



We Serve

18-D

District Bulletin



District Governor
Bill Holley

Lions Making it Happen in 18D

Hello, my fellow lion members in District 18D. I hope this message finds you and your family members in the best of health and spirits. I would like to share some news about what is happening in our district.

Our District Leadership Team has completed the first two month of service in District 18D. Our commitment to the membership in the district is to provide you with the best possible leadership to assist in the growth and development of our lions clubs. As a leadership team, we recognize that a key component in our effort to serve will be the ability to exchange information and have open communications between the leadership team and club members.

On Sunday, August 26, 2012 District 18D Leadership Team participated in the first scheduled monthly conference call. These calls allow opportunities for exchange of information regarding the business of each club. This exchange should allow a better flow of information between clubs. It is also an important part of being able to help resolve any issues that may arise.

Region 1 Zone 1 Chairman Bill Graham

Bill Graham: Sent in his club visit reports. He stated 5 of the 6 visits have been completed. All of the clubs are facing the same challenges of membership and aging members. Most do not have bulletins, newsletters or websites. He is encouraging them to use social media to recruit. Lion Grace Clower is scheduled to come for their first Region-wide meeting. Lion Grace will speak about the Club Excellence Process. Bill stated he is trying to work with the Lavonia Lions Club who has a member that is interested in starting a LEO club. He is working with struggling clubs in Carnesville and Martin. He is particularly interested in Campus Clubs.

Region 1 Zone 2 Gene Lyon

- Gene Lyon: Will be at Athens Classic City with DG Bill tomorrow night. Was at the Comer meeting last week. Trying to make his visits along with DG Bill. He is staying in contact with the clubs via e-mail as well as on the phone. Has been in contact with Bill Graham regarding their joint Zone Meeting in October. Gene Lyon has been in contact with Mark Bradley regarding another joint meeting. He has been trying to get better communication among the clubs.

Region 2 Zone 1 Chairperson Louise Little

- No report

Region 2 Zone 2 Chairperson Anne Mundy

- Anne Mundy: She has visited the Clermont-North Hall Club along with the 1st VDG. The Clermont club is struggling. They are working on fundraising as they just lost their major fundraiser. She is trying to set up a Zone meeting for sometime in September. She has talked to Louise Little about having a joint Zone Meeting. They think it would be best to have the two Zones come together. She said White County is still struggling and David Sargeant and Bill Mundy are working diligently to keep them going. They are a group that just refuses to die. She has been working within her own club trying to get some literacy projects going in the schools as well as a project with the Lighthouse to work with school kids on a vision program. Also, Anne try to take this to Forsyth & Dawson Counties.

Region 3 Zone 1 Chairman Mark Bradley

- Mark Bradley: He has visited 5 of his clubs and will have the 6th visit along with DG Bill at Commerce on September 3rd. They had their first Zone meeting on Friday night in Winder. He thanked Lion Grace for speaking about Club Excellence. They also had Bryson Tanner speak about State Awards. There was not a great turn out but he is hoping for a better turnout at the next Zone meeting. They have set up and confirmed that they will have a 3-Zone Region meeting at Certus Bank in Jefferson on Friday, October 12th.

Region 3 Zone 2 Chairman Wayne White

- Wayne White: Has several clubs with golf tournaments, several Fall Festivals. They have a Zone meeting scheduled for September 10th. Wayne stated he had been running into obstacles because many people are not able to make it to meetings. Several people are having trouble with the "My LCI." Loganville Legacy has not been able to input their information. He will be following up with the clubs regarding their problems with the LCI. He will work on his Zone Chair report and get it out shortly.

Second Vice District Governor 18D Pete Stamsen

- Pete Stamsen: He has made one visit to the Buford Lions Club - he inducted a new member. Tomorrow night, he will be at the Lawrenceville Club. In September, he has four club visits scheduled. He is still working on getting the Loganville Legacy Club visit scheduled. DG Bill offered his help. He will try to visit Loganville Legacy with him.

First Vice District Governor 18D Edward Hashbarger

- Ed Hashbarger: He has visited 13 clubs. All clubs are looking for members - preferably younger members. Has told each club about the Hall of Fame deadline and has encouraged them to attend. He has reported to them all on the Literacy program. He held up the Dictionary program that is done by Auburn, Jefferson, Winder & Commerce clubs. He will be visiting Carnesville, Lavonia and White County next month. He will also attempt to attend all the Zone meetings.

Global Leadership Chairperson, PDG President, and District Convention Chair

- Grace talked about the District Convention - an amazing contract - they are not holding us to a minimum number. There will be a room for training - a reception on Friday night for the International Director. Will probably call a meeting of the PDG association on Friday night in order to have a group for the international director. Saturday morning - training at 9, convention at 10 and lunch at 11:30. The biggest thing is: if any of you have contact with clubs in District F, please encourage them to come. Lion Grace said Dan Stuart is handling the reservations for the Hall of Fame on November 3rd. Encourage your clubs to get their nominations in by September 15th. Each club can nominate two Lions. According to Dan Stuart, individuals attending the Hall of Fame dinner should make their reservations by the 20th of October.

As your District Governor I reported on a number of meetings in the district. Our Clubs are in good standing and ready to grow and develop while providing a valuable service to our communities. We have a lot of work to do and we are off to a good start.

Leading by Example Together: We Serve

District Governor 18D
William (Bill) Holley

Leading by Example: Together We Serve

William "Bill" Holley, District Governor 18D

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**September 2010
KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING**

Planning Ahead

Sharing the Vision World Sight Day 11 October 2012

World Sight Day is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on blindness, visual impairment and rehabilitation of the visually impaired held on the second Thursday in October.

World Sight Day is observed around the world by all partners involved in preventing visual impairment or restoring sight. It is also the main advocacy event for the prevention of blindness and for "Vision 2020: The Right to Sight", a global effort to prevent blindness created by WHO and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

Lions World Sight Day – Focusing Attention on Preventing Blindness and Improving Sight

For more than 10 years, Lions World Sight Day, held annually in October, has focused attention on eliminating preventable blindness and improving sight. On World Sight Day, Lions clubs around the world conduct special sight-related projects including:

- Collecting eyeglasses.
- Conducting vision and diabetes screenings.
- Planning educational programs to inform their communities about the importance of eye health – and diseases such as diabetes that can impair sight.

Plan for Sight Night 2012

What do we do?



Decide who is going to organize and collect eyeglasses for your Sight Night activity. Consider partnering with your Leo Club, LensCrafters store or other organizations in the community (i.e. Boy or Girl Scouts, schools, etc.) Your club can partner with more than one group or organization. Confirm the date for trick-or-treat in your community.



November 2012

Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

9-10 November 2012 Council of Governors' Meeting, Warner Robins, GA

SATURDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2012. 2nd Cabinet Meeting, 10:00AM

District 18-D Hall of Fame – 12 Noon
1331 New High Shoals Road, Watkinsville, GA

All applications for Hall of Fame will still need to be sent to me no later than September 15th.
Check on pages 15 and 16 for details.

**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](#) 📺

International President Wayne A. Madden



Lions Reading Action Program Launched



Did you know that 1 in 4 people of reading age are illiterate? This month, International President Wayne Madden is launching a global service campaign, the [Lions Reading Action Program](#) to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources. Throughout this year of service, clubs around the world are encouraged to organize projects that promote reading and education. To get started, review the list of potential partners to collaborate with and download the project planning guide

Social Media

Lions never sleep. With 46,000 Lions clubs circling the globe there is always a Lion somewhere doing something that is vitally important to their community. I hope that you will join me in celebrating our service by helping to create a real-time document that will show the world the enormity of our impact. Post your club's activities on [Twitter](#) and retweet activities from fellow Lions around the world. You may also [post photos](#) on a special section of the LCI Web site.

Lions Participate in USAID Literacy Event

In celebration of International Literacy Day on September 8, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is holding a special event involving key discussions with world leaders to highlight the importance of literacy worldwide. Linda Madden will speak about the power of community in increasing literacy for children and adults, focusing on Lions clubs' efforts among the blind and visually impaired. There will also be an eyeglass recycling activity to show attendees how they can contribute in their community and help children around the world have better vision. The event takes place on September 7. To learn more about LCI's partnership with USAID to promote literacy worldwide, read our [press release](#). For more information on increasing literacy, visit the [Reading Action Program page](#).

As part of this year's "[A World of Service](#)" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and

access to learning resources through their service.

Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them.

The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community.

Lions Can Make a Difference

Many clubs have already taken great strides to bridge the gaps in literacy and education. The following segment of the LQ - Lions Quarterly Video Magazine shows how Tucson Downtown Lions Club of Arizona, USA, introduces reading into one of its ongoing activities. The club promotes the [importance of parents and children reading together](#), while addressing the need for healthy vision. They donate books along with free eye exams for parents and their children.

Lions and Leos will be recognized for their accomplishments through the [World of Service Awards](#), including awards for Best Long-Term Reading Action Program and [Best Reading Action Program Rap Video](#).

We are excited to [partner with other organizations](#) that make reading and literacy a focus of their work, including:

Sharing the Vision Campaign – Expanding Our Reach!

October's global service action campaign focuses on "[Sharing the Vision](#)." Mobilize your club to plan a service project to promote healthy vision, or to make a difference in the lives of children and adults living with blindness or low vision. Project ideas include organizing eye care and safety presentations for school children, sponsoring a Braille exhibit at your local library, volunteering at a recreational program or camp for people who are blind, and more. Materials and resources are available to help you implement a successful campaign project. If you have questions, contact programs@lionsclubs.org.

"Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign

Somewhere in the world, a person goes blind every five seconds, and your efforts can help to stop this trend. Each October, Lions have an opportunity to show the strength and impact of our global network through participation in a special service action campaign, "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 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.

Resources

The following resources are available to plan and promote a future "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 more about the "Sharing the Vision" Global Service Action Campaign, [contact us](#) = programs@lionsclubs.org today.

Make This Year a Success for LCIF



Last October, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation challenged Lions and LCIF to raise US\$10 million for measles, to which they will match with US\$5 million. Lions have raised over half of the challenge grant funds. As the one year anniversary of the challenge approaches, let's make the year a success. You can help give children worldwide a healthier life by [making a donation](#). Funds may be donated to LCIF via check, wire transfer or by making an online donation. You can even double your donation's impact by participating in your employer's [matching gift program](#), if available. It's time to get involved!



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about the Lions Comprehensive Sight Mission in Honduras.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs App](#)

Download our Android App to stay in touch with us.

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

[Lions Club iPhone App](#)

Download our iPhone app to stay up-to-date with Lions news.

CONTESTS

[Reading Action Program Rap Video](#)

Read the nomination form to find out how to enter.

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

The new theme for 2012-2013 is "Imagine Peace." Get involved! See how children depict peace through art.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

[Lions World Sight Day](#)

Play your vision activities for October 2012.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Right now all over the world, there are children who are sick with a fever, runny nose, swollen eyes and cough. Over time, a rash appears. This is no ordinary childhood sickness. This is measles, and it can be deadly. Parents throughout the world experience their child becoming sick with measles just because they do not have access to a simple preventative vaccine.



I've always believed that one person can make a difference, but that by acting together, we are able to do so much more. Last year, I challenged you to plant one million trees. You not only met that challenge, you exceeded it by planting 10 million trees. October will mark the anniversary of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge to Lions - raise US\$10 million to help eliminate measles to be matched by the Gates Foundation with US\$5 million. I not only believe that we will [meet their challenge](#) in the coming months, I believe that we can exceed it. This year, we will help millions of children around the world and confirm why the Gates Foundation knows we are such valuable partners.

Thanks to many generous Lions, donations to the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#) have reached more than US\$5 million. But, Lions and LCIF are just halfway to our goal. There is still work to be done.

Measles kills hundreds of children each day. Many others suffer from severe complications, including blindness, brain damage and hearing loss. With an inexpensive vaccine made possible by the Measles Initiative, Lions have the power to ensure that children around the world have access to a healthier childhood through a simple vaccination.

When we believe, nothing is impossible. It's time to get involved.

As a parent, I know the importance of supporting children in every way possible. And, as a Lion, I know the influence and impact our association can have on youth. I experienced this last year in working with Leo clubs around the world. Each time I met a Leo, I was inspired by their enthusiasm and dedication to service. It is important to give our support to these young adults and others in our communities.



As Chairperson of our Foundation, I am also inspired by how LCIF supports youth. LCIF's [Lions Quest](#) program teaches students in all grades how to interact with others in a positive way, and how to understand one another. These skills are sometimes overlooked and yet, much needed. Lions Quest has been proven to improve test scores, change

attitudes about substance abuse and violence and lower the risk of dropping out of school.

Lions Quest has impacted over 12 million students around the world and trained over 500,000 teachers to teach these vital skills in the classroom. Now, Lions Quest not only reaches children in school, it also supports children outside of school through its new program, Out-of-School Time. This program can be used in community centers, Lions camps and any other place where students go outside of school. By giving students support both in and out of school, it enables them to make better choices and lead more positive lives.

As you work to "Engage our Youth" through this month's Global Service Action Campaign, I hope you remember that our Foundation not only supports youth through Lions Quest, but also through [grant projects](#). Imagine the joy of a disabled child when a playground is built allowing them to finally participate in play. Imagine giving children a home off of the streets. Imagine saving the sight of a child through an eye screening. These projects are made a reality through LCIF.

Improving the health of young people is an important role of our Foundation. One way that you can do that through LCIF is by supporting the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). When you believe in One Shot, One Life, you are supporting Lions' efforts to be a leading force in measles prevention.

Last October, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation challenged Lions to raise US\$10 million for measles. [We need to act today](#) to help save 157 million children around the world from measles and to meet the challenge this year. We are at nearly seventy percent of our goal. Will you help us meet this challenge? Every dollar can make a difference in the life of a child.

Thank you for believing in and supporting our youth. Together, we can give the next generation skills to enjoy their childhood and grow into successful adults.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Measles Initiative

The Lions Measles Initiative will be continued into the 2012-2013 Lions' year. LCIF announced in October of 2011 the intention to raise US\$10 million for measles vaccinations and education to match the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$5 million challenge grant. As of July, **LCIF has raised US\$5.2 million.** We will soon be approaching the one year anniversary of the Gates Challenge grant and we need your help to complete the second half of Lions commitment. There are vaccination campaigns taking place in the next few months that need our **immediate assistance.** Help us to successfully meet the Gates challenge and provide the life saving measles vaccine to millions of children.

To promote further donations to measles, LCIF is also continuing **Melvin Jones Fellowship eligibility** for gifts to One Shot, One Life. In addition, LCIF will **continue recognition to the clubs** with a banner patch depending on the level of support:



Membership numbers are based on January 1, 2012. Please thank all clubs and individual donors for their generosity. We want every child in every family to be able to receive the measles vaccine in the upcoming immunization campaigns. Let Lions know they have the power to prevent the needless deaths of many children.

Help us save **157 million children** this year by supporting the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.



Follow *One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative* Online



New LCIF Disaster Relief Video

In this [new video](#), learn how LCIF supports Lions in disaster relief efforts around the world in places like Haiti, Japan and Missouri, USA. Lions and LCIF provide for basic needs such as water, food, shelter and medicine. After immediate needs are

met, victims of disasters are not forgotten. LCIF remains committed to the important rebuilding of homes and lives that must happen, often long after a disaster occurs.

Lions Quest Impacts Youth After School.

Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence for [Out-of-School Time \(OST\)](#) program has moved out of the pilot stage and is now ready for use in community centers, after-school programs and middle schools. Recently added OST training workshops provide traditional face-to-face professional development, and a newly developed webinar series provides on-demand support of program implementation. The OST program began in New York, USA, thanks to District 20-O Lions. And, Lions in Multiple District 27-A in Wisconsin, USA, used [Core 4 Grant](#) funds to begin OST in Milwaukee Public Schools' summer program. After-school care plays a vital role in the learning and development of youth, and Lions can do their part by helping to expand Lions Quest in their communities.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Volunteer for a Great Days of Service Project



VOLUNTEERINGis generally considered an altruistic activity intended to promote good or improve quality of life. It is considered as serving the community through personal skills or learning - and to have fun! Volunteering takes on many forms and can be performed by anyone - young or old! *Don't miss out on this year's Great Days of Service volunteer opportunities* - you can make a difference, make new friends, learn a skill and share your enthusiasm - we look forward to having you on this year's team! Visit

www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org to find out more!

While on the opposite side of the world attending the ANZI Forum, my thoughts are with the Lions and people of the Gulf Coast region. An area that has overcome so much in recent years, again has felt the impact of a powerful hurricane. When Hurricane Isaac hit land last night, it was as wide as the state of Oregon and impacted tens of thousands who lived within its path. Many suffering today without access to their home, clean water or personal possessions are in need of assistance - and Lions must be ready.

I call on you to engage your club - Ask them to consider supporting those impacted individuals by making a Melvin Jones eligible donation to the [LCIF Disaster Relief Fund](#).



Florida Note Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

Volunteerism – HmMMMM

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others"
~Mahatma Gandhi

Who can get this fever?

Small children, teens and adults of all ages. Churches,
businesses, schools, social and civic organizations.
Disabled adults and youth.

No one is immune unless they choose to be!

Faith-Based Organizations =

Faith based organizations are filled with members who
have the faith and strength to change the world. They
stand ready and willing to come to the call for help
whenever help is needed. From the Mission teams to
Sunday school classes, these organizations and their
members provide the community with thousands of
caring volunteers.



Members give their love and assistance unconditionally
to help friends, neighbors and others in need. The
fellowship that occurs and the smiles on their faces tell a
story of the joy and fulfillment that they realize from
giving of themselves.

Youth Volunteers =

By getting youth involved at an early age, we instill
positive values, compassion and a sense of responsibility.
When youth take part in helping throughout the
community, they are less likely to participate in high risk
behavior resulting in a win-win situation for everyone.
Research shows that children, who begin participating in
their community at a young age, tend to carry this
commitment into adulthood. It also show that students who

volunteer are more likely to stay in school, stay off drugs
and stay out of trouble.

It is vital that students understand the importance of
volunteering and the positive results associated with
helping others. By enabling youth to help, we inform
and empower them with the knowledge that their
actions and choices can have a positive effect on the
world.

Children learn what they live and are lead by example.
Teaching youth to help others can have a lifelong
impact. It allows them to see themselves as problem
solvers and gain self-confidence ultimately helping
them to gain maturity and empathy for others.

What can you do???? Just ASK maybe.....

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

It is up to you.....



Loganville Legacy Lions Club

Membership Can Flourish with Families

Timing is Everything

Family-Style Service

Same Mission, New Strategies

Now check out page 43 of your Lion Magazine and
read all about it.





Dear Lion,



Formulas and equations play an important part in our lives. They are powerful tools - a road map to success -- that make many things possible and others, simply easier. According to Einstein, the simple formula, $e=mc^2$ describes the workings of the entire universe. I may not be a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, but I also have a formula, one that I know works based on 27 years as a Lion:

Dedication + Preparation + Teamwork = Excellence

Dedication

is each individual Lion's dedication to service which is abundant but needs nurturing and growth. We need to continue expanding our service to take on new challenges, such as through the new Reading Action Program (RAP).

Preparation

is planning and the self-evaluation included in what I am calling "pit stops" like those in an automobile race.

Teamwork

involves making connections at the international level, the club level and interpersonal level, especially working in harmony with the Global Leadership Team and Global Membership Team.

Having a plan and a road map makes us more effective and efficient by taking the guesswork and trial-and-error out of our quest for excellence. The [Club Excellence Award](#) and the [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#) are also tools that can eliminate uncertainty and point your club or district in the right direction. Each have criteria that, if achieved, will lead you to success.

I hope that you use all the tools available to you to their fullest as we pursue excellence together as

Sincerely,

**Wayne A. Madden
International President**



Recruit Young Adults

Young adult members bring new energy and diverse skills into your club and ensure your club will be in existence in 40 years. By recruiting young adults into your club, you can:

- *Gain fresh ideas for service projects and activities
- *Increase hands to do more service
- *Promote membership that better reflects the community
- *Mirror current times
- *Breathe life into your club
- *Sustain your club

Contrary to popular belief, young adults want to volunteer and are volunteering at a higher rate than normal. We've made it easier to get them involved by providing you with the tools you need.

Fifty-five years ago: The first Leo Clubs were formed in 1957 in Pennsylvania, USA. Today, Leo Club members comprise the future of Lions Clubs International and represent the next generation of Lion leaders.

Global Service Action Campaign

This month's Global Service Action Campaign, [Engaging Our Youth](#), is well underway. Please remember that this is an ideal time to help create the next generation of Lion leaders by involving Leos and other young people in service activities. There is still time to plan and carry out additional activities. See Engaging our Youth [project ideas](#) and report your activities using the [Lions Club Service Activity Report](#).



Reading Action Program

I am proud that one of my first acts as international president was to cement an alliance between Lions Clubs International and the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#) that will help improve the literacy of 100 million children in developing nations by 2015. A memorandum of understanding was signed at the international convention in Busan, Korea, that creates a powerful partnership based on common goals. USAID, like LCI, believes that literacy is critical for all children and will help create a more stable and prosperous future for all.

Please start now to prepare your clubs and districts for participation in Lions worldwide literacy initiative, the Reading Action Program. See [Reading Action Program](#) for information and project ideas for donating books, promoting reading and helping the world fight illiteracy. Each club that conducts a RAP project will receive a special RAP banner patch. In addition, a district governor reporting at least 50 percent club participation will receive a Reading Action Program Award.

To help publicize what you are doing in a fun way, I hope to also see as many ["RAP" videos](#) as possible, and I look forward to seeing the top entry at the international convention in Hamburg.

Club Officers

Pit Stop One

Take a good look at your club. That's the first step toward achieving excellence. Now is the time for you to be gathering information using tools like [How are Your Ratings?](#). The feedback from your members will help you pinpoint the positive changes you will need to make to improve your club's service. Members may say that a window needs to be opened to let in some fresh air. Listen to their ideas and be flexible. Some old ways of doing things may need to be revised or discarded. See [Club Pit Stop Checklist](#) for a full list of things to do before the end of September.

President Meet Presidents

I intend to continue the President-meets-Presidents program begun last year by Past International President Tam. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for me to hear your ideas and concerns and to see first-hand the wonderful work you are doing in your communities. I hope to meet with as many of you as possible as I travel around the world.

District Teams

Pit Stop One

How well do you know the clubs in your district? To grow membership and strengthen clubs you need to know which clubs need the most help. Find out by reviewing the Club Health Assessment Report and the DG RECAP. Taking a close look at your district will help pinpoint the positive changes that will be needed to help clubs succeed. Listen to club officers, stay flexible and keep in mind that some old ways of doing things may need to be revised or discarded. See [District Pit Stop Checklist](#) for a full list of things to do before the end of September.

Fast Start

The race to the 2012-2013 World of Service Fast Start Awards is a four month sprint and the first month is already past! District governors now have less than three months to charter two new clubs or achieve net membership growth to be recognized at the Cruising Speed level or to charter five new clubs AND achieve positive membership growth to be recognized at the Passing Speed level.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. To register and login, participants are directed to an Internet address. Please [review our Guide to Register/login](#).

Most webinars have one or two instructors and a moderator/host. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation and polling questions on their computer. They listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. The participants may use the phone for audio/speaking or a computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructors, similar to training conducted in a classroom. For more information [read our Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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

2012-2013 LCI Webinars

Webinar Description	Dates/Times	Intended Audience:
<p>Club Secretary Training How to login, submit membership and service activity reports, and use club member data</p> <p>Intended Audience: Club secretaries who want to become more effective in using the WMMR site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar Recording • PowerPoint Presentation • Workbook • Session Q&As 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, October 12, 2012: 7:00 PM Chicago Time
<p>Club Treasurer Training How to login, run reports and download club billing invoices, and how to submit payments online. This webinar will include discussion of your responsibilities as treasurer and a demonstration of using the WMMR site</p> <p>Intended Audience: Club treasurers who want to become more effective in using the WMMR site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar Recording • PowerPoint Presentation • Workbook • Session Q&As 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, November 6, 2012: 10:00 AM Chicago Time • Wednesday, November 14th: 7:00 PM Chicago Time • Friday, November 16th: 7:00 PM Chicago Time
<p>Club President: Leader and Manager How to manage your responsibilities as president and leader of the club officer team, maintain connections with all your club members, manage effective and interesting meetings and achieve club excellence.</p> <p>Intended Audience: Club presidents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, August 21, 2012: 10:00 AM Chicago Time • Friday, August 24, 2012: 7:00 PM Chicago Time • Wednesday, August 29, 2012: 7:00 PM Chicago Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, January 15, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time • Wednesday, January 23, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time • Friday, January 25, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time
<p>Role of the Zone Chairperson Learn how the role of zone chairperson is vital to support of clubs, coaching club leaders and motivating club leaders to a level of excellence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, October 2, 2012: 10:00 AM Chicago Time • Wednesday, October 10, 2012: 7:00 PM Chicago Time 	<p>Intended Audience: All Lions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 12, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time • Wednesday, March 20, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time • Friday, March 22, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time
<p>Managing a Service Project Thinking about planning a new project focused on the Reading Action Program? Join this webinar to learn the phases of project management.</p> <p>Intended Audience: Lions who are service project managers or would like to be</p>	<p>The Role of the Cabinet Secretary The cabinet secretary plays a key role in communication, scheduling, and providing resources and to the district leadership team. The secretary is the oil that helps make the district team function. Join this webinar to learn and discuss ways cabinet secretaries can be more effective.</p> <p>Intended Audience: Cabinet secretaries</p>	<p>Conflict Resolution Learn to recognize the benefits of conflict, and apply appropriate conflict-management strategies.</p>



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Now that September is here, we are almost two weeks away from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Tampa, Florida. I hope that many of you from 18-D will be attending. After the Forum, on Sept. 16-19, there will be an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Tampa. The cost is \$95, which covers your food and room for the event. This is an opportunity for club level Lions to learn new leadership skills.

Another important event is coming up also. The Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute will be held in Lake City, FL Oct. 12-14. The cost for this is \$50, and you pay for your own room. This is for all Lions up to the District Governor level. Another session will be held Nov. 8-10 in Tupelo, Mississippi. You can find details on both sessions on the training website, www.lionstraining.us.

Another great way to learn is to participate in webinars. Listed below are the webinars scheduled and the website on which to register:

www.lionsclubs.org

Webinar for Zone Chairs: Oct. 2 – 10:00 a.m. Central Time
Oct. 10 – 7:00 p.m. Central Time
Oct. 12 – 7:00 p.m. Central Time

www.lionstraining.us

Effective Club Meetings: Oct. 10 – 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Building Club Membership – Oct. 17 – 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Conflict Resolution – Oct. 24 – 6 p.m. Eastern Time



All these are great opportunities for Lions who want to become better equipped to lead and be members of strong clubs. Clubs should also have strong member orientation programs. If you feel your club is not moving forward, maybe you need to consider the Club Excellence Process. My club has participated, and we are in the process of setting new goals and determining ways to meet those goals.

If I can help your club in any way, please let me know. I can be reached at graceclower@bellsouth.net or by phone at 404-694-0413.

PCC Grace Clower

18-D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Southeast Lions Leadership Institute—or SELLI—is back!

Several years ago, this Lions region held an annual Lions Leadership Institute or SELLI. After an absence of three years, SELLI is back!

SELLI is open to all Lions who have not attained the position of vice district governor. It is all about you becoming a better Lions leader. The weekend-long training event bring Lions Club leaders from across the Southeast together to learn and share the best practices for making Lions Clubs stronger in their towns and districts.

This year, two SELLIs will be held.

The first is October 12-14 in Lake City, Florida, at the Holiday Inn.

The second will on November 9-11 in Tupelo, Mississippi, at the Clarion Inn and Summit Center.

Registration for either one is \$50 and covers materials and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Participants are to book their own hotel rooms at special rates (\$89 for Lake City and \$79 for Tupelo). Full information will be sent after you register. Registration is easy. Just go to www.lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/SELLI.html. Sessions start at 3:00 pm on Friday and end with graduation at 10:30 am on Sunday.



Lions Clubs International

Beginning this fiscal year, the Extension and Membership Division will be conducting monthly Netcasts on important membership topics every fourth Wednesday of the month. Netcasts are Web-based forums designed to be interactive. Lions are able to ask questions of the panelists and share success stories of their own. The goal is to provide an opportunity for Lions to learn and motivate each other. We encourage you to pass along this information to your club members and promote their participation.

Netcasts will be recorded and posted on the LCI [Web site](#). Below is the schedule of upcoming Netcasts. Space is limited so register today!

Date	Topics	Panelists
September 26, 2012 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CDT) Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for October Growth • Share your Lions story: "When did you join Lions and why are you still a member?" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PID Yamandu Acosta (US) • PID Terry Graham (Canada) • Lion Carol Alderson (Australia)

Club Pit Stop Checklist

Pit Stop One (July - September)

Service (Three service projects are required to achieve the Club Excellence Award)

- Visit the LCI web site to read and watch videos about the [president's theme](#) and suggested service activities.
- Make a Plan! Schedule ongoing and new service activities and events. Set [goals](#) for each activity.
- Participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Engaging Our Youth!](#)
- Launch a [Reading Action Program](#) activity in your community.
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Membership and Public Relations

- Review [Membership Goals](#) and determine the activities and actions needed to accomplish the goal.
- Get member feedback by completing "[How Are Your Ratings](#)" the first step of the [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP).
- Establish a [communication plan](#) to keep members and potential members aware of club activities. Give special attention to members who have low involvement.
- Download the [Public Relations](#) Guide to learn about helpful tools.
- [Invite](#) potential members to a club meeting or event. Consider showing a segment of [LQ](#) (Lions Quarterly).
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Operations

- Make [committee assignments](#) and encourage every member to be involved with at least one committee.
- Update club website with new officer information and scheduled activities or launch an [e-clubhouse](#).
- Follow up on [Club Officer Orientation](#).
- Go to "MyLCI" and register for a username and password.
- Begin to submit monthly membership reports and service activity reports through "MyLCI".
- Apply for [2011-2012 Club Excellence Award](#) for previous year's club leaders. Deadline September 30th.
- Review online statement and ensure Treasurer is familiar with payment terms and process.

For your daily commute, while running errands, or on your summer road trip, you can find a great selection of automotive items at the Lions Shop!



Paper Mate Sport Ball Pen US\$0.55



Safety Reflector Flasher US\$3.85



5" Round Jar Opener US\$0.80



LED Key Chain/Light US\$6.40



Koozie Can Cooler US\$1.60



Rectangular Reflector Light US\$3.75

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When I was elected into the Lions of Tallahassee 12 years ago, I soon realized we had major fund raising. To the day, Broom Sales still remain one of our major fund raisers. Selling Brooms provides many outlets for our projects and efforts in the community to be seen and heard in the community!

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Case Quantity	Item #	Description	Case Pack	Case Price	Extended Price
	1002L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Household Broom w/Velvet Finish	12	\$81.00	\$
	1003L-BC	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom w/Hanger Cap	12	\$64.80	\$
	1003J	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom	12	\$63.60	\$
	6107L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Janitor Broom	12	\$99.00	\$
	1007L	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom	12	\$87.00	\$
	1007-LB	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom w/Band	12	\$88.20	\$
	6400L	Lions Clubs Large Angle Broom, Flagged Bristles	12	\$68.40	\$
	2104-6	Kleenette 100% Corn Kitchen Broom	6	\$41.10	\$
	6402	MaxiSoft™ Plastic Broom (Assorted Bristle Colors)	12	\$66.00	\$
	6202-6	100% Corn Toy Broom	6	\$14.70	\$
	66209L	Lions Clubs Lobby Dust Pan (Use w/#620BL or #6202-6)	6	\$44.40	\$
	3007	100% Corn Whisk Broom	12	\$30.00	\$
	6506L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Industrial Deck Mop	6	\$33.00	\$
	6502L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Household Deck Mop	6	\$17.10	\$
	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
	96470	MaxiPlus® Microfiber Duster w/Extension Handle	12	\$63.00	\$
	94217-6	MaxiTwist® Microfiber Self-Wringing Mop	6	\$44.10	\$
	96318	18" Heavy Duty Sweep, Unflagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96324	24" Heavy Duty Sweep, Unflagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$
	96418	18" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96424	24" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$
	97060	60" BamWood™ Handle w/Metal Threaded Tip (Use w/Sweeps)	12	\$36.00	\$
MINIMUM ORDER: \$200			ORDER TOTAL \$		
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DISTRICT 18-D HALL OF FAME

Your club can nominate deserving Lions for this honor. Nominations must be submitted to the current President of the Past District Governors Association, PCC Grace Clower, 2929 Sandra Drive, Snellville, GA, or graceclower@bellsouth.net. Please see the criteria below for nominating Lions for the Hall of Fame.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. All nominees living or deceased must have served Lionism for at least ten (10) years. In addition, the Lion/Lioness must have served honorably, faithfully, and with due diligence. All living nominees must be current members in good standing.
2. In order to nominate a candidate, the Club must agree in writing to provide the necessary funds to purchase the plaque(s) for its nominees.
3. The nomination letter, of not more than two (2) typewritten pages (double spaced), must be signed by the Hall of Fame Chairperson of the club, must name the Lion (address and telephone) must list his/her accomplishments in Lionism and in his/her community, must list with dates any awards or recognition in Lionism, must list with dates any leadership positions in Lionism, must include a statement of endorsement by his/her Lions Club and the date, and must include a statement of intention to be present at the annual 18-D Hall of Fame celebration, if possible (illness). The nomination of any candidate not selected may be updated and resubmitted in subsequent years.
4. The applications must be postmarked no later than September 15 and sent to the current President of the Past District Governors' Association, District 18-D. A selection committee composed of the three (3) most recent active Past District Governors (the most recent active PDG is chair), will submit selected candidates to the District Governor for recognition and presentation of a plaque at the annual 18-D Hall of Fame celebration.
5. The selection committee must complete the selection process by October 1st. At that time, the home clubs will be billed for the total cost of the plaque and must pay by October 15th to allow PDG President sufficient time to order the plaques for presentation.

Nomination Categories:

- A. All 18-D Past International Directors living and deceased may be automatically selected, provided their club nominates and agrees to purchase the plaque.
- B. Past District Governors who have served District 18-D may be nominated by the home club regardless of that club's current district designation.
- C. Each Lions Club having served in District 18-D may submit two (2) nominees, living or deceased, annually for possible induction into the Lions Hall of Fame.



**District 18D
Hall of Fame Luncheon
12 Noon, November 3, 2012
Watkinsville First United Methodist Church**

Dear Fellow Lions,

Since its charter July 1, 1947, District 18D has enjoyed a robust reputation for providing services to those in need and for providing quality leadership at the district, state, and international levels. Now as that history comes to an end due to the imminent redistricting, the District 18D Past District Governors' Association has announced guidelines for the final group of inductees into the District's Hall of Fame. This year's inductees and all past inductees will be recognized at a luncheon on Saturday, November 3, 2012.

You and your club members, along with your guests, are cordially invited to attend District 18D's Hall of Fame Luncheon which will follow the Second Cabinet Meeting at 12 Noon, Saturday, November 3, 2012. The location is Grace Hall, Watkinsville First United Methodist Church, 1331 New High Shoals Road, Watkinsville, GA, 30677. The Guest Speaker is Past International Director Buddy Ouzts of the Winder Noon Lions Club.

Tickets for the dinner are \$15 each. Tickets will be held at the door and will be issued by club. Please complete and return the enclosed order form with payment to Lion Dan Stuart by Saturday, October 20th.

NOTE: Church is located at the intersection of Route 441 and North High Shoals Road in Watkinsville.

Information regarding the Cabinet Meeting will be promulgated by District Governor Bill Holley.

Cost: Number of Tickets _____ @ \$15.00 Each = \$ _____

Club: _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone: _____

Please list attendees if known, to avoid duplicate orders.

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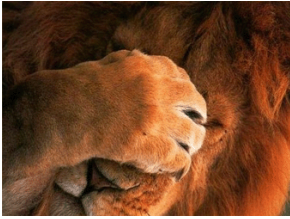
Please make check payable to: Lions 18-D HOF Luncheon
ORDERS MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 20, 2012

Remit to: Lion Dan Stuart
1080 Cumberland Road
Watkinsville, GA 30677

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.

Athens Campus Lions Club = We're back – Had a review of last year. We have a web site – aclionsclub.com – check it out. You can sign-up for membership online. T-shirts for \$20 and giving out club wristbands for those who want them for free. Membership speech about spreading the word on Lions Club. Activity Fair to be held on 5 September – need volunteers. Upcoming activities: LCI PR Department is coming to film us because of our fast growing campus club. Car-smashing event on 12 September – should be a crushing event. Local schools asking for tutors and getting involved with after school activities.

Buford Lions Club = We have accomplished collecting recycled glasses by continuously contacting friends and neighbors as well as placing collection boxes in the community, and since last December have collected 2000 pairs of glasses - and another way of how WE SERVE

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = We have had a Booth at the Gainesville Farmers Market most every Friday at 2:30 till 6:30 to sell Brooms and Mops and to get exposure for our club. We talked with the visitors to our booth about Lions Club, what we do and stand for. Have invited several people to come to meetings. The District Vice Governor Ed Hashbarger, which was filling in for District Governor and joining him we are Zone Chair Anna Mundy for the annual official visit. Ed spoke about the new look that our district 18D is combining with part of 18F to make district "I". We are having a meeting to meet and greet in November. We are planning to have a Pancake Breakfast in November working with a local church men group to have a successful fund raiser. We are also planning to be a big part of Clermont Days 2012 on September 14th and 15th in Clermont. We will be selling brooms and mops also we decided to try our hand with a popcorn maker and sell popcorn. Everyone is invited to come visit our booth and say hey!

Dahlonega Lions Club = Club has new meeting place =
Dahlonega Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
234 Hawkins Street
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

80th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday 29 September. RSVP by 14 September.

Dawsonville Lions Club = 17th Annual, John Gardner Memorial Golf Tournament, at Chestatee Golf Club, Wednesday, August 29, 2012



1st Grosse Winners Small



1st Net Winners Small



1st Woman's Small



Lions Golf 2012



Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee - Lion Jerry Legg reported that he had collected 30 eyeglasses, 2 sunglasses, 6 chargers, and 259 lenses. There were an additional 65 eyeglasses collected at the Car Show. **Sickness, Distress and Praise** - Lion President Greg Broussard gave an update report on Lion Bill and Alice Rosenberg's health. Lion Alice's knee sutures had been removed. She is still taking infusions for infection and having physical therapy. Lion Bill had moved from the Gwinnett Care Center to their son's home in Lawrenceville, waiting for his next knee surgery. **Committee Reports – Calendars:** Lion Jim Smith reported he had collected \$2,312 from the calendar sales. Ads generated \$1,400 of the total amount, in spite of difficult economic times. Lion Jim thanked everyone and asked for all monies to be turned in at the next meeting. **Vision Screening Training:** Lion Jimmy Mock announced that Lion Dwayne Ansley had contacted the Lighthouse and scheduled training for the vision screening for Monday, August 20, 2012, at 6.00 p.m. at Jackson EMC. Lion Dwayne also reserved two of the Vision Screening Machines for the week of the Annual Meeting. Lion Jimmy said that three or four more Lions need to be trained to help at the Health Fair which will be held at the Jackson EMC's Annual Meeting, September 20, 2012. Those helping with the vision screening would get a free meal at 4:30 p.m. and would be ready to screen people at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The following Lions volunteered: Nathalie Mize, Camie Thomas, Dwayne Ansley, and Jimmy Mock. **Car Show:** Lion Dot Hunt reported 24 Lions (which was 62% of total members, including Active, Affiliates, & Privileged members) worked a total of 500 man hours that included work done prior to show day, including passing out fliers since April through the first week in August, and buying supplies, etc. There were 95 cars/trucks and 3 tractors that were registered. Fifty-nine trophies were awarded to the winners in individual categories. The Lions Car Show made a profit of \$1,567.37. **New Business: Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI):** Lion President Greg Broussard announced the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence Annual Fundraiser. "This year's fundraiser is focusing on the need to support our military troops. CCI, through its Wounded Veterans Initiative, is placing assistance dogs with men and women who have been wounded in conflicts in Asian countries." A minimum donation is \$5 per donation slip or \$100 for 25 donation slips. Donations will be accepted through September, 2012. From the proceeds of this fundraiser, a club will be chosen in September to receive a \$2,000 cash donation to help support its community efforts. Lion Ronnie Moore made a motion for the Jefferson Lions Club to donate \$100 for 25 donation slips and Lion Jimmy Mock second the motion. The motion was approved. President Greg Broussard presented the Board of Directors' motion to donate \$500.00 to the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County to the Lions Club members. The Motion passed.

Program -

Look Ahead Calendar:

Upcoming Programs/Events:

- SEPT 10 Program, Wayne Garrison
- SEPT 24 Program, Don Lord
- Monday, October 22, 2012: Fall Picnic
- Saturday, March 16, 2013: Pancake Supper (Date not yet firmed up)

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = Golf Tournament: 12 October, 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS AND SMILING FACES! Fall Festival: 20 October, Loganville Heritage Festival "FUN, FUN, FUN!" WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS. Halloween: 27 October ? (Not sure on date) Trick or Treat on Main Street for children. July 17th induction ceremony. Congratulations, and know that LLLC is very lucky to have you and all of our great members. 29 September – Vision Screen in Monroe.



I attended Camp Kudzu (for children with diabetes) with other members of our District.

LLLC needs to see all of our members attending at least one meeting per month and if possible volunteer in some way when you can. We want to get to know everyone and getting together on a regular basis will bring us together as a family club. Volunteering together makes the time we give more fun! Showing support for another local fallen soldier as his family passed through Loganville. LLLC celebrates 1 year anniversary



Norcross Lions Club = Norcross Lions Club gave the following to the GA Lions Lighthouse for recycling: 46 glasses, 4 sunglasses, 7 cases, 7 cell phones, and 12 lenses Most of these were collected by Lion Marlene Porter at her church. PDG John Rudert worked at the Vision Clinic in Norcross. The Vision Clinic is run in conjunction with the GA Lions Lighthouse. Three persons were helped during Lion John's PDG John Rudert worked 31.5 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optics Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. The Norcross Lions Club voted to give \$100 to the Norcross Police Department Appreciation Awards Banquet to honor our outstanding police. Individual members of the Norcross Lions Club and their guests donated a total of \$55 to the GA Lions Lighthouse. The Lighthouse can get matching funds if they get \$80,000 from Lions. In addition, several members promised to send a check to the Lighthouse for this initiative. Last month we invited potential members to our meeting. One of those people heard about the GA Lions Lighthouse at the meeting and donated \$250 following the meeting. We are planning for the Norcross Art Fest which is the first full weekend in October.

Toccoa Lions Club = Go take a test drive on our club's website. We are currently featuring the peace poster contest. But if you want to buy a broom you can do that too. Oh if you want to apply for glasses from the Toccoa Lions you can do that too. If you just want to learn about a low vision issue you can do that too. You can link to all Lions charities off our website too.

www.toccoalions.org **Board Moves Pancake Breakfast to Saturday, October 13th** - Pancake breakfast chair Russ Paxton will be stepping down. Lions Steve and Bryan agreed to share the responsibilities of organizing the breakfast. They will ask Dave Stancil to help. **The Harvest Festival** will be run like last year's with vision screening on the porch of Dr. Kay's office and a craft booth out front. Lion Bryan moved that the club pay for a craft booth. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kay and approved. The Peace Poster entries will be displayed and will be judged on Saturday of the Festival.

New Format for Lions Calendar

The Toccoa Lions have published a community birthday and anniversary calendar for fifty-two years. The calendar project under the leadership of Drew and Margo Taylor has been earning the club a profit over \$2,000.00 each year.

The calendar for 2013 will be a twelve month picture calendar, like a normal calendar. The pictures will be the artwork done by the children in the Lions Peace Poster contest. The thirteen best posters will be published in the calendar along with a picture of the artist and a brief biographical sketch of the child. The poster contest is being advertised widely to get lots of children to participate for cash prizes and an appearance in the Lions calendar.

Photo Caption:

Lions Drew and Margo Taylor show off the prototype of the new twelve month picture calendar for 2013

Grandt Rousey Visits Myrtle Beach with Partner

The first weekend in August Grandt the Leader Dog traveled with Sheila and Roger Rousey on his longest road trip to date and visited the Atlantic Ocean. Sheila says, "Grandt got knocked over by a wave crashing in on him before he found his beach feet." She continued, "He got his feet under him and actually started playing with the waves." Grandt was born and raised in Nebraska and Michigan. He is familiar with snow but not the ocean. Everybody on the beach wanted to visit with him. On Sunday morning Grandt took the Rousey's and Gordon's to see the sunrise at Myrtle Beach. Then he participated in a devotional service conducted by the people with him on the beach. He was happy to return home to Toccoa after a long ride.



The Toccoa Lions 2012 Honor Roll is Presented by Graham For Lions year 2011-2012 the Toccoa Lions Club won the Governor's "Best Club in the District" award. "It is nice to receive recognition from the leadership in Lions," according to Bill Graham, Zone Chair. Graham continued, "It was an award that was earned quietly behind the scenes by all the hard working Lions in the Toccoa Lions club. This award happened because it was a true team effort with most of the credit going to the people you see pictured here in the Roar. The club runs itself and I just happened to be the club president when the award was made. Thank you for your service."



Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 3 applications for exams and glasses. **Activities:** Lions Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will be the second meeting in August at Meeks Park. Club members will bring side dishes or deserts. Lion Lisa presented the Lions Club posters that will be on display at the Chamber of Commerce. **Glasses Collected:** None **Programs:** 9 August = Our guest speaker was Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris who discussed the past, present, and future of Union County. His administration will continue to emphasize action to improve the future for young people. This will involve promoting jobs, especially in manufacturing and retail so it will continue to grow. He then discussed the SPLOTS projects. The Farmers Market has been a huge success. The canning plant will be up and running soon. He plans to continue to keep the County budget low. Union County has the 3rd lowest tax rate in the state. A question was asked about the old Chamber of Commerce building. It will be used by several veterans' organizations. In the future, the county plans to build on a meeting room that will be made available to civic organizations. 23 August = Entertainment for the meeting was provided by Lion Roy McKee who played several songs on the bag pipes. Lion Lisa presented a certificate of appreciation and Lion service pin to non-Lion Volunteers Roger Evans, Roger and Carol Rashid, Carol Neil, and Marlene Kenner for their assistance at the Georgia Mountain Fair. She also presented an Outstanding Lion's Award to Lion Mary Arnold for all her efforts in scheduling volunteers for the Farmer's Market and Georgia Mountain Fair. Lion Michael Thompson presented a brief program on what Lion's Clubs means to him. Michael stated that he probably would be blind without the support of the Lion's Club many years ago. **Membership:** Membership Chair Gray Williams then inducted new Lion Carol Neil. Carol's sponsor is Lion Mary Arnold. **Farmer's Market** – 4 Saturdays in August – 13 Lions and 2 friends worked a total of 110 hours selling hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community.



WORKING LIONS - 231 hours
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS – 264 hours
 Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions NEWS
 Articles: 2 submitted.

White County Lions Club – Power point presentation made by Lion Bill Mundy on History of LCI, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Camp for the Blind, Leader Dog, Camp Kudzu, LCIF, Canine Companions. We might have to look for a new location to hold meetings – will report later. We may sell brooms at the AgiFest in the fall or at the Leisure Acres Festival. Brochures and bookmarks were ordered and distributed to members to use in recruiting.

2012 DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday, October 12
12 Noon Flower Show - Opens and continues throughout the festival
Country Music Show
2 PM: Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band
3 PM & 8:30 PM: Aaron Tippin
8:00 PM: Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band and a host of other acts

Saturday, October 13
Country Music Show
3 PM & 7 PM: Barry Brothers
8 PM: Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band with a variety of single acts chosen from the Friday night show

Sunday, October 14
11 AM: Breakfast Worship Service with Crystal River
2 PM: Gospel Music featuring The Isaacs, Crystal River and others

Monday, October 15
Country Music Show
2 PM & 7 PM: The Grimsels and Wyan Espain & Friends

Tuesday, October 16
Country Music Show
2 PM & 7 PM: John Corliss and Brantley

Arts & Crafts
 Demonstrations daily with a variety of hand-drawn Art and Crafts
 10 AM - 2 PM | Mon. - Sat.
 10 AM - 6 PM | Sunday

Wednesday, October 17
Country Music Show
2 PM & 7 PM: Connie Smith, Steven Phillips and Midnight Express

Thursday, October 18
Country Music Show
2 PM & 7 PM: Ronnie McDowell and Mike Dole

Friday, October 19
Georgia's Official State Fiddlers' Convention
2 PM: Red Roots
3:00 & 9:30: The Osborne Sisters Band
7 PM: Competition begins. Categories include beginning fiddler, harmonica, buck dancing, dulcimer, dobro and old-time barns. Winners will be declared "Official Georgia State Champion." Featuring EMCEE: Barry Palmer

Saturday, October 20
Georgia's Official State Fiddlers' Convention
10:30 AM: Competition categories: senior fiddler, junior fiddler, bluegrass banjo, finger style guitar, banjo and mandolin
7 PM: Saturday finale to compete to be declared the "Official Georgia State Champion" for each category. Then, stick around for a "Fiddle Off" between Junior Fiddlers and Senior Fiddlers for the title of "Georgia Mountain Fiddle King"

Sunday, October 21
11 AM: Breakfast Worship Service with Palmetto State Quartet
2 PM: The Florida Boys, Palmetto State Quartet, The Talbert

Pioneer Village
 Features an authentically recreated pioneer town set against a backdrop of a riverfront with a mercantile store, one-room school, log cabin, barn, corn crib and smokehouse.
Authentic Demonstrations
 Of the old-fashioned art of Moonshine Still, Seed Spleting, Black Sash, Quilt Making and Pickin'.

Fiddlers' Convention | October 19-20, 2012
 Georgia's oldest and only convention of fiddlers, with cash prizes and winners in twelve categories visit GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com for detailed competition categories and cash prizes.

FAIR IS A PROJECT OF THE TOWNS COUNTY LIONS CLUB

GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUNDS

GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com

Towns County Lions Club = held its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night August 14, 2012. Club members welcomed Lion Bob Dawson, Past District Governor from District 35-D in Florida, and his wife who were in attendance. President Julie Payne read a thank you letter from the Mitchell family for the purchase of a bench in memory of Lion Gene Mitchell who passed away last year. Lion Ralph Grady made a request for volunteers to help refinish and paint the folding chairs in the auditorium. Six to eight volunteers are needed to complete the task. Lion Gene Jackson reminded club members that all nominations for new Georgia Mountain Fair Board Directors need to be in writing and are due by our next meeting on August 28, 2012. Lion Michael Annast asked club members to give a round of applause for President Julie Payne, who worked double shifts every day during the Fair.

After a meal provided by Daniel's Steakhouse, guest speaker Jerry Taylor spoke to the Club about interesting names of places in Towns County and the surrounding area. Taylor is a graduate of Young Harris College and North Georgia College and a retired Towns County Georgia History and U.S. History teacher. Having developed a keen interest in local history, he was appointed Towns County historian by past Commissioner Jack Dayton. He is also the editor of "Hearthstones of Home", the Towns County heritage book published in 1983.

Taylor shared some interesting history on how some places in the county were named. Hog Creek was so named because in the old days hogs were not fenced in but fenced out of gardens and other places. For some reason the mostly congregated near this particular creek and in the fall, their owners would come to the creek to round up the hogs they owned that were identified by a registered mark on each hog. Airline Road in Young Harris was so named not because there was any airport nearby but it marked the dividing line among "heirs" of the property at the time.

Many other examples were given of how streets and places were named. Taylor shared many humorous facts too. For example, in Young Harris, Coke was illegal from 1902 until 1929. It was considered sinful and known as "dope". Crane Creek was named for Andrew Jackson Crane, who moved here from South Carolina in 1864. He refused to fight for either side during the Civil War and refused to give help or refuge to either side. Taylor's presentation was enjoyed by all.

To close the meeting President Julie Payne reminded members that our next meeting will be on August 28, 2012, and we will have guest speaker Lion Steve Helwig from Athens our District Coordinator for LEO Clubs. In addition, we will be inducting the officers of our newly created Towns County LEO Club.

TOWNS COUNTY LEO CLUB

The Towns County LEO Club is in full swing now with officers being elected and activities already being planned. They have already assisted Lions with the White Cane Days event and plan on operating the Lemonade Booth during the Georgia Mountain Fair.

The LEO Club will also host fund-raising projects as needed to support their activities. Meetings will be held at TCHS once or twice monthly as deemed necessary by the club officers, sponsors, and membership.

Since the Towns County Lions Club sponsors the summer fair and fall festivals at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, our local LEO Club will also have the opportunity to participate as members of the Junior Fair Board. Beginning with the summer fair, active membership in the LEO Club will be necessary for participation on the Junior Fair Board.

Attending meetings and participating in club projects will provide community service hours which will improve your chances for scholarships and college admittance.

All high school students are encouraged to make plans to attend our first organizational meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 3:30 PM in Melissa Bridges' room. Contact Duncan Weekley or Erica Chastain at the high school for more details. Come join this exciting opportunity to enrich your life and our community!



ZONE CHAIRS = Lions Louise Little, Anne Mundy, Bill Graham, Gene Lyon and Wayne White. Out of Town was Mark Bradley

ZONE MEETINGS: All President's and Secretary's should plan to attend these meetings while inviting any and all of your club members that would like to come.

Mark Bradley, Region III Zone I Chair - 706-654-5693- marktireman@windstream.net

Friday, October 12, 2012 – Region Meeting
 Friday, February 1, 2012 – Zone Meeting

The Zone Meetings will be held at the Golden Corral in Winder and will begin at 7 pm. The time and location for the Region Meeting will be forwarded as soon we get it.

Bill Graham, Region I Zone I Chair - 706-779-6990 - blueberryfarm@windstream.net

October 8th, 2012 7pm at the Hartwell Lions Club, The meeting will be at Fletcher's Restaurant, Hartwell, GA.
 January 17th, 2013 7pm, Martin Lions Club, Martin Community Center. The topic will be the use of the internet for communications and training. The use of the District/State/LCI websites will be demonstrated and discussed including use of the LCI Training and webinars.
 April 2nd, 2013 7pm, Lavonia Lions Club, Lavonia Community Center, Lavonia, GA. Topic to be developed from issues and needs of Zone/District.

Wayne White, Region III, Zone 2 Chair – 770-875-6494 – limaal30052@yahoo.com

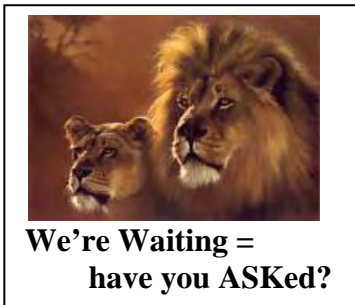
11 September 7pm, at the Garden Plaza in Lawrenceville
 12 October – Region meeting at Jefferson

Anne Mundy, Region II Zone II Chair – 706-864-5899 – annem@windstream.net

Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:00pm at Clermont North Hall Lions Club in Clermont. Dinner will be provided, the cost per person is \$10.00 and will include Grill Chicken, Green Beans, Red Butter Potatoes, Peach Cobbler, Rolls, Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks.

Louise Little, Region II Zone I Chair – 706 374 6638 - louiselittle1@hotmail.com

14 September, 7:pm at Steve's Steak House, 199 Wellborn St., Blairsville, Ga. This is the Union County Lions regular meeting place.



Did you submit yours?
 E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or
 Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or



GA. Lions Lighthouse
 VP Lion John Rudert, PDG
JRudert@comcast.net

Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

Regarding Lighthouse Services

What are the qualifications for receiving services through the Lighthouse?

The qualifications depend on the program.

For our eye clinics and glasses:

- Patients must have been a legal Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Patients may not have insurance that covers the service we provide. (E.g., Medicare covers eye exams, but not glasses. So patients covered by Medicare are instructed to get their exam and a prescription through their doctor, but we will help with the glasses.)
- Patients must have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty guideline. ([Click here for the 2011 Federal Poverty Thresholds](#))

For our eye surgery program:

- Patients must have been a legal Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Patients may not have insurance that already covers the surgery.
- Patients must have a household income below 100% of the federal poverty guideline. ([Click here for the 2011 Federal Poverty Thresholds](#))

For our digital hearing aid program:

- Patients must have been a legal Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Patients must not have insurance that covers hearing aids (many insurance companies consider hearing aids "cosmetic" and do not cover them. Therefore, simply having health insurance is not enough to preclude someone from receiving assistance with hearing aids through the Lighthouse).
- Patients must have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty guideline. ([Click here for the 2011 Federal Poverty Thresholds](#))



Service Numbers

From July 2012 to August ???

People having eye exams
were from 18-D

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the dispensation
were from 18-D

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

**Monday
 10 September
 Athens**

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



Taste of Chamblee this fall!
Benefiting the Lighthouse Foundation!
Saturday, 15 September - Downtown Chamblee
11AM-8PM

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

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



WHITE CANE

White Cane had its beginning in Georgia in 1980 as White Cane Day. We no longer limit White Cane to just a day in the year. White Cane donations equal about 1/3 of the Georgia Lions contributions to the Lighthouse. The goal for White Cane 2013 has been set for \$125,000. Over the last 4 years White Cane donations have averaged over \$118 thousand dollars per year.

As everyone knows, prices have been on the rise and the services offered by the Lighthouse are no exception. The present economy is creating additional needs at the Lighthouse to help those who have lost their jobs and subsequently, their health insurance. The money collected through White Cane is instrumental in changing people's lives. While it is usually no problem for a local club to purchase a pair of eyeglasses for a needy person, it would be literally impossible for a club to provide eye surgery needed to restore someone's sight. The money raised throughout the state for White Cane can be combined to offer services to people who, without the Lions of Georgia, might have no hope.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help them help others. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. One hundred percent of all money collected for White Cane goes directly to sight services. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2012 the best ever. Lions get an excellent return on their investment in the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is now able to get \$5 in services for every dollar.

Not only is this a time to raise funds for the Lighthouse, it also gives us an opportunity to be out in our communities and to educate people about the services that we, as Lions of Georgia, can offer. A chance to put hands and feet to our motto, "We Serve".

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

J. C. Coefield, Jr.
 MD-18 White Cane Chair
 478-922-9023
coefield@cox.net

Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events

12 September = Open House, Lighthouse from 7:30-9 am

15 September = Taste of Chamblee, Downtown Chamblee from 12-8 pm

3 November = Lions Lighthouse walk/5k Event start time 9 am

Youth clinics help to create a better Georgia



In the fall of 2011, the Lighthouse screened disadvantaged school children in the Whiteford Community in Atlanta, to find 50% with impaired vision.

Since then, the Lighthouse has taken steps to create a program focused solely on giving Georgia's youth access to vision services.

In recent months, the Lighthouse has hosted youth clinics in Fulton, DeKalb and Fayette counties, while also serving young people at our traditional clinics.

Since May, we have provided 95 children with eye exams and/or eyeglasses. The Lighthouse is continuing to build relationships with schools and youth programs in hopes that these efforts will contribute to our mission of fostering greater independence for our youth; giving them better vision so they may go on to build a better Georgia.



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
Ken Fuller
hiawasseeken@yahoo.com



My Fellow Lions,

Another safe and exciting summer camping season is in the books of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Our Director, Kristen Robinson, and her wonderful staff made it happen!! The number of campers this summer was up again from last year. We know we are doing the right things. The activities, the program and the demeanor of the summer staff are just what the campers need and enjoy.

Lions Day was enjoyed by over 200 Lions. Many of them were “first timers” who observed and learned about the Camp. Some of them enjoyed talking with the Campers. They now know what we are about and what a marvelous entity we have as Georgia Lions. Many thanks to all of those who helped.

Each Vice President has been given this year’s raffle tickets to distribute to the clubs in their District. We have changed the prizes a little this year. The grand prize will be a Gator or \$5,000.00. We have added 1 drawing for \$500.00 and 3 \$100.00 drawings. So you have many chances for \$1.00. The drawings will be at the February Camp meeting. We hope this will be a successful fundraiser for the Camp.

September is “Keep The Campfires Burning” month. We ask that clubs have a project with the proceeds going to the Camp to “Keep the Campfires Burning” at the Camp. We would appreciate your help in promoting this project.

We continue to work with the Center for Non Profits in Atlanta for ways to improve the Camp.

At the fall meeting on September 29 in Warner Robins, we will be voting on an Amendment to allow us to approve a new Constitution & Bylaws also at that meeting. This is in conjunction with the redistricting. It will allow us to have elections at the Winter meeting in February and at the District Conventions.

Even though Kristen is expecting a baby in October, she says we will have a Christmas Camp the weekend of November 30-December 2. This is always a very full Camping weekend with Campers of all ages. Volunteers will be needed to help cook and do various other jobs. It is a weekend full of the fun and love of the Christmas kind.

I am honored to serve as President of this great Camp. I do know how important it is to those we serve in so many ways. I hope you will feel this too.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Doy J. Barks
 President, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Lion Thoïs began the program by stating that although the Camp for the Blind was doing well, there is a need for more clubs to become involved. He said that last year’s report showed that the Clayton Lions Club, which is one of the smaller clubs, gave 8.9% of the total contributions to the Camp. He encouraged the Jefferson Lions Club to also be a major contributor. Additionally, he asked for names of any Jefferson Lions who would like to serve on the Committee for the Camp for the Blind.

The Board of Directors for the Camp are looking at restructuring the Camp and hoping to be able to seek corporate sponsors to assist in this project. The Camp had a bumper year with 194 campers this year. The Camp has increased about 40% each year for the first two years that the new director has been there.

Funding for the Camp remains a problem. There is a need for money to continue to support the Camp. One idea to raise money for the Camp is to have a Memorial Garden and sell memorial bricks. These bricks could be engraved in honor or memory of someone. Another suggestion to make money for the Camp is to have a raffle. An anonymous donor gave \$500,000 to be used only for Capital Improvements to the Camp. Construction is now completed. As of July 31, 2012, there is \$1,900 remaining, and it has been turned over to the General Fund with the donor's approval.

There will be a fall Camp meeting for the Board of Directors in September. This meeting will be voting on changes to the Camp's Constitution regarding: (1) changing the name of the Camp's Program from *Send-A-Kid To Camp* to *Keep the Camp Fire Burning*, (2) offsetting the cost of sending kids to the Camp, (3) having eight or nine Standing Committees, and (4) allowing Corporate Sponsors to be on the Camp's Board. Workers Compensation issues will also be discussed, as the cost has drastically increased because of the Climbing Wall and horses at the Camp.

Lion Ken Fuller, retired minister, past president of the Townes County Lion Club, and district representative to the Board of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross. Lion Ken explained that the Lions Camp is one of only two properties that the Georgia Lions own, the other being the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Chamblee.

This summer \$50,000 had to be borrowed to make necessary improvements to the camp. Therefore strong financial support is needed from the Lions clubs to repay that debt and to keep the camp functioning. It costs a little less than \$2,000 per camper due mainly to the cost of keeping a 2 to 1, camper to staff ratio. The campers range in age from age 4 to senior adults. A parent or adult sibling must accompany campers aged 4 to 6.

Lion Ken listed many goals that the Camp has for the campers include having a sense of accomplishment, lessening apprehension, encouraging others, taking initiative, socializing with others, knowing that there is a place in the world for them and that they can make a difference, encouraging them to try new things, helping them to realize that they are not defined by their disability, and, of course, having fun.

Lion Ken said that the Camp Board needed a representative from the club to serve on the Board. He encouraged pledges to the \$19.76 Society for a monthly pledge. He said that the annual raffle will be coming up in October and encouraged participation.

Lions of Multiple District 18

We need your help. By now every club in Multiple District 18 should have received your Camp for the Blind Raffle Tickets. As you can see there are five chances to win. **The Gator or \$5000.00 CASH, \$500.00 and THREE \$100.00 CASH Prizes.** The drawing will be held on February 4th 2013 at Centerville, GA. **Each ticket is a \$1.00 donation.** Remember, if you need additional tickets. Please contact me or your local Vice-President for the Camp. Thank you in advance for you service to the Camp.

No. 51861

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind, Inc.
5 CHANCES TO WIN:
GATOR or \$5,000 CASH
PLUS 1-\$500 AND 3-\$100 CASH WINNERS
Drawing to be held on February 4, 2013
at Centerville, GA
You do not have to be present to win.
Funds will help send a blind child to Camp and benefit
The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. 501(c)3
Must be 18 years of age or older
\$1.00 Donation

No. 51861

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC.
Saturday, September 29, 2012 – WINGATE MOTEL
RICK MIZELL, LIONTAMER, IS LOCATED IN ROOM 114

Saturday, September 29, 2012

9:00– 12:00 LEO MEETING MEETING ROOM
1:00 – 2:25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2:30 – 3:25 PLANNING COMMITTEE TBA
2:30 – 3:25 POLICY COMMITTEE TBA
2:30 – 3:55 BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING ROOM
3:30 – 4:25 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS TBA
3:30 – 4:00 AWARDS COMMITTEE TBA
3:00 – 4:00 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TBA
4:00 – 4:55 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
4:30 – 5:25 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE TBA
4:30 – 5:25 PR& PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE TBA
4:00 – 5:00 FINANCE COMMITTEE TBA

THERE WILL BE AN EASEL IN THE LOBBY WITH THE ROOM NUMBERS.

7:00 p.m. Dinner \$10.00
(Please make check payable to Georgia Lions Camp).
Centerville Lions Clubhouse – 612 North Houston Lake Road
Please bring a door prize.

Sunday, September 30, 2012

8:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING ROOM
11:00 a.m. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CENTERVILLE LIONS CLUB HOUSE



BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Please make _____ reservation(s) at \$10.00 per person for the Saturday night Camp dinner.

NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Checks should be made payable to the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind.

Please mail by September 23rd to: Lion Doy Barks
614 Todd Circle
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Or Doy may be called at (478) 923-5649

Or email at hankbarks@cox.net by September 26th.

Note: This is a new email address. If you do not get a reply from her, she does not have your email.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO BE FAIR TO THE COOKS AND THE COMMITTEE SETTING UP! PLEASE!!!

Memorial Gardens Brick Application form

Cost of each Brick: \$100

Sponsor or Applicants Address

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____

PHONE(H) _____ (C) _____

EMAIL _____



BRICKS MAY BE: IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF, TO AN INDIVIDUAL CLUB, LION, SPOUSE, FAMILY, OR A DESERVING DONOR. THERE ARE THREE ENGRAVED LINES ON EACH BRICK WITH A TOTAL OF 13 CHARACTERS (LETTERS) ON EACH LINE. Please FILL IN THE LETTERS OR NUMBERS NEEDED FOR YOUR BRICK. USE ONLY SPACES NEEDED.

Please mail this form ,with attached check to :

**Georgia Lions camp for the Blind
5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31503**

I wanted you to see a letter that we received from a parent. As a director, I could not be more proud of my staff. I hope that you too take great pride in what you read. Your camp is "making camp for the camper."

To the Director and Camp Staff:

I had to take the time to email you all to let you know how very impressed I was with your staff and overall camp operations. This was the first time my son attended the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and I must say it far exceeded my expectations. From the first time I called to get information I was greeted warmly by Mary who was so informative. She patiently and thoroughly answered my millions of questions(my son had never been away at camp before). Once we arrived at the property to drop my son off I was taken aback at how beautiful the surroundings were and immediately began to feel this was the perfect place for him to be. However, it wasn't until I stepped inside to check him in that I really experienced the high level of organization and professionalism that the staff had. The minute I announced my son's name I was informed that the kitchen had been rid of all peanut butter because of my son's severe peanut allergy. It was such a great feeling to know that someone made that decision(especially since it wasn't necessary) but it sure made me feel good. I felt like the staff really cared about my child! Oh, and soon found out that the staff not only cares.... they love the campers. Each time I called during the week, I got a detailed description of how my son was doing and exactly what he was doing. My son had an amazing time at camp! He met new friends and experienced a lot of firsts... and for that I say THANK YOU!!!

Continue the fine job you all are doing!!! It does not go without notice.

Sincerely,

Lavetris Singleton

P.S. My son is Jackson Bethel (Mr. Inquisitive)





Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey

Dear Lions and Friends:

Location Technology Update What's Happening with GPS



Since 2005 we have provided free GPS devices and training to hundreds of our clients who used the technology to greatly increase their confidence while traveling with a cane or a Leader Dog. In March of 2011 we began distributing free Kaptan PLUS GPS devices to all our U.S. and Canadian guide dog clients.

In December, Kapsys, the manufacturer of the Kaptan PLUS, stopped production of the devices. We currently have enough Kaptan PLUS units in stock to continue to distribute them for free to our guide dog clients through the middle of 2013. In addition, we will continue to provide tech support to our clients who have or will receive a Kaptan PLUS from us.

Kapsys is currently testing a new version of the Kaptan GPS. Early cost estimates are considerably higher than the Kaptan PLUS price of \$295 so we are researching possible location technology options to use in the future. We will keep you updated as we move forward in this process.

Become Part of our Facebook Community See What Everyone's Talking About

There's a lot going on at Leader Dogs for the Blind, and our Facebook page is one of the ways we keep you updated about what's happening. We post about fundraisers, events, news about our organization and our clients, photos and videos of people, places and dogs, and much more. We keep in touch with you in many ways—newsletters, our website, emails—but Facebook is our way of sharing our day-to-day news that you can't find anywhere else.

That's not all you can find on our Facebook page though. Leader Dog is more than just our campus in Rochester Hills. It is a huge network of clients, donors, volunteers, Lions and supporters all over the world, and many of them are on Facebook.

Our Facebook page gives you direct access to the thousands of people who are connected to Leader Dog in diverse ways. You can hear stories straight from our clients. Watch our Future Leader Dogs grow as puppy raisers share their progress. Learn about fundraisers happening in your community and how you can get involved. Share your own questions, comments and stories. Connect with the people we serve.



Leader Dog Mom Angel, shared by Frank Davis on Leader Dog's Facebook wall.

Visit us on Facebook at [facebook.com/leaderdogsfortheblind](https://www.facebook.com/leaderdogsfortheblind) today to learn more about us and become part of this Leader Dog community.

Cycling for Leader Dogs

A solo cross-country bicycle tour



Dear Leader Dog Supporter,

Trans-America Solo Bicycle Ride, Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine Approximately 3,500 miles in 51 days



Mark is riding without a vehicle escort from Oregon to Maine. He carries all his supplies on his body, his bicycle or in his trailer.

If You Don't Dream Big, You Can't Expect Big Things to Happen.

Mark Mansell, a school superintendent in La Center, Washington is always pushing his students to dream big. But as most great educators know, the best way to lead is by example, so Mark is dreaming big for himself and for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

This summer Mark is riding his bicycle 3,500 miles across the U.S., from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine, to raise awareness of Leader Dogs for the Blind and to raise at least \$35,000 to support Leader Dog's programs.

Mark first learned about Leader Dog as a member of the La Center Lions Club. So when he approached his wife Debbie with his idea of riding cross-country, and she suggested he ride to raise money for Leader Dog, he decided to go for it.

On June 16, Mark started his solo trip across the U.S. (and part of Canada). He plans on reaching Maine in the first week of August. Though he is alone on the road, Mark keeps in touch with family, friends, supporters and work via the internet by updating his [blog](#) and [Facebook page](#) every day. Though he will spend most nights camping, many Lions Club members along the route have reached out to support Mark with a place to rest and a warm meal. Both well deserved after 8–10 hours on a bike!

Good luck, Mark, and thanks for teaching us all to Dream Big!

Go to this web site if you wish to view the following:

Find [Cycling for Leader Dogs on Facebook](#) to see photos of Mark in action and get quick daily updates on the trip.

Visit [Mark's cycling journal](#) to learn more about the trip and keep track of his progress across the U.S.



[Donate at least \\$35 and receive a Cycling for Leader Dogs pin](#)

Visit www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org Connect with Mark on [Facebook](#)

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From the desk of State Chair Lion Fred Smith
lionfredsmith@gmail.com

An Innovative, User-Friendly Experience

An enhanced look and feel is on the horizon for the new Learning Ally website. Improved book search functionality, a new specialist directory to help parents find assessment resources, simplified ways to experience the benefits of audiobooks before signing up for membership, and a soon-to-be launched synchronized text feature are breakthrough updates that will help us better serve those who learn differently and all who support them.



MasterChef Competitor Says Learning Ally Satisfies Hunger for Literature

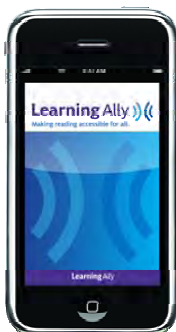
"I will likely be a member for life," explained [Christine Ha](#) when discussing how she relies on audiobooks from Learning Ally to access the printed word. Christine is using audiobooks while working towards a Masters in creative writing, but she's most recently captivating food-lovers' hearts as the first blind competitor on the FOX television series, *MasterChef*.



HEY! Members:

Start this school year feeling prepared instead of panicked!

Not sure how to download a Learning Ally audiobook and play it on your computer? Want to find out if you have the most up-to-date Learning Ally Audio app on your iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch? Does your DAISY equipment need to be authorized to play Learning Ally books? Start the school year feeling prepared and get into the Learning Ally swing of things. For assistance, visit our [Training and Support page](#) for live support online or call us at 800.221.4792.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiermom@bellsouth.net



Facility Dog Teal is also known as Doggie, Dog, Super T, Tealy Bear, Mr. Tiki, T-dog, T-friend and T the Helper. He is partnered with Melissa, an occupational therapist who works in schools and a private therapy clinic. He is partnered with

Melissa, an occupational therapist who works in schools and a private therapy clinic. Together, they are referred to as Melt—a nickname given by the special education students that Melissa and Teal work with.

"I see changes in my kids with just his presence in the room. T has truly made me a better therapist," shares Melissa.

Canine Companions for Independence Facts

Founded July 1975 in Santa Rosa, California

- 66 teams graduated year to date
- 262 teams graduated in 2011
- 232 teams graduated in 2010
- 243 teams graduated in 2009
- 206 teams graduated in 2008
- 200 teams graduated in 2007
- 1,721 active graduate teams nationwide
- 3,872 graduate teams placed from founding to date
- First Canine Companions team placed in 1976
- 1056 volunteer puppy raisers
- 134 volunteer breeder caretakers
- 132 active breeder dogs
- 3000+ active volunteers nationwide
- First member of Assistance Dogs International to earn full accreditation
- Several hundred Canine Companions release dogs are currently functioning in such human services roles as bomb searching, border patrol, customs, and therapy and guide dogs.
- Five [Regional Training Centers](#) and Two Satellite Offices:
 - [Santa Rosa, California](#)
 - [Oceanside, California](#)
 - Satellite: [Colorado Springs, Colorado](#)
 - [Delaware, Ohio](#)
 - [Medford, New York](#)
 - [Orlando, Florida](#)



Lion
Diabetes Awareness Chair



Downtown Atlanta Step Out

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Date: 29 September 2012
Location: Grant Park
Event Contact: Jessica Dunkinson,
jdunkinson@diabetes.org
For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES x3057

GOAL: **\$350,441.00** ACHIEVED: **\$40,133.89** DAYS TO
EVENT: **30**
NUMBER OF TEAMS: **142** NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS: **687**



Advocate Keeping a Child Safe

What happens when a school fails to provide diabetes care?

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North Metro Step Out

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Date: 6 October 2012
Location: Independence High School
Time:
Event Contact: Jessica Dunkinson,
jdunkinson@diabetes.org
For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES

GOAL: \$126,000.00 ACHIEVED: \$36,823.00 DAYS
TO EVENT: 37
NUMBER OF TEAMS: 51 NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS: 253

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2011-12 "Children Know Peace"

Trisha Co Reyes 13 years old Philippines

Sponsored by Manila Centennial Lions Club

One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

Essay Contest Guidelines

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

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr41.pdf

View past grand prize winning essays:

2011-2012 Lions International Essay Contest Grand Prize Winner Children Know Peace

By Mikaela Smith, Age 12, Indiana, USA

The American Heritage Dictionary defines peace as "the absence of war or other hostilities, freedom from quarrels and disagreements, inner contentment, serenity." I believe the simplest way to define peace is to ask or watch a child.

If you were to ask a child what they thought peace was, what do you think they'd say? Most children only know the world we live in because our parents protect us from the bad things going on around us. Because of this protection, we know not what the wars look like or what poverty is. We don't really understand fighting around us or in the world. Our minds are innocent. I asked a few children what they thought peace meant, and I got a wide variety of responses. One child said "Peace is no wars." I know a little about wars, because by brother-in-law was a soldier. My sister and other military families were not at peace while their loved ones were off fighting a war. When all our families can be reunited and the needless deaths can stop, this would be a start to a more peaceful world.

Another child said "Peace is getting along." Everyone needs to cooperate and communicate better with each other. Children generally do this daily. They talk a lot to each other sharing thoughts and dreams. If there is conflict, they work it out or walk away peacefully. Seldom, do they stay angry and are forgiving. They are not judgmental and accept people for who they are. They have not been taught to be prejudice. They remain untainted and innocent from the harsh reality of our unsettled world. For instance, I am visually impaired, but I am not treated differently because of my disability. I am accepted for who I am and what I can contribute.

I believe that watching a child is the best example that shows children know peace.

"Imagine Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

For more than 25 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2012-2013 Contest - "Imagine Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on 15 January 2012 from Club Supplies.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Dear Lions,

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest is "Imagine 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.

Although I am blind, I can hear and feel their laughter as they frolic together in the summer breeze. I can hear them suggest a food drive for the homeless shelter. I can hear them working together in unison. The sighted only needs to view what the children are doing. They can see them playing with a new friend they just met. They can see the way they communicate and get along. They can see the smiles of their happiness.

Adults know many things. They certainly know what peace means. Although we are only children, we can still teach. We have a different perspective of peace. Our imaginations are as endless as the sea. We should be watched and listened to, because, after all, children really do know peace.

Power of Peace

2010-2011 Lions International Essay Contest Grand Prize Winner

By Amy Bosko, Age 12, Illinois, USA

There are three simple solutions to peace. The three solutions are, eliminating war, communication, and respecting people's differences.

Many of our loved ones have died in wars. And regardless of where one is from, we can all agree that death is a tragedy that can be avoided. Soldiers are risking their lives and leaving families in fear wondering whether or not they will return home safely. There is a vast amount of people from various countries who have no food or shelter. Meanwhile, we are disputing over unnecessary topics such as race, money, and cultural differences, which leads to war! People should not be judged by who they are, what they have, or what they believe in. For instance, I am a 12 year old who has to cope with and accept my disability of being blind. I wouldn't want people to judge me for only that. I am no different than anyone else.

Everyone needs to put forth an effort to communicate in order to avoid conflict. Without communication, it would be very challenging to come together as one, and promote world peace. It takes a team effort to make the world a peaceful place. It's encouraging how the world works together in a synergistic union to make the world part of a more peaceful universe. If we don't respect people's differences, then we can't have peace. You can't just look at somebody and judge them because they are different.

For example, if your best friend suddenly became terminally ill, offer them moral support and try to see things through their perspective. This might inspire you to treat them more equally. Most people who are different are more aware with their other senses. I am blind. However, I have senses that make me see a clear vision for world

peace. I can hear the laughter of families floating across the borders of all countries.

Laughter and communication skills are universal languages. I can taste the various foods from across the globe, blending seamlessly together, making their way to the less fortunate. I can smell the clean air from everywhere knowing that everyone needs air to breathe and would enjoy feasting on the various aromas weaved throughout the world. Most importantly, I can feel the sense and feel the power of peace when I meet a stranger and offer a peaceful greeting without being judgmental.

People are different. People have much to offer, whether it be an act of kindness or discovering a cure for an illness. Joined together, different types of people are a powerful force and could inspire the world to function more successfully and peacefully. I may be blind, but I have the power to promote peacefulness on a daily basis.

All the things that I have mentioned should be practiced on a daily basis. If we all put our best foot forward, then the world would be a better place. So, as you can see, if we try to avoid wars, communicate more, and respect people's differences, we would have a more peaceful environment.

For More Information

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

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Whatever It Takes! - Stretching ourselves...

**9/29/12 MD18 LEO (GA) LEO 2012-13 2nd Council Meeting,
9 a.m.-12 p.m. Wingate Hotel Meeting Room 4031 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, Georgia
In conjunction with Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Fall Meeting**

AGENDA

"MAKE SERVICE, NOT SUCCESS, YOUR FIRST PRIORITY, AND SUCCESS WILL FOLLOW"
Wisdom from Mr. Steve

Enjoy the day of meetings interacting with Lions who love our Camp, too!

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

INSPIRATION AND INVOCATION

INTRODUCTIONS, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

(MD18 LEO Council Officers, LEO Club Representatives; LIONS-Council, Chairs, & members.)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA WITH FLEXIBILITY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT & APPROVAL

OFFICERS' REPORTS ON CONTACT-TREE ASSIGNMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

Eye Glasses Collections – message that glasses are in short supply – Please increase project activities.
Constitution and Bylaws overview

NEW BUSINESS

4 Goals and Priorities in Triangle Changing percentages:

GLCFB 1 year or 2? Raising funds? Etc.? Raffle tickets

Literacy Across the Board

Child Hunger

Teen Pregnancy

MD18 membership & participation (moved to the base)

Committee assignments

Calendar for 2012-13 meetings and activities

Officer/Committee Chair Priorities & Goals (2 min. each) Elected and Appointed for 2012-13

Other

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM LIONS

TAIL TWISTER DOOR PRIZES AND FINES

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