Game

Beeper Ball

Kristen



Several Lions from around the state enjoyed a day down at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind on Saturday, July 24. Despite the heat, Lions and campers alike got out to enjoy the Fish-a-Thon, games of Beeper Ball and Goal Ball, and tours of the facilities. After a delicious meal, the some of the campers participated in a talent show.

That evening, the Woodbine Lions provided a wonderful fish fry for the Council of Governors, after which they were updated on the status of the Camp by President Frank Spinney. The campers again showcased their talent for the Lions who remained.

As most of you know, the Camp is in need of funds. Last year, the Camp increased the number of campers by 40% over the previous year, and that number increased by another 40% this year. There are several things that need to be repaired, updated, or renovated to meet ADA standards and requirements. Please consider increasing your donations to the Camp as you set your budgets for the year.

The next gathering for the Camp will be the Joint Meeting with the Lighthouse during the weekend of September 10-12 at the Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place. Visit www.lionslighthouse.org -- details will be coming soon!



Campers' Talent Show on Saturday Night



Cancelled



August 21, 2010

Without going into details, the Casino Night scheduled for October 23, 2010 is **cancelled**. There is a potential problem that requires I use judgment in the interest of the Lions of Georgia and your Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind and thus our campers. With the concurrence of President Frank, I cancelled this event but expect to reschedule it in the future.

Please let me know if you have received anything for the Casino Night so I may contact the donors and make appropriate arrangements.

Edward Ressler, Chairman



2010 Grand Tour Of Georgia hosted by the

Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.

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

Purchase a Passport Book for \$25.00. This Passport Book is loaded with 19 scenic and historical locations throughout the great State of Georgia.

Ride to 15 of 18 optional locations and one mandatory location between April 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010. Record each visit with a photo, submit your record of visits and you will receive a Grand Tour Pin/w 2010 Year Tab and a Certificate of Completion. Those successful riders will also be able to purchase a 2010 Grand Tour of Georgia Tee Shirt.

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

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

Ride Safe – Ride to Help Others!



Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

University Partnerships

A Win-Win-Win Scenario



“The week that I spent at Leader Dog was exhausting, stressful, mentally challenging, and quite possibly one of the best learning experiences that I have ever had. The hands-on exposure to the teaching experience with the clients that Leader Dog provides and the immediate feedback that you get from their O&M instructors proved to be invaluable.”

Charles Denaway, WMU Student

In the United States there is one trained Orientation & Mobility instructor for every 750 people that are legally blind. This extremely low number of instructors makes it hard to obtain Orientation & Mobility training in a timely manner, or sometimes at all.

Commonly referred to as O&M, Orientation & Mobility refers to a person’s ability to determine where they are and how to get to where they need to go. Part of O&M training includes teaching the use of a white cane to assess immediate surroundings and increase travel safety. People using a Leader Dog need excellent O&M skills because they generally move faster than a person using a cane.

Similar to other teaching professions, O&M requires practical experience supervised by a seasoned professional. Due to the limited number of certified O&M instructors, experience can be hard to obtain. This is where Leader Dog enters the picture. At the beginning of each year, a short break from dog guide classes allows LDB the opportunity to add extra students to our accelerated O&M class. Leader Dog’s class compacts months of O&M training in a one-week course taught by our three certified O&M specialists. Several years ago we began bringing in Master’s level O&M students from Western Michigan University to help with the larger class. This created a win-win-win partnership – LDB provides more people with O&M training, WMU students obtain needed practical experience, and additional people who are visually impaired receive O&M training.

The hands-on training has become an important part of WMU’s curriculum. James Leja, professor and chair of the Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies at WMU calls the experience incredible. “They [WMU students] receive a concentrated experience with excellent supervision and get to work with a variety of students. They are generally exhausted by the time they complete the week, but each student is quick to tell me that [this experience] really drove home their decision to get into the field. They come back with a renewed excitement which really shows.”

WMU Student Charles Denaway says, “The week that I spent at Leader Dog was exhausting, stressful, mentally challenging, and quite possibly one of the best learning experiences that I have ever had. The hands-on exposure to the teaching experience with the clients that Leader Dog provides and the immediate feedback that you get from their O&M instructors proved to be invaluable.”

The future is important at LDB – whether planning for our own financial stability or making sure that there are trained professionals to support the visually impaired community – we believe in working together to be prepared.

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Graduate Sponsor Patches

One of the many great services Lions provide to Leader Dog is assistance with students from your home area. For years we have awarded graduate sponsor patches to celebrate this service. Patches are given to clubs that reimburse LDB for the cost of a graduated student's airline ticket, that provide the student's initial contact with LDB that assist with the application process (filling-out forms or shooting video), or provide transportation to/from the airport when the student attends LDB.



Thank you to all Lions that have given of themselves in this manner.

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Brittany is one of two Deaf-blind students in class this month. Good luck to all of our students! "Tarbah and I really appreciate your support and hopes."

Catalina is the other Deaf/Blind student who has met Brittany. Her Leader Dog is Jiff, a Golden R and loves him all so well.



Our Puppy Counselors in training this month at Leader Dogs.

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Just said bye to my leader dog, Molly. I know she'll do great things for people. She is a great dog and I will never forget her! Molly will be more than just a dog for the blind, she'll give them a whole new life



Yippee! It's Issue Day again at Leader Dog. As always, the best day of the month! Today we have students from Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, Wisconsin, Florida and North Carolina. Though it is raining outside - the sun is shining in the halls of Leader Dog!





From the desk of State RFB&D
Chair Lion Steve Helwig
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Serving Those Who Served



Blinded by the rarest of calamities while he was in the Marine Corps, **Daniel Standage** discovered that schooling and service to others who served were his tickets back to health and wholeness. He was recently honored with a National Achievement Award scholarship by RFB&D.

"I began looking for ways to improve my surroundings, in my home and community. Things like taking leadership roles within the blinded veteran community and advocating for student veterans who were too ashamed to ask for help. Helping others somehow helped me."

For 36-year old **Daniel Standage**, a steadfast resolve to be of service has blossomed into a rewarding career path and a journey toward healing and wholeness.



As a young serviceman in the Marine Corps, Dan spent a decade training and serving on the East Coast, West Coast, and overseas. Shortly after leaving Okinawa, he started experiencing severe headaches, losing and regaining his eyesight twice due to a buildup of cerebral-spinal fluid in his head. The third time he lost his eyesight, he never recovered, and it was discovered that the cause was a reaction to a vaccination he'd been given for Japanese Encephalitis while stationed in Okinawa.

"I was just one of the very rare guys that have a reaction to it," he says. "It seemed so incredibly ironic that this could happen to me in the military."

In poor health, Dan ended up separating from the Marine Corps on the same day that terrorists were crashing planes into the World Trade Center, and descended into what he calls "a dark place" in his life. "I lost my eyesight, went through a divorce, left the Marines, moved back to live with my parents. . . and subsided into doing what people call 'self-medication' – drinking, withdrawing and not talking to people. And at the end of that tunnel, it was education and school that turned everything around."

Dan entered Central Arizona College in early 2005; a Veteran's Affairs vocational rehabilitation counselor introduced him to RFB&D shortly before starting school. "RFB&D turned out to be a major part of coming back for me," he says. "When I first lost my vision, reading was the last thing on my mind. But later on, school became the

conduit for me to change my life, requiring me to learn completely new ways of doing things – and so reading books in audio format instead of text was a significant step forward. Having equal access to the same material meant that the focus remained on the course, not the disability.

"Reading books through RFB&D has helped me become a better listener. A lot of people are such visual learners that as soon as the book closes, they forget about it. In listening to books, I find that I retain the content better."

Today, Dan serves as a coordinator in the Veterans Reintegration & Education Project at the Disability Resource Center at University of Arizona in Tucson. He finds genuine fulfillment as an advocate for student veterans – many of whom are returning from two wars with a variety of trauma impairing their ability to read and learn. "As I continue to serve those who served, I consider my membership with RFB&D as an invaluable tool for accessing the printed word."



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Our Wounded Veterans Initiative, providing more assistance dogs to injured veterans is going strong. We thought you would like to know what our most recent Wounded Veterans Initiative graduates and their clients have to say:



"Facility Dog Jonah is a vital part of treatment for recovery. He's very loved around the battalion." "We see between 3,500 to 4,000 veterans per month, so the power...the impact that Facility Dog Ascot has is just incredible." "For me and the other wounded vets, we're very thankful for the opportunity to be able to take an assistance dog home and have them be there for us for the next ten years of our lives, helping us out in the daily tasks that we wouldn't be able to do without them."

"Before when I needed stuff, I would have to ask someone for help, now, with my Canine Companions service dog... It's like having your life back because of being able to do stuff without having to rely on someone else to do it all of the time."

At Canine Companions we have always helped veterans and are even more committed now with the Wounded Veterans Initiative soundly in place. We recently worked with The University of Denver's Institute for Human-Animal Connection to evaluate our process as it relates to the unique issues facing veterans of the current conflicts. Phil Tedeschi, clinical director of the institute, concluded, "We found that Canine Companions for Independence has such a high

quality program and is already doing so many things right.” The University of Denver held a workshop for some of our CCI instructors to learn more about PTSD and its effects on returning soldiers.



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The Mission: Camp Kudzu educates, empowers, and inspires children living with diabetes.

Camp Kudzu is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization providing education, recreation and peer-networking programs for Georgia’s children and youth living with diabetes and their families.

Led by dedicated volunteers, medical professionals and a small professional staff, Camp Kudzu offers three weeklong overnight summer camps, family camps and other diabetes education and management programs throughout the year.

Camp Kudzu was founded in 1999, by parents, physicians, healthcare professionals and community leaders who joined forces to establish a program in Georgia that would support the special medical and emotional needs of children living with type 1 (insulin-dependent, juvenile) diabetes in a fun, safe environment. The first summer camp was hosted in June 2000 with 96 children in attendance. This summer, approximately 550 children will attend camp.

It is our hope that after a week at camp, campers will...

Be able to establish proactive patterns for living with diabetes. Know how to build friendships to have a social support network.

Have at least one positive role model intersection with type 1 diabetes that they engaged with during the Camp Kudzu experience.

Show improvement in a health skill area as identified by the checklist from a family member as a result of his/her experience at Camp Kudzu.





**"The Power of Peace"
2009-10 Grand Prize**

Winner

Yu-Min Chen, a 13-year-old girl from Multiple District 300 Taiwan

**MD18 LEO FALL GATHERING
September 11-12, 2010
Duluth, Georgia**

As prescribed by the MD18 Leo Constitution and By-Laws the MD18 Leo Council is meeting in conjunction with the Joint Camp and Lighthouse Fall Meetings. All Georgia Leos are encouraged to attend what promises to be an informative and fun-filled weekend!

Saturday, September 11-

12:00- Meet at the Marriott hotel for Orientation

1:00-5:00- Attend Camp and/or Lighthouse committee meetings of your choice. Each LEO club is recommended to have at least one representative at each meeting so they can report the meeting's content back to their clubs.

5:30-Presentation from the Lighthouse, service project. We will be sorting and recycling eyeglasses for the Lighthouse, These will be sent around the world to restore vision for people who could not otherwise! The Lighthouse sends an average of 100,000 pairs each year!

Supper Each LEO should bring \$5 to help pay for their meal.

Sunday, September 12-

8:00a.m- MD18 Leo Council meeting at the Marriott.

Note: The main item of business is the Leo Gathering but there are other items. Please make sure to have a representative of your Leo club there. The goal is to be done by the 10:30 meeting but we may need to finish afterward.

10:30 am- Joint Session and Committee reports from Camp and Lighthouse

Note: Our own CJ Jackson will receive his Leo of the Year during this meeting

12:00 p.m.-Adjourn until spring Gathering

Lunch Saturday and Breakfast Sunday will be "on your own."



Connect with Us Online

- Facebook - facebook.com/leoclubs & facebook.com/lionsclubs
- Leo Zone - lionsclubs.org click: Member Center/Planning Projects/ Youth/ Leo Zone



Youth Opportunities:

Youth Opportunities is a part of the Lions International programs for Youth & Children. Several projects and activities fall under the Youth Opportunities umbrella including Young Ambassadors, Young Leaders, Sight Night, GLASB, Peace Poster, Youth Exchange & Camp, Lions Quest, Children's Services, and LEO Clubs. At the State level, the Youth Opportunities chair is responsible for the MD-18 Georgia Young Ambassador, Georgia Lions All-State Band, Georgia LEO Clubs, and for the promotion of all Youth & Children's projects.



101 THINGS TO SAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN (AND COMPLIMENT ADULTS):

- I knew you had it in you!
- Dynamite!
- It's everything I hoped for!
- You should be proud of yourself!
- What an imagination!
- You made the difference!
- Well done!
- You're sensational!
- Very Good!
- A+ work!
- Super job!
- Good for you!
- Take a bow!
- You figured it out!
- Great answer!

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101 Ways to Teach Youth How to Cope with Stress (and these will help adults as well)

- ** Keep a journal.
- ** Practice a monster smile.
- ** Remember you always have options.
- ** Quit trying to fix other people.
- ** Get enough sleep.
- ** Talk less and listen more.
- ** Freely praise other people.



The Lions Clubs International Global Youth Music Competition is a unique cultural event that allows young musicians to showcase their talents. Additionally, the competition helps the youth of today grow to be the Lions of tomorrow. The instrument for the 2010-2011 competition is the classical guitar.

The instrument chosen for the 2010-2011 competition was the violin and more information about the winners is available at the [Online Convention](#).

Who Is Eligible to Enter the Competition?

The competition is open to participants who are less than 25 years of age (born after Dec. 31, 1986).

- All participants will play [one required piece and two additional pieces they select from a list](#) on the classical guitar.
- Participants should have lived in the constitutional area they represent for at least five years.

How Will Participants Be Identified and Selected?

Seven international finalists will be selected, one from each Constitutional Area. All Constitutional Areas – except for the USA, Its Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Canada – will handle their own competition.

- Learn more about [competition guidelines for the USA, Its Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Canada](#).
- Please note that all other Constitutional Areas will select their finalist for the 2010-2011 competition in the same manner as the previous year.

How Will the Winners Be Selected?

Finalists will perform during the Lions Clubs International Convention 2011 in Seattle, Washington, USA. (Lions Clubs International will provide air fare and hotel accommodations for each finalist and one guest.) The performance will have two parts:

Individual Performances: Finalists will perform the required piece and their first selected piece.

Concert: Finalists will perform their second selected piece at a concert.

What Are the Prizes?

The first place prize is US\$ 10,000; second place is US\$ 7,000; and third place is US\$ 3,000.

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YOUNG AMBASSADOR

Young Ambassador – “The time is now to start looking for potential Young Ambassadors! Contact your schools, Churches, and Leo clubs for outstanding High School Seniors who might be interested in competing.



NEW Young Leaders in Service Awards for 2010/11 Fiscal Year

In support of [President Scruggs’ theme](#), Lions Clubs International is offering two additional awards through the [Young Leaders in Service Awards](#) program this fiscal year 2010/11:

- Young Leaders in Service Outstanding Achievement Award – a certificate will be given to the ten youth who have completed the most service hours during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Only those youth who have received a silver or gold seal certificate during the 2010-11 fiscal year are eligible for consideration of this award.
- Young Leaders in Service Top Ten District Award – a certificate will be given to the top ten districts who have submitted the most Young Leaders in Service Awards during the 2010-11 fiscal year. Please note that this award is available to single districts and sub-districts of multiple districts.

We have several tools to help you get started. You can download a [brochure](#), [fact sheet](#), and [guide](#).

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards recognize young people (suggested ages 12-18) for their community service within a 12-month period:

50 hours of service = Silver Seal Award
100 hours of service = Gold Seal Award

Experience the benefits for youth, the community and your club!



Liberty Day is for ALL

Welcome to Liberty Day! I am glad to see that there are five district Liberty Day Chairs in MD-18. District 18-D's Chair is Lion Heather Hulsebus of the Dawsonville Lions Club. Invite her to speak at your club.

Again this year, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as the National Council of the Girl Scouts of America, has endorsed the Liberty Day program for their youth members. Contact your local Boy Scout troop to see if they need help with the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge.

District B and District F Liberty Day Chairs each received a box of about 500 U. S. Constitution booklets from U. S. Representative John Barrow's office. These were distributed by the Chairs to high schools in their district with the box marked "From the Lions of Georgia."

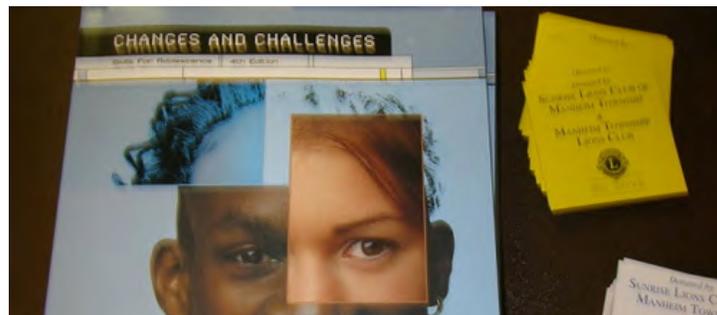
If any Lions Club in your district sponsors a Liberty Day project, I am asking that your district public relations chair be involved to see that that Lions Club and Lions receive public recognition of the project.

As your MD-18 Liberty Day chair, I am asking each district chair and each club to contact their schools and teachers for a Liberty Day celebration. The booklets are available with the State of Georgia on the cover. Along with the booklets, each order has a set of Question & Answer cards, and a teacher packet with lesson plans and tests. Contact me at (912) 876 8324 or cshurtleff@coastalnow.net or your District Liberty Day Chair for more information.



Improving Local Communities and the World

Clubs Donate Curriculum Materials to Manheim Township School District



2010 marks the sixth year that the Manheim Township Lions Club in partnership with the Sunrise Lions Club of Manheim Township have donated [Lions Quest](#) curriculum materials to the [Manheim Township School District](#). The Skills for Adolescence Program will be taught as part of the sixth grade curriculum. This program is a comprehensive life skills and drug prevention curriculum that emphasizes character development, communication, decision making, and service-learning. Skills for Adolescence is also a strong prevention tool – guiding young people toward healthy choices and a drug and violence free lifestyle. Use [this link](#) to view an informational video about Lions Quest.

From the Neff Sixth Grade Curriculum Booklet –

"Our sixth grade Quest: Skills For Adolescence program, developed through Lions Clubs International, is designed to help students become more self-confident, communicate better both at home and at school, make good decisions and resolve conflicts based on facts rather than on pressure from friends, and avoid alcohol and other drugs. Quest focuses on seven specific areas:

- 1) Understanding the many changes of adolescence
- 2) Building self-confidence and communication skills
- 3) Managing emotions in positive ways
- 4) Improving friendships and resisting negative peer pressure
- 5) Strengthening family relationships
- 6) Making healthy choices
- 7) Setting goals for successful and healthy living"

Help support our State Convention within
our District next year.
Take out an ad – get a box of candy.



\$1 Stock Chocolate Bar Variety Pack

Milk Chocolate with Almonds bar is now featured in our \$1 Chocolate Shop variety pack! A variety of chocolate bar flavors in one convenient fundraising pack. 50 bars per case. Stock product has an 8 case minimum.

Five chocolate bar flavors in a convenient variety pack. A perfect fundraiser for schools or sports teams. Each item can be sold for \$1.

This fundraising product contains:

- 10 - Milk Chocolate with Almonds Bars, 1.65 oz.
- 10 - W.F. Crisp® Bars, 1.48 oz.
- 20 - Milk Chocolate Bars, 1.65 oz.
- 10 - Caramel Bars, 1.65 oz.

Price: \$50.00

Contact Lion Susan Hart to Order your Candy



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Convention Booklet Ad Specs & Rate Sheet
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- Inside Cover \$140 *Sold!*
- Back Cover \$120 *Sold!*
- Other Pages \$100

1/2 Page Ad Pricing

- Inside Cover \$80 *Sold!*
- Other Pages \$60

1/3 Page Ad Pricing

- Other Pages \$35

File Specifications

Types of Acceptable Files: JPEG, TIFF, or PDF. PDF files are preferred. All files should be supplied as flattened CMYK artwork at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

Sorry, Quark and Microsoft Word files are not accepted. All Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign files must be submitted in one of the above formats.

Note: Please embed all fonts and images. All files & images used MUST be a minimum of 300 dpi to ensure adequate print results. Please check all supplied files prior to submission. We are not liable for color or copy errors.

Deadline for submitting artwork for ads: October 30th, 2010

Make Checks Payable to: Gwinnett Lions of Georgia

Please submit all ads to pstamsen@bellsouth.net



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