



We Serve



18-D

**District
Bulletin**



District Governor
Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

It's great to be a LION! "An idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an idea."

I must continue to say that it makes me proud to be a Lion and be associated with the fantastic Clubs within 18-D. The work that each of you are doing truly shows "We Serve" within your communities. The strength of Lionism is what you do for those who are unable to do for themselves.

Now – if you are passing this around – only print what you think would be of interest to others.

I'm happy to report that we have one new Lions Club – please welcome the Loganville Legacy Lions Club – their charter approval date of August 22, 2011. Congratulations. I would like to see more Lions Clubs within the same community. Snellville could use at least two more clubs, Lilburn needs to be restored just to name a couple and some of you know that we have to add more new members to our present clubs. Once we get them – we have to keep them. I'm also happy to say that we are laying the road work on an Athens Campus Lions Club. We have two energetic young men that are GUNG HO and on the GO. We set a date of 30 September to be able to send paperwork to LCI. Once this gets done – I will be looking in other areas – Dahlonega and Gwinnett County.

Adding new members and offering them opportunities to participate in Lions activities increases the effectiveness of our association. Once a Lion member, however, does not always mean he or she will remain active. Each club needs to provide incentive for new members to desire to join, and for existing members to stay involved. Let every new member feel needed and involved. Put each member where one's talents are best used. Integrate new members with those already active. Challenge each new member to bring another new member. Offer goodwill through the strength of the club. Never let anyone say, "No one ever asked me to join." **Training** is important also – check out pages 9 thru 11.

Are you ready for 8 October? That is the District Rally. Lion Dan Stuart has been worried because he has not heard from anyone. The schedule of events are listed below on page 3. Please bring your spouses, other Lions, LEO's and guests. This is Your Rally and you deserve it. It will be at a new location – so check out MapQuest and the address listed. I must report that we will be voting on a new Vice-President for Camp for the Blind. At present Lion Issac Trotter has not been able to continue and I have assigned Lion Ken Fuller – but I would like to make it official and have the Lions of District 18-D vote for him.

Many things are coming up as you all know – I am big in getting kids and young adults involved in helping US. We have the Dictionary Project, Kid'n'Coins, Peace Poster, Essay Contest, Tree Planting, Sight Night and much more that we can encourage our young people to get involved with – of course that means your involvement. Check with Lion Mark Bradley for his ideas.

Also, the web site has been updated – <http://edmclion.com> – again. I will be changing some Club visit dates so you might want to check that out. Of course, you have dates one-year in advance – so plan on your calendar the dates you must take off from work and/or just be prepared to attend some type of meeting. **Publicity and Communication are the KEYS – use them.**

Remember – "Lord help me be the person my dog thinks I am"

Yours in Lionism,
Ed Hashbarger

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JOINT MEETING **1 October** **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation** **and Camp for the Blind**

(All events will be held at the GA. Lions Lighthouse)
Saturday, 1 October = 9 am to 12 pm: See Now. Hear Now. Run Now. Join us for our first ever Lighthouse 5k Walk & Run.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – **Check out page 18**

Sharing the Vision

Take Action

During October, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to lead the fight against blindness. Help us raise awareness of the importance of healthy vision and the causes of vision loss by planning activities in connection with **World Sight Day**, recognized each October. 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.



Go to this web site for more info:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/global-service-action-campaigns/sharing-the-vision.php>

“80% of all vision impairment can be avoided or cured.”
World Health Organization

18-D 56th District Rally **8 October = Hall of Fame and District Rally**

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



Location – Oconee County Civic Center, 2661 Hog Mountain Road (Hwy 53), Watkinsville, Georgia.

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 1:00 pm. Hall of Fame will start at 2:45 and at 3:30 we will show a movie “Going Blind”.

The Rally/Dinner will start at 5:30 and we will have PID Robert "Bob" Browning, Jr., and his wife Jo Ellen of Pineville, West Virginia

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. Come one, come all...

Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis for \$160.00.

Check your mail box

Plan for Sight Night 2011. 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.



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



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out =

- [Lions News Network](#)
- [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#)



I Believe in You



Wing-Kun Tam, International President

I Believe Resources

Use the following resources to help your club – and our association – make a difference through service and impactful projects this year:

- [I Believe brochure](#): Read about 2011-2012 international president's theme brochure, *I Believe*.
- [I Believe logo](#): Download 2011-2012 international president logo to use on club communications and promotional materials.
- [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.
- [Tree Planting Campaign](#): Take part in International President Tam's campaign to plant 1,000,000 trees during his presidential year.
- ["The Believer's" Award](#): Read about "The Believer's" Award – a special recognition award for those who demonstrate their belief in the power of service by planting a tree.

- [First Believer Awards](#): Learn how the First Believer Awards will recognize District Governors who achieve strong membership results in the first four months of their year.
- [Service Awards](#): Find out about the Service Awards – and how they will recognize outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.
- [My Club, My Family](#): Get tips your club can use to instill the philosophy "my club, my family."
- [Welcoming New Members](#): Use this pocket card checklist as a reminder to welcome new members as you would family.

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- Just as it would be rude to expect a visitor to our homes to know our family history and customs, we owe an effective orientation to those who join our clubs.
- Just as we wish to serve our guests the best possible food and drink, it is our task as Lion leaders to ensure that our members have the highest quality experience possible.

That might mean taking your club through the [Club Excellence Process](#) (pdf).

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Wing-Kun Tam
International President

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[Trees](#) play an important part in making our planet a healthy, beautiful habitat for the human race. In addition to renewing the atmosphere, trees conserve soil and water, control avalanches, prevent desertification, protect coastal areas and stabilize sand dunes. They support nearly 90 percent of terrestrial life on Earth.

Yet trees are disappearing at an alarming rate. Latin America, Africa and Asia are losing millions of acres of forested land each year. That's why it is important for your club and district to help Lions reach our goal of planting one million trees worldwide this year. For more information [view available tree planting resources](#).

Volunteering as a Family

Volunteering together makes your family stronger and helps make the Lions family stronger.

When you invite family members to take part in your club's projects, you increase quality family time and have the opportunity to serve as a good role model for your children and allow them to experience the joy of serving others. You will also have fun!

In addition, you also bring new hands and vital energy to help your Lions club better serve the people of your community and the world.

The [Family Membership](#) dues discount makes it easier for all members of your family to become active Lions club members. Lions Clubs International's new [Cub Program](#) (pdf) helps make clubs even more family-friendly.

First Believer Awards

When districts grow in membership and expand into previously unserved areas it means that Lions will be bringing hope to more people than ever before. District governors who succeed in bringing new clubs and new members into the Lions family will be recognized with [First Believer Awards](#) (pdf).

DGs who establish two new clubs or have positive membership growth will receive Excellent First Believer Awards. DGs who establish five new clubs and have positive membership growth will receive Superior First Believer Awards.

Leadership Development

It is every Lion leader's responsibility to ensure that every Lion has the opportunity to make a difference. It is also a leader's responsibility to identify and empower the next generation of Lion leaders. Leadership development begins with a quality orientation for every new Lion and continues throughout that individual's career as a Lion.

You have already taken the first steps along your path of Lion leadership, but learning to lead is a lifelong process. There are many tools and resources to help you along this path, beginning at the [Leadership Resource Center](#) at the Lions Clubs International website.

New and Improved Lions Learning Center Provides Leadership Training Online

The Lions Learning Center (LLC) has a new streamlined look – and now categorizes courses by key skills: leadership, managing others, achieving results and communication. There's also an improved course login page that allows you to create a personal account to track course completion progress. In addition, the LLC gives you access to a new Lions Profile report. Your Lions Profile includes all of your LLC training information – and allows you to add other Lions training, such as district training, to your profile. Get your Lions club member number from your club secretary and [set up your account today](#).

Watch the Latest Lions Clubs Videos on the Lions News Network



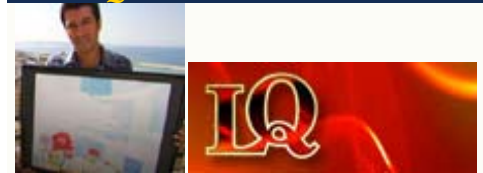
The Lions News Network features broadcast-quality programs that you can use to inspire your club – and attract new members. Visit LNN today to view a new video about our Peace Poster Contest, [Vision of Peace](#). Watch [Become Involved, Become a Lion](#) to see young adults speaking about why they became a Lion. And learn more about 2011-12 International President Wing-Kun Tam by viewing his [theme](#) and [biography](#) videos.

Help Us Plan Our Centennial Celebration

Lions Clubs International is planning a celebration of the 100th anniversary of our association in 2017. And, we need your feedback to help us determine what will be of most interest to your club and your community. Help make this a worldwide celebration – [take our short survey to share your thoughts now](#).



LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see what our first Peace Poster Contest winner from 1988 is doing now.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Commemorative Coin](#)

Support this campaign to commemorate our centennial.

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community.

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Organize a club-level contest to showcase the beauty of nature.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Judy and I recently returned from visiting our [disaster relief](#) projects in Joplin, Missouri, USA. I can tell you that the disaster is unlike anything I've ever seen. More than 7,500 homes were destroyed, and 50,000 people remain displaced. Seven Lions were among those who lost everything. In the middle of this disaster, the local Lions' commitment to helping their friends and neighbors rebuild is truly inspiring.



With your generous support, Lions Clubs International Foundation, local Lions, and Lions from surrounding States are mobilizing more than US\$150,000. Lions are traveling from near and far to provide first-hand assistance.

We are able to be more effective by leveraging these funds through working with other relief organizations. Working with First Response Team of America, a non-profit organization, the Lions have helped clear debris from 23



home sites. Judy and I helped clear one home site during our visit, and I must tell you this is hard, hot, but rewarding work!

We also took part in a shopping trip at a local grocery store.

The Lions bought needed food supplies for Lafayette House, a home for battered women and children, which has seen a 66 percent increase in needed services since the storm. To ensure the school year will begin on time on August 17, the local Lions are providing funds for needed school materials.

These projects are just a few examples of how we are helping Joplin rebuild. Because Lions live in the affected communities, we are committed to helping for as long as it takes, even though we know this will take several years. Other organizations come in, make an impact and then leave, but Lions are still there every day giving their hearts and hands to bring hope to so many in need. You've heard me say

that Lions stands for "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services." I witnessed this in Joplin!

Joplin is not the only place where our disaster relief efforts remain ongoing. Later this month, Judy and I will travel to Haiti to meet with Lions and other relief organizations. Wherever there is a need, you can be sure Lions will be there!

Lions, we are changing the world at our fingertips. By serving in our communities, we are having an impact around the entire globe.

Serving today for a better tomorrow,

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

Opening Eyes in Greece

The Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, 2,566 athletes benefited from the [Opening Eyes program](#). More than 100 Lions volunteers helped to screen the athletes and 607 prescription eyeglasses were distributed on site and 152 referrals were made to ophthalmologists and optometrists in the respective home countries. The program is a partnership of Lions and Special Olympics to improve



eye care for Special Olympics athletes. Funded by LCIF, this year the partnership enters its 11th year of changing lives.

Explore Our New Web Site

Did you know LCIF has a new Web site? Some of the new features include [stories of individuals](#) who have been impacted by the work of LCIF, an area to [submit your own story](#) and a new [online MJF application](#).

About the LCIF E-newsletter

The LCIF e-newsletter is e-mailed monthly in all languages to all Lions for whom there is an e-mail address on file at International Headquarters as well as other supporters who join our e-mail list. The e-newsletter is also posted on our [Web site](#).



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

LIONS PLANTING TREES 2011-2012

Planting **1,000,000** trees is a goal that Lions International President Tam has set for clubs worldwide. Since there are about 1.3 million Lions, every Lion would have to plant only a single tree to more than meet the goal. Planting trees provides many benefits including environmental, health, economical and social.

There are a number of varieties of trees available including pines, oaks, other hardwoods, fruit and ornamental trees. Planning a project for your community can be fun as well as rewarding for your club and community. Depending on the nature and size of your project help is available from the state, arbor organizations and the private sector. Planting trees in parks, greenways and around public building and schools are potential areas to consider. Working with city, county and state governments is essential for getting approval for planning and completing the project.

The main web site for the GA Forestry Commission (www.gfc.state.ga.us/Seedlings/OrderingInfo.cfm) gives excellent links to many helpful sites. If every club would plant at least 50 trees we would more than meet a district goal. Clubs could also split up bundles of seedlings among its members and the trees could be planted in various locations if a particular project was not undertaken. Clubs or zones could also combine for large projects or to save money. (i.e. A bundle of 50 trees is \$55 but a bundle of 250 is \$160.)

Zone Chairman working together as a family group can order for their clubs – CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN - How many Zones will get together with other Zones and order?

You can call Wayne Turnbull, Environmental Chair for 18-D at 706-769-5310 if you have questions.



“Revisiting, Redefining and Revisioning”

In preparing a Sunday school lesson for an adult class, which I teach, I came upon an account of **The Glass Half-Full**. It follows: “Two people look at the same drinking glass. The water in the glass reaches the halfway mark. According to folk wisdom, the *optimist* sees it as half-full and the *pessimist* sees it as half-empty....” The lesson is from the epistle: Philippians 1:12-30. Paul is writing from prison (which would be a “downer” to most persons). Paul sees his imprisonment differently, by redefining; it changes from catastrophe to opportunity!

We in our Lions Clubs have begun a new year. Several clubs do not have the members they once enjoyed working with. Several have less than half. Many of us see our Clubs as half-empty and our remaining members nursing the dread that “we are about to fold.”

The other option is available at the same time: The Club is half-full! Now we need to press on in encouraging current members to: *revisit* our objectives; *redefine* our purpose for being Lions; then we need a *revisioning* of serving opportunities and to *invite, with enthusiasm*, new persons to join with us to fill our Club with overflowing numbers. The bigger the group the greater joy in fellowship. And sharing the task, with larger numbers, lightens the workload!

Let us shift our perspective making an honest assessment of the circumstances around us and how to use them effectively. Then we must seek to open new possibilities that can emerge during Lions year 2011-2012. Revisiting – Redefining – Assessing Circumstances – and Remaining Open to New Possibilities.

Never done it before?

Who knows – IT MIGHT WORK!

Let’s have a great year!

*Lion Del Von Almen, Past District Chaplain
Time does not change - just Lions*



Dear Lion Leaders,

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Bringing it All Together

More Lions and more Lions Clubs. Global Service Action Campaign. Lions Clubs Officer Reporting Form. Service Activities Report. What could these things possibly have in common?

Actually, they are examples of the five critical areas that are vital to club success:

Meaningful community service;

Membership growth;

Leadership development;

Communication, and

Organizational management.

Club Excellence Awards recognize Lions Clubs that are outstanding in all of these areas. At the district level, the District Governor Team Excellence Award recognizes the leaders in districts that strive for excellence in leadership, achieve positive membership growth and actively encourage clubs to conduct effective service projects.

For more information and to download an application form please visit [Excellence Awards](#)

Global Service Action Campaigns

Leos and members of the Cub Program are the future of our Lions family and every effort should be made to engage them in Lions activities. This campaign is the perfect opportunity to invite Leos, family members and other youth groups in the community to participate in a Lions Club service project. This year's first Global Service Action Campaign is already upon us! Please do not delay preparing your club or district for the Engaging Our Youth campaign, scheduled for August.

The schedule for Global Service Action Campaigns will be the same as last year.

October	Sharing the Vision
December-January	Relieving the Hunger
April	Protecting Our Environment

For help in planning your club and district's participation visit ["Engaging Our Youth" Global Service Action Campaign](#).

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Set Your Sights High

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is leading efforts to mint 350,000 silver dollars in recognition of our 100th Anniversary in 2017.

Take Action Now!

Passage of this legislation depends on securing 290 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 67 co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate. We need Lions from across the United States to contact their federal lawmakers and ask them to co-sponsor the "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act." Write or call your lawmakers today!

- Look up your representative in [Congress by zip code](#)
- Fill-out this [letter](#) and send it to your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives
- Use this [phone script](#) when calling your member's district or Washington D.C. office
- Before contacting your lawmakers, be sure to [read these tips](#)
- Share your experience by filling out this [report back form](#). [Email](#) or fax it to 630-706-9248

To learn more go to this web site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/coin/>

Networking

Can people in your community "like" you on Facebook? More than half a billion people around the world are members of this social network site making it an essential tool for projecting your club's image, especially to young people.

If you are a social networking novice, view [Social Media 101 Best Practices Guide](#) for tips on setting up and using Facebook and Twitter.

You can also use Lions Clubs International's [E-Clubhouse](#) tool to set up a website for your club in just a few minutes. No web design skills are needed.

Choose Your Format

CEP can be conducted in a single workshop. In this format, participants will progress through all four steps in one session.

CEP can also be conducted as a series of four workshops. In this format, participants can take time learning one step per session.

The Club Excellence Process



Choose Your Setting

A club can hold a CEP Workshop during club meetings, or a club can create a separate gathering (such as a retreat) for their workshop. A club may wish to be part of a multi-club workshop at a district convention.

The CEP is a proven workshop dedicated to club improvement. Clubs that participate will look at their community needs, review their membership experience, use existing resources and develop action plans. Through this process - taking a look at your club's past, present and future - you will be able to enhance the motivation and focus of your current members, and identify and attract the attention of potential members who share in the club's vision and mission.

If you are unable to arrange a CEP workshop prior to the end of your year, please work with next year's president and your club's board of directors to have one early in the 2011-2012 year. As you plan for a CEP workshop, don't hesitate to contact your district governor or district governor-elect for more information, or e-mail Lions Clubs International at

clubexcellenceprocess@lionsclubs.org .

Keep the light shining brightly and share it with others to make your community and the world a better place - today, tomorrow, and always!

Sincerely, Jim Ervin // Past International President // GMT/GLT Constitutional Area Leader for USA and Affiliates - CA 1

Program Overview

Step 1: Why Are We Here? (45-60 minutes)

- Discover community needs and complete a Community Needs Assessment
- Discuss how Lions make a difference
- Recognize what Lions have accomplished
- Brainstorm about what Lions could accomplish in the future

Step 2: What Makes an Excellent Club? (75-90 minutes)

- Determine the characteristics of an excellent club
- Talk about the stumbling blocks that prevent us from excellence
- Discuss how to improve your club effectiveness
- Find out how your club rates using the How are your Ratings? Survey

Step 3: How Can We Determine Our Needs? (45-60 minutes)

- Review the *Community Needs Assessment*
- Review the *How are your Ratings?* results
- Learn about resources available to improve excellence

Step 4: What Can We Do Next? (45-60 minutes)

- Set goals
- Create action plans

Hey There Y'all Club Membership Chairperson.

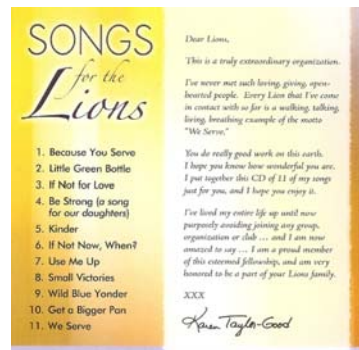
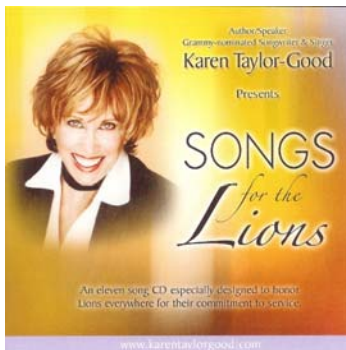
I would like to introduce myself. I am Lion Allan Stalker, the Global Membership Team District Coordinator for District 18D. Part of my job is putting together a program for helping clubs with their membership problems. This will be a voluntary program for clubs that want the District Leadership's help in recruiting and retaining new members. We all know that clubs that have ongoing Service Activities for their Communities are more likely to be able to recruit and retain members. I have only been a member of District 18D for three years and I am not familiar with most of the clubs in the district. I would appreciate it if you would take the time to tell me about your club, the good, the bad and the ugly. Your district would like to help you rebuild your club if you are willing to look at your club with a critical eye and make any necessary changes to be an effective growing service organization. We can't rebuild all of the clubs overnight but we can put into place an organizational structure that will be able to assist a few clubs each year until we get the job done.

Thank you for your cooperation. I am looking forward to hearing from each and every one of you.

Allan Stalker

For all those who were at the 1st Cabinet meeting – you had questions in regards to the CD that was played prior to the meeting. Here it is and you can go to the following web site and order:

<http://karentaylorgood.com/lions/index.html>



Also, if you scroll down you can view

("We Serve" was selected as background music for the Lions International 2011 Convention advertising video below)

Certified Guiding Lions

Lions,

This is one program that the district will be hearing much about from me as the 18-D District GLT Coordinator. There is new program material available now for this program.

Since there is new material, everyone on the current list will need to be recertified, including me. This is an important job in our district, because we must have knowledgeable Lions to guide new clubs that are formed and, in some cases, guide existing clubs. There will be some sessions in the future that will include Certified Guiding Lion training. In the meantime, because Certified Guiding Lions are needed immediately, you may go onto the LCI website and complete the course there for your recertification.

If you wish to take the course online, you can go to the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org and enter Certified Guiding Lion Training in the SEARCH box in the upper right-hand corner of the first screen. On the next screen, choose Certified Guiding Lion Program. This will give you the course. You will need to study the course, and upon completion, complete the test and the completion verification form. After completing both forms, mail the test and the verification form to me. I will send it to LCI, and your name will be placed on the list of Certified Guiding Lions. Once you are currently certified, you will need to be recertified every 3 years.

If you have any questions about this process, please let me know. Also, please encourage other Lions in your clubs and around the district to get involved and become Certified Guiding Lions. Thanks for all you do for Lions.

PCC Grace

CERTIFIED GUIDING LION TRAINING

Our District 18-D Global Leadership Team is working hard to develop leadership training for all Lions in our district. In addition to Zone Chair Training, Member Orientation, Club Officer Training, and Club Excellence Process, we will be offering Certified Guiding Lion Training.

Our first session will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Briarwood Baptist Church near Watkinsville. This is being offered prior to our District Rally activities. Attached are directions to the Church. It is a short distance from the convention center where the Rally will be held.

This training will be open to all Lions who are interested in learning more about Lionism. Even if you never serve as a Certified Guiding Lion, this training will help you become a better Lion. This is especially important to all Lions who have been certified as Guiding Lions in the past. You will need to be recertified because of a new program. In order to fit this training into this 2-hour window, you will need to go online and study the course before the training event. To do this, you need to go into the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org and enter "Certified Guiding Lion Training" in the "Search" box at the top of the first screen. On the next screen, click on "Certified Guiding Lion Program". This will bring up the handbook/workbook. You will need to print out the handbook/workbook and study and complete it. You will need to bring this with you to the training in October.

PID Dr. John Pearce and I will be facilitating this training, and we look forward to having a great crowd for this important training. Watch for other training classes to be held this Lions year in our district. Thanks for all you do for Lionism!



We are located at the corner of Robinhood Road and Highway 53 approximately four miles west of Watkinsville. We are one-quarter mile west of Oconee County High School. Our physical address is 1900 Robinhood Road & Hwy 53, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

From Watkinsville take Hwy 53 North, turn left at Butler's Crossing (Publix Shopping Center) and continue on Hwy 53 approx. 2 miles and Briarwood will be on the right beyond the Oconee Civic Center and the Oconee County High School.

From Athens take Hwy. 441 South to Hog Mountain Road and turn right at the RaceTrac gas station. (*Hog Mtn. Road is the third red light outside of the 10 loop.*) Turn right on Hog Mtn. Road and drive North approx. 4 miles and Briarwood is on your right beyond the Oconee Civic Center and the Oconee County High School..

From Atlanta take Hwy. 316 North to Hwy. 53 and turn right on Hwy 53 following the signs to Watkinsville. Briarwood is approx. 14 miles on your left.

From Conyers take Hwy. 138 to Monroe. If you continue on 138 it will exit on to Hwy. 78 East toward Athens. (**From Monroe**) Continue on Hwy. 78 approx. 8 miles until you come to Hwy 53, turn right and Briarwood is 7 miles on the left.

From Madison and other parts South take Hwy 441 North to the Watkinsville exit, turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp onto Hwy 53 North. Turn left continuing on Hwy. 53 at the second red light and Briarwood is 2 miles on your right.

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



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

In honor of our 100th anniversary, the Sandy Springs Lions Club in Maryland proposed the minting of a commemorative coin as a way to celebrate our centennial and raise \$8 million dollars for LCIF to aid the visually impaired, the disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster. Your help is needed to put the first Lions coin into circulation!

Show your dedication, commitment and participation by contacting your lawmaker today and receive a downloadable certificate of appreciation due to your congressional outreach.

Thank you to those Lions who have already contacted your member(s) of Congress. So far, we have 77 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 12 co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate. Our goal is to obtain 150 House co-sponsors and 25 Senate co-sponsors by this December!

Lions Take Action Today!

- To find out if your Member of Congress is already a co-sponsor, visit www.lionsclubs.org/coin.
- If your Member of Congress is not a co-sponsor:
 - Download a [phone script](#) or [letter](#) to call or write your Senators and Representative.
 - Make it a club activity. Print out a [phone script](#) or [letter](#) and pass along to club members.
 - Visit your U.S. Senators and Representative in their district office. For tips, review the [district office visit kit](#).
- Share the [coin webpage](#) with friends and neighbors on your website, Facebook or Twitter pages. Ask them to take action!

After contacting your lawmaker, be sure to share your experience with us by filling out the [Commemorative Coin Report Back Form](#). **Once you've completed the form, be sure to print out your Certificate of Appreciation.**

For those of you who have already reached out, we'd like to again extend our thanks and appreciation. Please take a moment to [tell us about your experience](#). Be sure to print the certificate upon completion.

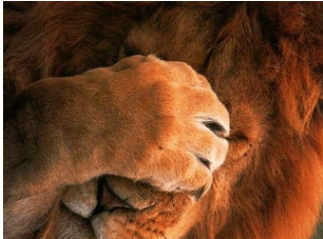
With 375,000 Lions nationwide, we can send a message to Congress that Lions have a mighty roar and will be heard for another 100 years serving our communities.

**LIONS AREN'T just about work. Lions have fun and fellowship.
Friendships made in Lionism last a lifetime,
because they are based on a common commitment to service.
Lions work hard, but have fun all along the way.**

CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Carnesville Lions Club =

Tickets now on sale (\$2.00) for the Fall Festival in September – Ruger Model 77 Rifle or \$500.00 Cash!



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = During the month our District Governor made his official visit to our club. DG Ed reminded us of International President Tam’s story, important dates and events in our District, and encouraged us to set goals and accomplish them this year. Continuing our fund-raising efforts, we again parked cars at the Georgia Mountains Center. We also provided eye exams and glasses to four individuals. One member worked on International President Tam’s tree planting goal by helping to plant twenty trees. Our club also made a monetary donation to a group of non-profits helping those in the Ringgold, Georgia area who were affected by the tornado and have “fallen through the crack” of provided services. Volunteer Hours 125

We serve!

Comer Lions Club = 1st Annual Madison County Fair Decorated Scarecrow and Pumpkin Contest.



All entries must be brought to the fair grounds on the following dates to be entered into the contest: Friday, 23 September and Sunday, 25 September – from 2 to 5 pm. Pumpkins can be decorated with paint and artificial accessories, no carved pumpkins will be accepted. All scarecrows and pumpkin entries will be used to decorate the fairgrounds for the fair. Call 706-795-2747

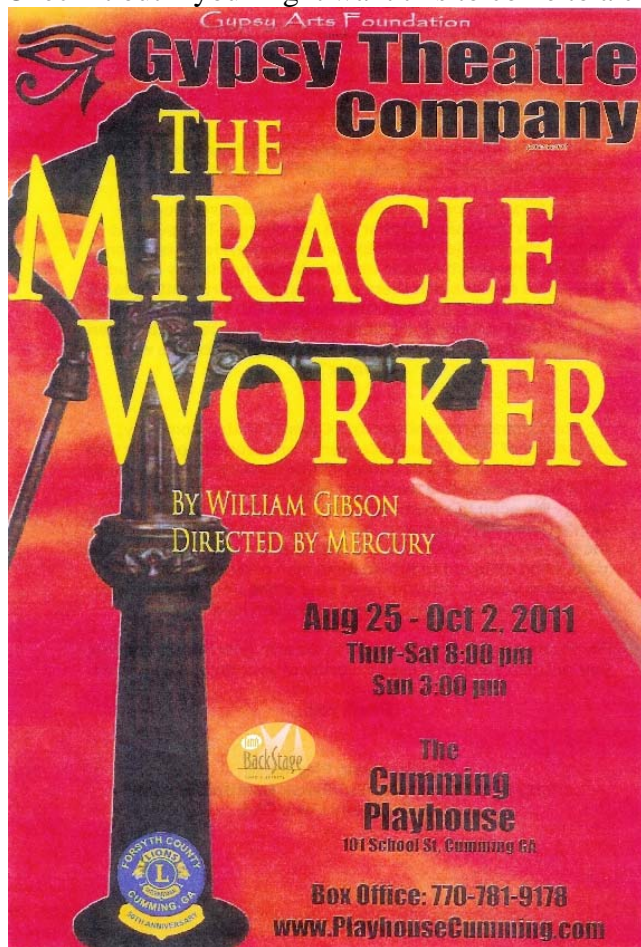


Dahlonega Lions Club = Approved 5 sight applications, 3 request for applications. In preparations for upcoming Yard Sale in October, Lions members have been out collecting items for sale. Yard Sale is to be held October 28th and October 29th, 2011. Lion Member assisted in the unloading of truck for Angel Food Ministries food bank/distribution

Elberton Lions Club = New officers – Pres Wallace Edwards, Sec Aubrey Barden, Treas Bobby Jones and VP Daryl West. Installed one new member David Phillips.



Forsyth County Lions Club = Tickets now on sale for the upcoming production of the Miracle Worker. Check it out – you might want this to come to a community near you.



About the Miracle Worker . . .

Set in post civil war Alabama, this classic tells the story of Annie Sullivan and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller.

The Miracle Worker dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen is violent, spoiled, almost sub-human and treated by her family as such. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence. With scenes of intense physical and emotional dynamism, Annie's success with Helen finally comes with the utterance of a single, glorious word: "water".

The Cumming Playhouse and Gypsy Theatre Company, presenters of "The Miracle Worker", are proud to partner with the Lions Club of Forsyth County in this endeavor to raise funds for the Lions Club's work with *sight conservation and the blind*. We echo the words of Helen Keller in her speech to the Lion's Club International in 1925, "Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you . . . you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind."

We present the same challenge to theatre goers and hope that you will also find this a cause worthy of your financial support.

Thank you.

The Cumming Playhouse
Gypsy Arts Foundation and Gypsy Theatre Company
Forsyth County Lions Club

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We donated \$100 to DFCS for the Backpack Benevolence Program for foster children in Gwinnett County. We did 24 vision screenings at Georgia Gwinnett College Health Fair. We did 14 vision screenings at the Quinn House, a homeless shelter for men. We approved an agreement with All At Home to sell Emmunize for computers as a fundraiser. PDG, District Lighthouse Director Mike Higgins was a guest speaker at a regular meeting Sara Liz Buckley from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse was a guest speaker. We hosted the 1st Zone meeting for Region III, Zone II and had 5 members attend. We collected 236 used eyeglasses. We had 79 volunteer hours.

Jefferson Lions Club = Sickness, Distress and Praise: Lion Dot Hunt reported that Lion Ham Riddle had surgery and is currently at Athens Regional Hospital and Lion Harvie Lance's mother-in law passed away.

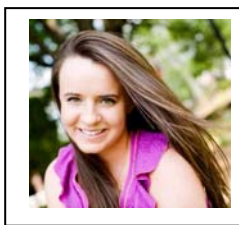
MEETINGS:

Program: Vince Mercardante, Manager of the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity Restore, was introduced by Lion Mark Bradley. Mr. Mercardante spoke to our club about Habitat's mission and what the organization currently is involved in. The ninth Jackson County Habitat House is being built on Duncan Street in Commerce. The Restore, which he explained is a form of thrift store developed by Habitat International and operated by the local affiliate, will celebrate their first anniversary in September and has exceeded expectations so far. He also reported that Habitat is always looking for volunteers, corporate partners and individual donors, as well as potential homeowners meeting the prescribed qualifications. **Program:** President Lion Jim Smith introduced our District Governor, Lion Ed Hashbarger. Our District Governor brought greetings on behalf of Lions International and our International President, Lion Wing-Kun Tam from China and spoke briefly about the fact that Lions International is the only organization of its kind currently allowed in China. DG ED reported on the 18D District Rally to be held at the Oconee Civic Center on October 8, 2011. This having been moved in preparation for adding 11 more counties to the new districting plan taking place in 2013. Lion Ed also encouraged everyone to visit the District 18D website for valuable information. DG Ed then spoke on the various programs and challenges for Lions this year. These include youth programs and tree planting. He also encouraged members to attend leadership training that has been provided throughout the state so that we can be better prepared for our future challenges.

Committee Reports Car Show: Lion Dot distributed the report on our Annual Car Show that was held on August 13, 2011. With entries totaling 81 cars/trucks and 5 tractors, we netted \$1612.61 with a total of 510 man hours.

Calendars: Calendars distributed. Collections continue. **Eyeglass Collection Committee:** Lion Jerry Legg reported that recent collections include 17 pairs of glasses, 6 cases and 1 cell phone. **Liberty Day:** Lion Mark Bradley invited the members of our club to participate in the Jefferson Rotary Club's September 11 Honor and Remembrance Ceremony being held at the Crawford Long Museum. Lion Mark suggested that this would be an ideal opportunity to distribute Liberty Day booklets to all youngsters in attendance. **Tree Planting:** Lion Jimmy Mock distributed a seedling price list and requested that each member make note of their interests so that plans can be made as to what our club can do to participate in this project. **Lion Mack Cates** asked that bottled coins be turned in so that we can get these to Sandra Fite with Relay for Life.

Norcross Lions Club = Lauren Ranney, Norcross Lions Club Student of the Month – You have been highly recommended for this honor by your teachers due to your academic accomplishment, initiative, cooperation, responsibility and good citizenship.



Diane O'Shields, District Leader Dog Chair, was our speaker. Lion Sid Stein shared his excitement at attending the commissioning of the guided missile destroyer USS William P Lawrence. The ship was named for a Vice Admiral and Navy pilot who happened to attend the same high school as Lion Sid. Lion Sid, who is a member of the Norcross Lions Club, is available for presentations. The club has provided glasses to someone in need. Continue to collect eyeglasses and cell phones. The club continues to make plans for the Norcross Art Fest and our food booth there.

Loganville Lions Club = Just wanted to take a moment to share a picture from the meeting in Lawrenceville last night. Zone Chair Wayne did a fantastic job at his 1st meeting with members from within the Zone and the meal was great and Katie (Guest speaker) brought most of us to tears with her strength and enthusiasm.



Toccoa Lions Club = Standing Committee Reports: Programs- Lion Forrest advised the board concerning the programs for August. Sherry Whiten, superintendent of schools will speak on August 14th and our District Governor will speak on the August 25th luncheon. Lion Nick sent an email advising of the sight conservation report. See this report in the bulletin. Lion Shelia gave a report on her membership activities. Lion Bill advised the board on the Flower bulb and pancake breakfast fundraisers coming up in the next few months. **Old Business:** The luncheon to honor our doctors who serve those in the community with glasses assistance will be in September or October. **New Business:** (1) discussion on a fundraiser for our administrative account (2) Service pins for years of service (3) Planning for 80th year of Lions in Toccoa for 2013 and 60 years of Little League sponsorship. It was agreed that these items are usually addressed in May of each year. (4) Club Christmas party (5) District Rally in October (6) Send A Kid To Camp (7) Unused medicine to Open Arms Clinic. Talk to Lion Steve if you have unused medicine you can donate. Open Arms Clinic might be able to use them. (8) LCI President, Wing-Kun Tam has set a goal for the Lions to plant one million trees. DG Ed Hashbarger has asked each club in MD-18D to participate in this program. Both LCI Pres & DG suggest that youth participate in the program. Lion Forrest has agreed to head up this effort. He suggested that we participate in the National Arbor Day. Additional information will be coming. (9) Letters of Appreciation and a Community Service Excellence Award will be given to the JROTC Cadets and the Boy Scouts. (10) Initial planning for a joint TLC/Open Arms Clinic Vision/Hearing/Diabetes Screening is underway. **Sight Conservation Committee Report:** Firstly, this program may not be possible without the support, dedication and proficiency of our participating Doctors. Not enough thanks or gratitude can be expressed to Dr Ken Schneider of Toccoa Eye Care, Dr. Kay Royal with Family Eye Care, Dr. Kevin Vanderhoef of Stephens County Eye Clinic and not to mention their kind and considerate staff. These outstanding doctors are found to perform a most thorough examination, followed by their staff preparing the patient for glasses and submitting the prescription order for glasses to the Georgia Light House (Eye Clinic Program), with the patient subject to receive their glasses in a relatively timely fashion, at approximately 2 weeks. Moreover, the same gratitude goes out to the dedicated Toccoa Lions who participate in the annual fundraiser (Pancake Breakfast) with proceeds going to the Sight Conservation program. **Note:** For the benefit of new board and/or Lions club members, Sight Conservation pays for glasses for both Lions Club and Open Arms (the free clinic) referrals. Lions Club referrals usually consist of patients who have been seen previously by one of our participating doctors or new patients who qualify for services. Such individuals are usually on Medicaid or Medicare (sometimes both), but determined to be experiencing extreme financial difficulties or meet poverty guidelines. Open Arms referrals are commonly individuals who have been screened through the Open Arms staff for medicals which includes eye examinations depending on the medical assessment and then referred to one of our beloved doctors for eye exams. Once a month each doctor donates their time and staff to serve such individuals in determining one's need for glasses or if there may be other areas of concern as a result of the eye exam. Incidentally, as it was mentioned above about the pancake fund raiser for Sight Conservation, there is also a second fund raiser of the same with proceeds going to Open Arms, with our dedicated Lions participating in this fund raiser the same as noted above. However, not enough thanks and gratitude can go out to Lion Russ Paxton who chairs both fund raisers, while having a relatively successful outcome through his diligent organizing of this committee. **Toccoa Lions Review and New Members Learn About Lions:** Today the Toccoa Lions met at The Gate Cottage Restaurant on the Toccoa Falls College campus at noon. We had nineteen members and two guests present. Lion Shelia brought her son Eli Rousey as her guest and Lion Wayne had Ken McKinney, president of the Carnesville Lions Club as his guest. Our program to day was New Member Orientation session. Lion President Bill had a power point slide show presentation. He gave us a brief history of the Lions Club. Bill stated that from our beginning in Chicago in 1916, then branching out to other states and then becoming international organization of 1.3 million members. He talked about the Toccoa Lions beginning in 1933 and our service projects since then. Today the Toccoa club has fundraisers to support eye health and diabetes awareness



Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: 3 eye glass requests were received, all 3 were approved.

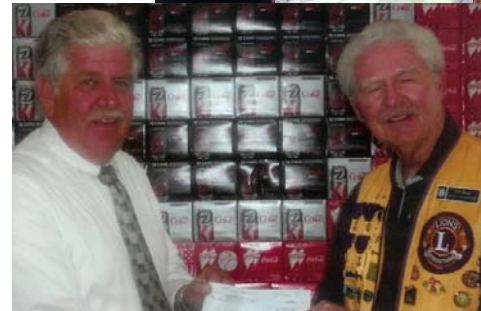
August 11 = President Mildred introduced our speaker – District Governor Ed Hashbarger. DG Ed presented an interesting program that included information on Lion’s Club history, biographical information on the International President, changes in MD-18 (going from 6 to 4 Districts), the District Rally and the Lions Tree planting project. He also discussed the importance of Lions Clubs to our local communities. President Mildred reported on Farmer’s Market –Our gross so far this season is \$2709. Lions Marty reported on the Georgia Mountain Fair. Gross is \$6816.50. Several bill are pending so net is not complete. Our first meeting in September – Sept 8 at 6PM will be an appreciation picnic for our GMF volunteers. It will be at Pavilion # 3 at Meeks Park. The club will provide meet and drinks. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. **August 25** = Guest speaker, Norman Cooper, introduced by Lion Bob Wood. Norman is with North Ga. News & Chairman of Board of Union County Anti-Drug Coalition. He had slide presentation of how part of the old Fort Sorghum is being renovated to have 'mock' drug bust, complete with suspect drug car, police car & drug dog. There will be an interrogation room, a courtroom, a jail and then room with a coffin! The school Health classes of 4th through 8th grades will be required to attend this drama. Latest 'kick' for youth is a party with large bowl filled with every kind of prescription pain pill that they can get their hands on. Then the youth take turns grabbing a handful of the pills to swallow!! The Peace Poster winner for Union County Middle School Joanna Irvin was given certificates of appreciation by Peace Poster Chair Lion Louise Little. The club also presented Joanna a \$25.00 check. Joanna's parents, Mark & Tracy Irvin were with her. **Farmer’s Market – 4 Saturdays in August** – 9 Lions and 3 friends and family members worked a total of 104 hours selling hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community.

WORKING LIONS - 23 Union County Lions had total of 209 hours for Lion causes
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 5 Lions had total of 75 hours for community causes
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 10 Family member & friends had 49 hours for Lion causes

Georgia Mountain Fair – article placed in local newspaper



Peace Poster winner appear in local news



Donation from Wal-Mart appears in local news



Lions visits appears in local news



Lions Club appreciation week is 21 thru 27 August:
 Local news tells about 4th annual Lions Club Appreciation week; not just for Lions Clubs, but also a special time set aside to take some moments each day to be grateful for good friends, family, neighbors, great leaders in our towns, county state and the USA.
 Great article put in local news.

Winder Noon Lions Club = Aid to the vision / hearing impaired: The club made arrangements for a Barrow County resident to have an eye exam and purchased a pair of glasses for the individual. Eyeglass recycling: 119 pairs of glasses were collected during August by the Winder Noon Lions Club. Non-LCIF Donations: \$240 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to support their special activities during the summer. \$100 was donated to the Winder Dixie Youth Baseball Team to assist with their travel expenses. A \$200 donation was made to the Canine Companions.



President Adam Smith with Winder Firefighter of the Year, Lt. Randy Wells & Carey Wells & Chief Matt Whiting



President Adam Smith with Winder Police Officer of the Year, Senior Officer Brandi Druse & Lt. Rob Currott

Congratulations!

Not pictured: Investigator Brian Brown of the Barrow County Sheriff's Office was named Barrow Co. Peace Officer of the Year.

Each club member will contribute \$20 each for their annual contribution for LCIF. Congratulation to Lion Ray Mattison – recipient of Lion of the Year and Lion Bob Long – recipient of Melvin Jones Fellowship.

New items from the Club Supplies Department to show your Lions Pride!



[Paper Mate Breeze BP Pen](#)

US\$1.30/each



[Paper Mate Sport Ball Pen](#)

US\$0.55/each



[Emerson Key Tag](#)

US\$4.15/each



[Collapsible Koozie Can Cooler](#)

US\$1.55/each



[5" Round Jar Opener](#)

US\$0.80/each



[8" Magnifying Glass Ruler](#)

US\$3.85/each



[Paper Air Freshener](#)

US\$1.95/each



[Safety Reflector Flasher](#)

US\$3.75/each



GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
jmhpdg@windstream.net

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



October Meeting; What's Changed?

On Saturday, October 1, 2011 the Lighthouse will host the annual joint meeting in the offices of our new building. Meetings will last all afternoon on Saturday and conclude with a banquet and joint meeting that evening. Meetings will cover the Lighthouse and the Camp, and there will be afternoon breakout sessions concerning the Camp. There will also be tours of the new building and optical lab. Lions will then re-convene for the banquet and joint meeting.

Schedule:

- 11 a.m. Lighthouse 101—Learn how your club can get involved.
- 12 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1 p.m. Awards, Promotions & PR, Elections & Nominations
- 1:35 p.m. Camp Breakout (Building, Finance, Personnel, BOT)
- 2:35 p.m. Camp Breakout (Bylaws, Fundraising, Planning, Policy)
- 3:35 p.m. Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 6 p.m. Banquet and Joint Meeting

Visit lionslighthouse.org for more information and a complete schedule. Group rates are available at the Holiday Inn Perimeter.

Don't forget to RSVP to the Banquet! "A Celebration of Service"

Event will feature:

- Client Speakers
- Reports from the Lighthouse
- Reports from the Camp



Banquet Cost: \$20

RSVP to Sarah Liz Buckley at 404-325-3630 or by e-mail at sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org.



Service Numbers

From July to June 2011

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
50 were from 18-D

920 Hearing aids through the dispensation
252 were from 18-D



Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 D District Chair:

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

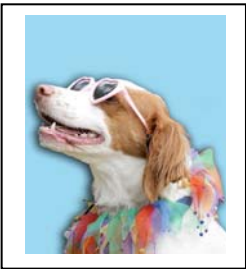
See Now. Hear Now. Run Now.

Join the Lighthouse for our first annual See Now Hear Now 5K Walk/Run, a fundraiser in support of our vision and hearing programs.

Whether you choose to walk, run, or just take in some sun, come out and support our efforts to provide more Georgians with sight and sound in the coming year!

You can register by clicking the "Join Now" button at the top of the screen. All participants must pay \$30 to register, but will be refunded registration fees if more than \$150 is raised!


The race route will be in Chamblee, and will be posted soon. We hope to see you there!



Date **Saturday, October 01, 2011**
Location **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
Chamblee, Georgia**
Contact **Sarah Epting
404 325-3630
septing@lionslighthouse.org**

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Lion of the Week.
Leigh Purvis of the Canton Lions Club set up a fundraising page for the 5k. She was uncertain she could hit her goal and had never raised money online before. However, when she mentioned it at her Lions Club meeting, everyone pitched in, and within a few days she raised 107% of her initial goal.
Take the ["See Now. Hear Now." flyer](#) to your next Club meeting!



Dear Lions,

The Lighthouse and Camp Fall Meeting will be held on October 1, 2011 at our new headquarters in Chamblee, GA. There will be a 5k walk/run in the morning benefiting the Lions Lighthouse. After a short break for lunch the day will continue with meetings about the Camp. These sessions will provide valuable information to help your club's work with the Camp. The day will end with dinner and a joint celebration of the past year's accomplishments.

Checklist for the October 1st meeting

1) Register for the 5k Walk, run, or sponsor a "Spirit Station."

2) Reserve your hotel Hotel Information.

Group rate: \$75/night.
**Breakfast for two included.*
Contact: Michael Vescio at 770-296-6014.

3) Review Agenda
From Lighthouse 101 to important Camp meetings, be informed!

4) RSVP to "Celebration of Service"
A banquet will round out the day. The price is \$20. RSVP to Sarah Liz Buckley at sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org.

For more information, visit the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation website. See you in October!

RSVP for Saturday night banquet by contacting Sarah Liz Buckley at 770-738-4676 or sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org.



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



Kristen

Dear Lions, Lionesses and LEOs,

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."

Helen Keller

The silence has set in and at moments it is deafening. In these moments of solitude I find myself reflecting on memories that are sketched on my heart, as well as, daydreaming of what could be. I find myself trying to come up with creative ways to generate funds.

This past summer was Wonderful! I can't wait tell you all about it in Chamblee. Please plan on joining us so that we can celebrate our success' together and so that you can hear their stories and see what it was like to be a camper here this summer.

Next month is Send-A-Kid to camp month. I know that some clubs choose to do their fundraisers in September, while others do them at different times of the year. We here at the camp have been thinking of different ways to raise funds. We actually have it written on a board. What are you going to do for your Send-A-Kid to camp fundraiser? Does your club do something that you think would work for other clubs? Let us know!

Lastly, Today makes three years that I have been here at the camp. Thank You! It is my honor and my privilege to serve with you. I am humbled at how far we have come and overwhelmed by all that lays before us!

Ascending New Heights,
Kristen



Dear Georgia Lions,

Our Camp seems so quite now that the Campers are gone. I miss them so much! I have had several phone calls from many of them since they left. I told them all how blessed I am that I finally got to put a face to a name. I stayed after work for several events and it was a life changing experience for me. These Campers are so wonderful and have touched my life so much.

Please don't forget that September is the month for the **Send-A-Kid-To- Camp**. Some clubs and individuals have already made a donation for this purpose. And we are so grateful.

I hope all of you are having a great summer. If you need anything please email me or give me a call.

Merri Blount
 Camp Secretary
 912-283-4320
glcblindsec@accessatc.net

My Fellow Lions,

It was great seeing you on Lions Day at our Camp. I am so proud of Kristen and her Team for having another very successful Camping Season.

This letter will be very short as I have included my report to the Council of Governors and can see no reason to say things twice.

I hope that you enjoy these Newsletters from YOUR CAMP and that we are keeping you up to date on all that is happening. If there is something else you would like to see, please let Kristen and/or I know. We want this Newsletter to be informative, entertaining and an enjoyable read for you.



As always – Thank you for all you do for our Camp and those “We Serve”.

Take Care and God Bless!

JOINT MEETING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All events will be held at the GA. Lions Lighthouse) Saturday, 1 October = 9 am to 12 pm: See Now. Hear Now. Run Now. Join us for our first ever Lighthouse 5k Walk & Run. Face painting, prizes for best costume and funkiest glasses will be included in festivities. The race will start and end at the Lighthouse office. Your club can sign up to have a team on our event website OR you can sign up as an individual. Learn more at www.lionslighthouse.org.

12 pm—1 pm: Lunch Break

Camp Breakout Meetings 1:00 p.m.—3:30

1:00 p.m. Camp Breakout Meetings

- Awards Committee
- Promotions & Public Relations Committee
- Elections & Nominations Committee

1:35 p.m. Camp Breakout Meetings

- Building and Grounds Committee
- Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Board of Trustees Committee

2:35 p.m. - Camp Breakout Meetings

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Planning Committee
- Policy Committee

3:35 p.m. - Camp Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday Night Dinner & Joint Meeting
6:00 p.m.

A celebration of service. Enjoy dinner while hearing about your Camp and your Lighthouse year of success!

Banquet Cost: \$20

RSVP to Sarah Liz Buckley

770-738-4676 or sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org

Joint Meeting Hotel Information

Group Rates are available at:

Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter
4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30341

For Group Rate Contact:

Michael Vescio—770.457.6363

Mention: Camp/Lighthouse Weekend

Hotel Price: \$75/night.

Two breakfast tickets are included.

Directions to Hotel

From 20E/ I-75 and Ga400 merge on to I-285E, take Exit 30, turn right on to Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, hotel will be on the right.

From 20W and I-85 Merge on to I-285W, take Exit 30, at 1st stoplight (Peachtree Rd.) continue straight ahead until your 3rd light (Chamblee Dunwoody Rd), turn left, hotel will be on right.

Take Care and God Bless!

Frank

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Triple Option Raffle



John Deere Gator

or **\$5,000.00**
Cash



Street Legal Golf Cart

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. is a Lions of Georgia funded project that provides blind children, teens and adults with an opportunity to grow and become self-reliant. We do this at our beautiful 62 acre camping facility in Waycross, Georgia.

Please help us continue this service to those in need by purchasing a Raffle Ticket for the price of \$1.00. You could win your choice of one of the Triple Option Prizes shown above and will also win by helping a Blind Georgian attend our Camp!

We all can be Winners!

We will draw the winning ticket on February 5, 2012 at our Winter Board of Director's Meeting in Warner Robins, GA.

Thank you for your support!

Frank Spinney

President, GLCB, Inc.



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Welcome to Mary Jane's Leader Dog Gift Shop

Leader Dog's online gift shop is made possible through a very generous gift from a longtime donor named Mary Jane. Along with her husband Richard, Mary Jane lived in Rochester Hills, Michigan for many years and had the opportunity to watch our clients and dogs train together

We dedicate our campus gift shop and online store to Mary Jane's support of our mission. We hope you enjoy your shopping experience and buy lots of Leader Dog stuff!

Thank you for your patronage.



Guide Dogs and GPS Make Perfect Pairing
The Kaptan PLUS With an emphasis on the PLUS



With the combination of his Leader Dog and his GPS, Carroll can easily find the restaurant where he and his wife Susan planned to meet for lunch. Things move fast in the technology world. Just a few years ago people were learning what the letters "GPS" stood for. Now we're hearing new terms like "location technology" to describe the technology used to let us know where we are and "personal navigational device" to describe the equipment we use to access the location technology (of which GPS is just one type). It can be hard to stay on top of the changes.

Every day Leader Dog is working to identify technological advances that may prove beneficial to our clients. When the Kaptan*, built by Kapsys of France, popped onto our radar in December of 2009, we knew that with a few modifications, the device would be an improvement over the current GPS we were supplying to our clients.

Carroll Jackson laughs when he recalls receiving his first GPS from Leader Dog in 2007. The Trekker Maestro had 36 buttons. It was so large and cumbersome that it had to be worn on a strap across his chest. "It was a very intimidating unit," he said. "Of course at the time we thought it was wonderful, even if it did make us all look like crossing guards."

A Seasoned GPS User—Carroll Jackson

When he received the Trekker Breeze two years later, he was happy that it was smaller and only had nine buttons, but there was still room for improvement.

Carroll agreed to test the newest GPS unit, the Kaptan PLUS, for Leader Dog in November 2010 and describes it as much smaller and significantly less expensive (\$295) than earlier GPS devices. The Kaptan PLUS also includes a voice recognition mode, which the retired educator said makes for "a very powerful device."

"It's about the size of a deck of cards," he said, "and so much easier to use."

After working with the two earlier GPS devices, Carroll was happy to see that the Kapten PLUS has a longer battery life, the ability to verbally enter new addresses and a feature for finding and navigating to restaurants, hotels and other locations. But perhaps his favorite feature is the voice recognition capability.

"Voice recognition is a beautiful thing," Carroll said. "If I want to know what time it is, I just ask the Kapten PLUS. If I want to know where I am, I just ask, 'Where am I?' I can't imagine not having a GPS now."

As a Leader Dog field representative, Carroll and his Leader Dog, Hunter, travel the country speaking at many Lions Club conventions. He enjoys demonstrating the GPS to a group of interested Lions but acknowledges that he contacts as many, or possibly more, people when he travels to and from conventions.

Carroll was waiting for a plane at O'Hare Airport in Chicago when he used his Kapten PLUS to check the time. The man seated next to him asked about it, so he started explaining how it works. Soon a group of about 20 people had gathered, which led to Carroll giving an impromptu Leader Dog presentation. When he stood up to go to his plane, the group applauded. When he got to the stairs of the small commuter plane on the tarmac, he asked the attendant if there was anyone standing at the window watching him board the plane. When he replied "Yes," Carroll turned and waved to the crowd watching from the window.

"Now that's what you call marketing," Carroll laughed.

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A First-Time GPS User—James Ryan

James and Leader Dog Claire frequented a local Rochester coffee shop during training. James used his Kapten PLUS to find the location and Claire helped him locate the door. As an IT manager at a Seattle hospital, James Ryan spends his days working with technology. The self-proclaimed techie admits that his love of technology spills over into his home life as well. And now, with his recent introduction to the Kapten PLUS GPS, technology will also be included in his daily travels.

James traveled to Michigan recently to receive his third Leader Dog, a yellow Labrador named Claire. What he didn't know was that he would be receiving a free Kapten PLUS at the same time.

"I was not aware that I would be getting a Kapten PLUS prior to arriving at Leader Dog," James said. "It will be a great tool to use along with my dog."

The Kapten PLUS is James' first GPS, and he found it easy to use, for the techie and the non-techie alike. "Even if someone is not technical, it comes with great instructions," he said. "All you have to do is spend some time with the user guide. It is very easy to interact with."



After working with the Kapten PLUS, James believes it will have a broad appeal to both cane and dog users. "All different types of people can use it in different ways to fill in the gaps," he said. "To use it along with a dog is great, but if you use a cane, or have to go back to using a cane for some reason, it will be amazingly helpful."

James is looking forward to using it when he explores new cities with Claire. An avid traveler, he especially likes that the Kapten PLUS comes pre-loaded with a map of all 50 states and that it groups points of interest together by category (for example restaurants, shopping, etc). However, his favorite feature, whether he is in an unfamiliar city or his own hometown, is that he can easily determine where he is by using the "Where am I?" button on the unit, or by just saying "Where am I?" since the device has voice recognition.

"Before I would have had to ask someone what intersection I was at," he said. "But now the Kapten PLUS can tell me. It definitely will give me more independence."

** Kapten refers to the device built by Kapsys of France. Kapten PLUS is the modified device for use by people who are blind or visually impaired.*



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Learning Ally Version 2.0 Audiobook Player Brings Accessible Books to Apple Devices for People With Disabilities

Upgraded player expands accessibility and ease of use on iPad, iPhone and iPod touch



Learning Ally, a 63-year old nonprofit organization serving over 300,000 individuals across the U.S. with learning differences, visual impairment and reading disabilities, has released an upgrade of its popular iOS application, which enables the entire Learning Ally library of downloadable DAISY-

formatted audio books to be played on Apple devices, including the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch.

The upgraded app, renamed [Learning Ally Audio](#) following the organization's name change earlier this year, is available to Learning Ally members for \$19.99 via the Apple iTunes store. It offers advanced accessibility features for ease of learning, including page and chapter navigation, variable speed and pitch control, bookmarking capabilities, and Apple VoiceOver compatibility. Users will also enjoy significant new features, including:

- Play while locked. The new version can continue playback after the Apple device locks and turns off the screen to save battery life. This function can be turned on or off through the iOS "Settings" app.
- Open with last book played at last point played. The new version resumes reading where users left off the last time that they ran the app. This feature can be turned on or off through the iOS "Settings" app.
- Remember speed control and other settings. When these settings are changed, they will be remembered across all books and sessions.



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9TH ANNUAL ATHENS RUN FOR THE DOGS

This year's Athens Run For The Dogs is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th. We have changed the venue where the Run/Walk will be held. This year it will be held at Oconee Veterans Park in Watkinsville, Ga.; the Park's address is 3500 A Hog Mountain Rd Watkinsville, Ga. 30677. The OCP'S internet address is: www.ocprd.com.

Registration go here:

<http://www.athensrunforthedogs.org/site/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=WwgoI410yF8=&tabid=36&mid=367>

Thank You.
Jim Mohs



Life.
Unleashed.

As a smart, articulate young lady pursuing her college degree, Lorinda's first college experiences left something to be desired.

"I used to wait for long periods of time for someone to come along to help me to pick up dropped items, open doors and get around campus," Lorinda explains. Then Lorinda received Remy, free of charge from Canine Companions for Independence. Remy is a highly trained service dog who's trained to perform over 40 commands to help Lorinda with daily tasks like retrieving items out of reach, pulling a door open and turning light switches on and off.

Thanks to Remy, Lorinda's college experience has changed dramatically. "Remy opens doors, helps me in the classroom, helps me with transactions at the campus food court and gives me a sense of independence that I've never had before," Lorinda continues. "With Remy I no longer depend on strangers and wait around for someone to help me. He's made it possible for me to be independent," says Lorinda.

Now instead of meeting new people because she needs to ask them for help, Lorinda meets new people because they want to know more about her and her dog.

And Lorinda's life has been transformed. "I feel such an extreme amount of confidence as I go around campus with Remy; it's a sense of independence I've never felt before," concludes Lorinda.



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Interesting Facts about Diabetes

Overview

Diabetes is nothing to take lightly. It's nothing to get all worked up about, either. Many people with diabetes live long, healthy lives. The secret is good self-care, proper diet, monitoring and exercise if you have Type 2. For some Type 2 diabetics and all Type 1's, you need to take insulin. But diabetes is not a death sentence, and insulin is nothing to fear.

Prevention

You can't prevent Type 1 diabetes. It just happens, and science isn't sure why. It usually starts in childhood, but can occur at any age. Basically, the pancreas quits working and no longer produces insulin. The only remedy is to inject insulin.

Type 2 diabetes is largely genetic, and your risks go up if you have a parent or sibling who has the disease. However, you can become a Type 2 diabetic even without the genetic predisposition if you are obese or have unhealthy eating habits. Type 2 diabetics make insulin, but can't metabolize it properly. Maintaining a normal weight, eating a healthy diet and getting plenty of exercise are the best defenses.

Unfortunately, many people don't practice good eating habits or exercise, and Type 2 diabetes is at epidemic levels among Americans. Sadly, many children are now being diagnosed with Type 2. In the past, it was primarily a disease of adults, hence the name: adult onset diabetes.

Monitoring

People with either type of diabetes need to monitor their blood sugar. Many monitors are available, from the strictly utilitarian to fashion colors. Because monitoring is so important, many insurance programs pay the full cost of monitors and test strips. New monitors also allow alternate site testing. This means you no longer have to prick your finger to draw a small drop of blood. Now many meters allow you to draw blood from your arm where there are few nerve cells.

Medications

Type 1 diabetics must take insulin for the rest of their lives. Type 2 diabetics may not require medication, may take pills only or may require a combination of pills and insulin.

Don't be afraid to take insulin. New delivery systems and tiny needles make it almost painless. Insulin pumps are painless to use. For those who choose injections, you can give the shot in several sites that have few nerve endings. The fewer the nerve endings, the lower your chances of hitting one.

Insulin comes in different strengths. The American standard is U-100. If you have to get insulin while traveling outside the United States, you may have to find out what the conversion rate is and buy different syringes.

Sugar and Diabetes

Many people believe that diabetics can't have sweets at all. That is a myth. As long as you count the sweets into your meal plan, and include protein with your sweets, there is no problem. The key is moderation.

History

Diabetes has been around for centuries. Ancient physicians used to diagnose it by sipping the patient's urine. The advent of blood tests and urine test strips, and then monitors, made diagnosis and control much easier. Even as late as the first half of the 20th century, diabetes was hard to control, and many people died or suffered serious complications.



For a student using insulin, diabetes must be managed 24/7, including the many hours spent at school, on field trips and in extra-curricular activities.

Some families can send their child with diabetes to school in the morning and feel confident that the school will be prepared to provide the diabetes care that meets their child's needs. Other families worry that their child won't have access to good diabetes management, that their child will be excluded from activities or have to take an exam when blood glucose levels are plummeting.

[Safe at School: Safety and Fairness for Children with Diabetes \(PDF\)](#)

Go to this web site:

<http://www.diabetes.org/assets/pdfs/schools/SAS-Booklet-2010.pdf>



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

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

"Children Know Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. **The theme of the 2011-12 Peace Poster Contest is "Children Know Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.**



Lions Young Leaders In Service Award

The [Lions Young Leaders in Service Award](#) allows Lions the opportunity to give formal recognition to young volunteers with in their community, ages 12-18, who have completed 50 or 100 hours of community service, within a 12-month period.



Lions International Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2011-12 Lions International Essay Contest is "Children Know Peace." 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.

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.

The grand prize winner will be notified on or before June 1.



Have you put your LEO Club on the blog?

Check out this one - LEO stands for "Leadership, Experience, Opportunity." Leo Clubs are worldwide youth volunteer organizations sponsored by Lions Clubs International.

We are a US-based Leo Club from Sacramento, California in Lions District 4-C5. We are sponsored by the [Valley Hi Lions Club](#).

Go to this web site to get basic idea:

<http://svhleos.com/blog>



October 17, 2010

We put on our work gloves to plant some trees in the Arden-Arcade area this Sunday! The large-scale effort was part of the Sacramento Tree Foundation's mission to plant 5



August 19, 2010

To Lions and Leos Club Thru the kindness of Amy Svistoonoff, For children, Christmas is the most anticipated holiday! This is exactly what the children experienced last August 7, 2010



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

- * They are positive, meaningful, and real to the participants.
- * They involve cooperative rather than competitive experiences and thus promote skills associated with teamwork and community involvement and citizenship.
- * They address complex problems rather than single problems in isolation.
- * They offer opportunities to engage in problem-solving by requiring participants to gain knowledge of the specific context of their service-learning activity and community challenges, rather than only to draw upon generalized or abstract knowledge such as might come from a textbook. As a result, service-learning offers powerful opportunities to acquire the habits of critical thinking; i.e. the ability to identify the most important questions or issues within a real-world situation.

WHAT TYPE OF YOUTH PROJECTS HAS YOUR CLUB WORKED ON?
(Results from all LCI Clubs 2010-2011)

- LEO Clubs—25%
- Peace Poster Contest—20%
- Youth Camp or Exchange—11%
- More than one of the above—26%
- Other / Local Projects—18%



Lions Quest

Engage Youth Through Lions Quest

The Killingworth Lions Club and Lions CT District 23C are now sponsoring Lions Quest program workshops at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School and other locations. Lions Quest is a school-based, life-skills program for children in kindergarten through 12th grade. It teaches skills to resist drugs, peer pressure and violence while building self-esteem, peer relations,

decision-making and problem solving. Students learn valuable skills for emotional and social development.

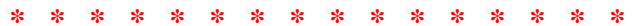
Students also carry out service learning projects in the community that reinforce classroom learning. The Haddam-Killingworth Leos Club is an example of our high school young adults providing necessary services to the community in partnership with local Lions and Regional School District 17.



During the month of August, Lions are encouraged to participate in the Global Service Action Campaign to [Engage Youth](#). Beginning or expanding Lions Quest is a great way to do so. To aid Lions in beginning and expanding Lions Quest in their communities, a number of new materials are available. A [new video](#) highlights the success of the program in urban areas, including in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. A new How-to-Kit includes a [video](#) to show the program's success globally as well as a [step-by-step guide](#) for implementing the program.

Hero's in the Community

Raise awareness of the Lions Quest program
Develop partnership between Lions clubs and schools
Expose Lions clubs to the community
Increase Leo and Lion membership
Implement joint service within communities



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- Leo Zone - lionsclubs.org click: Member Center/Planning Projects/ Youth/ Leo Zone

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