



<u>District Governor</u> Bill Holley

The Lions' Creed

Hello to my fellow lion members in District 18D. I hope this message find you and your family members in the best of health and spirits. Have you ever taken the opportunity to examine the Lions' Creed?

- Do we achieve success by living well, laughing often, and loving much?
- Do we gain the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children?
- Do we fill our niche; accomplish our task?
- Do we leave the world better than we found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul?
- Do we ever lack appreciation of earth's beauty, or fail to express it? Do we always see the best in others, and give the best we have?
- Are our lives an inspiration?
- Are our memories a benediction of ourselves?

Are We LIONS?

As lions it is our responsibility to live up to our expectations. The Lions' Creed helps us to address our responsibilities from a realistic point of view. Can we build our clubs with members who respect our Creed? I think we have, so let us help our members to reach their full potential. Our district goals are a true example of how we reach our true potential:

18-D DISTRICT GOALS:

- 1. The District should end the year with a net membership gain in each Club (preferably 10% or higher), growing membership by building stronger Clubs and increasing each Club's service to the community.
- 2. The District should charter at least one new Lions' Club and one new LEO Club.
- 3. The District should continue to work on developing and encouraging Lions to become leaders in their clubs and at district and state levels.
- 4. Each Zone should hold an Orientation Program.
- 5. Each Club should conduct at least two visible, publicized, community projects these might include vision, hearing or health screenings; purchasing eyeglasses for those in need; joint projects with LEOs and other Lions Clubs; participation in a literacy project.
- 6. Each Club should provide a monetary donation to each of the following: Georgia Lions Lighthouse, the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Learning Ally, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
- 7. Each Club should participate in White Cane & Send a Kid to Camp events.
- 8. Each Club should maintain a sound financial status, paying both LCI, State & District bills on time.
- 9. Each Club should strive to become more involved with Lions Youth Projects including sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest, the Lions International Essay Contest for visually impaired youth, LEO Club activities, Lions Quest, etc.
- 10. Each Club should work towards involving whole families in our projects more hands to do the work and more time with our loved ones.
- 11.Each Club should submit their Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) on time, in accordance with LCI requirements, and send an ELECTRONIC copy to the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary.
- 12. Each Club should hold elections in April 2013 and submit the Officer Election Report (PU101) to LCI and a copy to the District Governor and District Governor Elect no later than May 10th, 2013.

If we are able to complete our district goals, our clubs will demonstrate, we are not just members of an organization called Lions, but we are LIONS who lead by example: Together, we serve.



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

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.

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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

Please complete and return the enclosed order form with payment to Lion Dan Stuart by Saturday, October 20th.

Check on pages 14 for details.

November - Recognize World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day, November 14, aims to highlight the rising prevalence of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes in children and adolescents. It is estimated that 70,000 children under age 15 develop type 1 diabetes each year (almost 200 children a day). Begin organizing your diabetes awareness event now:

Plan a diabetes screening or organize a Strides
Walk for children and adults



Show the new film presentation, "Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam," to promote the importance of an annual eye exam and prevention of diabetic retinopathy. A DVD is available by order in English and Spanish.

Use public relations tools such as Public Service Announcements to promote diabetes awareness.

Learn more about World Diabetes Day and visit the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) Web site for additional community awareness ideas and educational materials—a Lions Clubs International partner.

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

Improving Local Communities

Facebooking the Future

Lions Reach Out through Social Media



The Crosby Lions Club uses Facebook to connect with members and the community.

Children First

Preparing Children for School



Lions in Virginia prepare children academically, socially and emotionally for their first years of school.

Collecting, Conserving and Cleaning **Local Water**



Lions in Maryland conserve water and help clean the Chesapeake Bay.

Ski for Sight

Giving the Blind a Chance to Hit the Trails



Lions provide fun through winter sports for the blind and visually impaired.

Crafting Peace

Giving Children the Chance to Depict Peace

Lions International Peace Poster Contest promotes artistic expression.

Moving Forward

Bringing the Freedom of Mobility to Children



Lions provide adaptive technology that allows children to walk, ride bikes and play.

Celebrating Earth Day

Improving a Community and the Environment



Lions come together to "green" up a local community park.

Walking for the Cure

Giving Hope to the Women in the **Cayman Islands**



Lions go the extra mile to raise breast cancer awareness.

Lions School in India

Raising Education to New Heights



Lions adopt a school and provide new, modern facilities.

Project New Hope

Giving Veterans and Their **Families a Chance to Heal**



Lions in Minnesota provide retreats for veterans returning from combat and their families.

VIP Carnival



Zionsville Lions reach out to some very important people in their community.

The Christmas Ship

Bringing Holiday Joy to the Pacific Northwest



Lions set sail to bring gifts and joy to children and adults in the Pacific Northwest.

Lions Clubs Phone App



Download the Lions **Clubs Phone** App to Stay Up to Date on Our **Latest News** and **Information**

Stay in touch with Lions Clubs International with your phone by downloading our Lions Clubs Phone App. With our App, you can access the following resources – at the touch of your fingertips:

- Videos from Lions Clubs International – and Lions around the world – on YouTube.
- Lions Clubs International Facebook page.
- Photos from clubs around the world on Flickr.
- Daily news updates from Lions Clubs International on Twitter.
- Lions Clubs International Web site, Club Locator and more!

Stay up to date on Lions Clubs International news and information download the Lions Clubs App from iTunes or the Android Market.

Diabetes Awareness **Month Activities**

Diabetes prevention is proven, possible and powerful. Eating healthier and getting 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week are two simple lifestyle changes that can delay or prevent diabetes.

In November, Lions have two special opportunities to promote diabetes awareness: November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month. and November 14 is World Diabetes Day.

> Learn more about diabetes awareness month activities your club can do to mark Lions Diabetes Awareness Month – and increase your club's visibility in the community.

Organize a Strides diabetes walk. It's an enjoyable and

exciting event that can attract families, community residents and prospective members to your club while promoting diabetes awareness in your area.



LIONS QUARTERLY





Watch LQ to learn about how Lions are distributing food and clothing.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lions Clubs Blog

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

Lions Club iPhone App

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

CONTESTS

Reading Action Program Rap Video

Read the nomination form to find out how to enter.

Lions International Essay Contest Visually impaired children

express their feelings of peace.

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,

Throughout this month, I have enjoyed meeting many of you at the annual Lions forums. While I was in New Zealand for the ANZI forum, I had the honor of opening a transitional community facility at St. Albans in the city



of Christchurch. This facility will support the ongoing needs of a community that was impacted by the earthquakes in 2010 and 2011. It was inspiring to see the hard work and the generous donations of Lions result in this project that will help so many people. This is what Lions do so well - we help people in need all over the world.

When Hurricane Isaac flooded parts of the United States, I was proud to know that many Lions made donations and supported relief efforts for this disaster. The same is true for the typhoons in MD300 Taiwan, Japan and Korea, as well as the flooding in the Philippines. Because of you, Lions can help these communities affected by disasters.

I am excited to share with you some of the other amazing things that Lions are doing through our Foundation. Just last month, LCIF <u>awarded grants</u> that expand Lions' efforts towards blindness prevention. <u>SightFirst</u> grants will treat diabetic retinopathy, equip hospitals, provide cataract surgeries and promote targeted eye health initiatives.

At the same time, Lions are expanding their support for youth through <u>Lions Quest</u>. The program is now in 72 countries, reaching more students than ever. Through grants awarded last month, students all over the world are learning important life skills, like how to deal with problems in school, avoid substance abuse and treat each other with respect.

In addition to Lions Quest and SightFirst projects, Lions continue to meet needs worldwide through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. We are close to meeting our goal of raising US\$10 million for measles to meet the Gates Foundation challenge grant. With each dollar raised, we can vaccinate a child against measles. With each vaccination, a child will not have to experience measles or its side effects - including blindness, and even death. I believe that as Lions, together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,



Wing-Kun Tam Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Recent Grants

USA, Louisiana, District 8-N - LCIF has given three emergency grants of US\$10,000 each to Lions in Districts 8-S and 8-N in Louisiana, USA, and 30-S in Mississippi, USA, for <u>disaster relief efforts</u> following Hurricane Isaac in the United States.

Kansas, Multiple District 17 – US\$100,000 was awarded to support and expand Lions Quest throughout the state of Kansas. Lions of Multiple District 17 will host 27 workshops where 445 teachers will be trained on program implementation. Lions also plan to launch a comprehensive publicity campaign; they will provide information about Lions Quest to each of the 296 school districts several times a year. They will also promote Lions Quest at statewide education conferences, and the Lions will work with all Kansas Lions Clubs on opportunities to support Lions Quest in their communities.

American Honda Foundation is awarding grants of \$20,000 to \$75,000 for innovative projects that emphasize youth education, specifically in the areas of STEM, the environment, job training and literacy.

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Each year, Honda's three North American-based foundations – the American Honda Foundation, the Honda of America Mfg. Foundation, and the Honda Canada Foundation – provide grants to non-profit organizations to build bridges to the future for our communities.

Since its inception in 1984, the American Honda Foundation supports organizations in the areas of youth, literacy, mathematics and scientific education and provides grants on a national level. The Honda of America Manufacturing Foundation was established in 1981, and it contributes toward youth and education programs solely in the specific hiring areas surrounding the Honda plant in Marysville, Ohio.

<u>community</u>, <u>education</u>, <u>foundations</u>, <u>local action</u>, <u>volunteering</u>, <u>youth</u>

Go to this web site:

http://csr.honda.com/community/honda-foundations/



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

SightFirst and Lions Quest Expand

Twenty-two grants were approved at the August SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting, totaling US\$4,748,351. As part of the grants awarded, SightFirst is



expanding into new areas of blindness prevention with the addition of research projects. These projects focus on causes of blindness and visual impairment in Indonesia and Bolivia, while focusing on trachoma and trichiasis surgery in Ethiopia and Tanzania.

The Lions Quest Advisory Committee also met last month and awarded 13 grants totaling US\$699,750. Through these grants, <u>Lions Quest</u> programs will be able to positively impact more than 50,000 students in Bulgaria, India, Poland and other countries. <u>View the full list of grants awarded online</u>.

Fundraising for Measles

Next month is the one-year anniversary of <u>the Gates</u> <u>Foundation Challenge Grant</u>. Have you or your club participated in any fundraising activities?

Past District Governor Cathy Garcia of District 4-C5 (California, USA) decided that she would shave her head to raise funds for the cause to eliminate measles around the globe. District Lions could cast a vote for Cathy to either "Shave" or "Save" her hair for a minimum donation of US\$10 per individual and US\$100 per club. Together, they raised US\$2,340 for One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative and Cathy *did not* have to shave her head.

If you have collected donations in a unique way, please <u>send</u> <u>us an email</u> - and you may be featured on the <u>LCIF blog!</u>

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



This infographic from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is simple yet telling.

In developing countries, a few diseases kill millions of children every year. Many of these diseases can be prevented with simple vaccines that cost just a few dollars per child. Less than \$1 vaccinates a child against measles for life.







Fellow Lions:

Volunteerism - Hmmmmm

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

Volunteers, a precious resource we cannot afford to lose.

Because I know I can contribute, I therefore believe I can volunteer my contribution.

Volunteers don't just do the work ~ they make it work.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

In doing your best serving others for free, a lot of eyebrows will raise and sneers will curve many a-faces. But in the end those incredulous to what you put up with to help, no longer matter. It's not between you and those snobs, but with whom you have given your hand to lift, and of course to God who Is watching and noting it in your book.

Inspired by Mother Theresa

If you're watching to learn.... Watch!
If you're watching for a break.... Speak up!
If you're watching for me to stop....leave!
If you're here to help.... Grab a shovel!

"Creativity is the serene wind that sails through our minds, carrying the embers of life."

"Deeds of loving-kindness are equal in weight to all the commandments."

-Jerusalem Talmud, Pe'ah 1:1

"The heart's intention is the measure of all things."
-Maimonides, Letter to Hasda HaLevi, 12th Century

"I believe in the spirit of sharing and I believe we are what we are because of those around us."

"I am what I am because of other people and they are what they are because of me being around."

"One hand cannot clap on its own but it needs the other hand to make a clap." "Many hands make light work."

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and to impoverish yourself if you forget the errand." - Woodrow Wilson

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.....



USA-CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

As a first-time attendee, I wasn't sure what to expect but was certainly not disappointed. At the Forum, I had the opportunity to meet other Lions from around the world, share ideas about fund raising and service projects, network, and of course, learn from all the seminars. Some of the highlights for me included meeting and networking with Lions from California, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Carolina, and West Virginia, just to name a few. We are all facing issues with our Lions Clubs from membership "aging" to lackluster meetings. It was good to hear how other clubs are dealing with these situations and the creativity they are using to fund raise and friend raise in their communities.

Next year's Forum will be held September 19-21, 2013 in Overland Park, Kansas. I hope you make plans to attend if at all possible. It is well worth your time professionally as well as your growth in Lionism.

Keep Roaring!!!





Dear Lion,

I was a lucky child. My hometown of Auburn, Indiana, USA, had a well-stocked public library. In fact, the school I attended had one, too. I even had books of my own. One of my favorites was *Journey to the Center of the Earth*.

Most children around the world, even in many developed countries, have little or no access to reading material and that is a key reason why one in four people of reading age cannot read. Illiteracy severely limits individuals and communities struggling with poverty, disease and other social ills.

We Lions are changing that. By participating in Lions Clubs International's global <u>Reading Action Program</u>, Lions are organizing book drives, donating computers and Internet service to local schools and providing books for very young children to new parents. See what your club can do to promote literacy by viewing <u>RAP Resources</u>. The resources and project ideas will help your club earn a <u>RAP Banner Patch Award</u>.

Because literacy depends on good vision or the ability to read Braille, this newest service program is intrinsically linked to our signature initiatives: sight preservation and service to the blind. We renew our commitment to sight yearly with World Sight Day and the Sharing the Vision Global Service Action Campaign, scheduled this year for October. Now is the time to plan your club or district's participation in this worldwide effort of all Lions. Please see Sharing the Vision for project ideas and other resources.

Reaching into new frontiers like literacy is one way that Lions are expanding our worldwide impact. Another crucial way is by establishing new clubs to bring Lions service to communities where it is needed and by increasing club membership to provide more and better service in those communities we now serve. Please work closely with <u>GLT</u> and <u>GMT</u> representatives in your area to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden International President

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.

Global Service Action Campaign

This month's Global Service Action Campaign, <u>Engaging Our Youth</u>, 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 <u>project ideas</u> and report your activities using the <u>Lions</u> Club Service Activity Report.







Measles Initiative

There is good news! Lions and LCIF have surpassed the halfway point in our effort, along with our partners, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and others, to raise US\$10 million to help save 157 million children through One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. The not-so-good news? Halfway won't get the job done. I challenge you to raise the remaining US\$4 million to meet the Gates Foundation challenge by the end of October.

Improving the health of communities is a key part of Lions <u>World of Service</u> and throughout the world measles wreaks havoc with the health of children. It can cause blindness, pneumonia, brain damage and even death. You can help prevent this by <u>making a gift</u> to One Shot, One Life. Please do it before October 31st!

Club Officers

Pit Stop One

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Your club should be actively engaged in <u>Pit Stop One</u>. Is your club on Pace to achieve the <u>Club Excellence Award</u>? If not now is the time to reassess your goals and get back in the race to Excellence.

Club Excellence Award

I want all clubs to strive to achieve the Club Excellence Award. The Club Excellence Award is simply a road map of success for your club. You need to start now and then stop at each Pit Stop and check to see that you are on the track to achieve the recognition. Check out the requirements to club excellence. As club president you will receive a nice lapel pin recognizing you as a Club Excellence Award President and your club will receive a nice banner patch recognition. I want all of you to be Club Excellence Award winners!!

District Teams

Fast Start Awards

The deadline for creating new clubs to qualify for <u>Fast Start Awards</u> is October 31. 38 district governors have already qualified for the award. By chartering two new clubs by October 31 you can be one of them!

District governors who charter two new clubs or achieve positive membership growth by the deadline will receive the Fast Start Cruising Speed Award. District governors who charter five new clubs and achieve positive membership growth will receive the Fast Start Passing Speed Award

Pit Stop One

Your district should be actively engaged in the goal setting and participation in worldwide initiatives of <u>Pit Stop One</u>, which runs through the end of September. Completing the quarterly Pit Stops will ensure you district qualifies for the <u>District Excellence Award</u>.

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 Dates/Times Webinar Description **Club Secretary Training Webinar Recording** How to login, submit Managing a Service • Tuesday, November 6, 2012: membership and service activity **Project PowerPoint Presentation** 10:00 AM Chicago Time reports, and use club member Thinking about planning a data new project focused on the Workbook • Wednesday, November 14th: Reading Action Program? 7:00 PM Chicago Time **Intended Audience:** Join this webinar to learn the Club secretaries who want to Session Q&As phases of project become more effective in using • Friday, November 16th: management. the WMMR site 7:00 PM Chicago Time **Intended Audience: Club Treasurer Training** Lions who are service **Webinar Recording** project managers or would How to login, run reports and like to be download club billing invoices, **PowerPoint Presentation** and how to submit payments online. This webinar will The Role of the Cabinet • <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 15, 2013</u>: Workbook include discussion of your **Secretary** 10:00 AM Chicago Time responsibilities as treasurer and The cabinet secretary plays a **Session Q&As** a demonstration of using the key role in communication, • Wednesday, January 23, WMMR site scheduling, and providing 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago resources and to the district Time **Intended Audience:** leadership team. The Club treasurers who want to secretary is the oil that helps become more effective in using • Friday, January 25, 2013: make the district team the WMMR site 7:00 PM Chicago Time function. Join this webinar to learn and discuss ways **Role of the Zone Chairperson** Tuesday, October 2, 2012: cabinet secretaries can be Learn how the role of zone 10:00 AM Chicago Time more effective. chairperson is vital to support of clubs, coaching club leaders and **Intended Audience:** Wednesday, October 10, 2012: motivating club leaders to a Cabinet secretaries 7:00 PM Chicago Time level of excellence. **Conflict Resolution** Friday, October 12, 2012: • Tuesday, March 12, 2013: **Intended Audience:** 7:00 PM Chicago Time Learn to recognize the 10:00 AM Chicago Time Zone Chairpersons benefits of conflict, and apply appropriate conflict- Wednesday, March 20, management strategies. 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago

Time

• Friday, March 22, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time

Intended Audience:

All Lions

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was a great experience. Numerous seminars were held on various subjects pertaining to Lions clubs and their leadership. If you have never attended a USA/Canada Forum, please consider attending next September in Overland Park, Kansas.

If you are a Zone Chair or have been thinking you might want to serve as a Zone Chair, you have an opportunity to participate in a webinar for Zone Chairs. Go to the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org and register for one of the webinars.

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

More seminars are being offered on the following website, www.lionstraining.us. They are:

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



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. Check out the info below

If you are a club officer, there are training courses available on the LCI website mentioned above. Let's all work together to make our clubs and our district stronger by having informed Lions serving in all positions. If I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If I can help your club in any way, please let me know. I can be reached at <u>graceclower@bellsouth.net</u> 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.



The expanded Certified Guiding Lion Program, initially designed for new clubs, provides Guiding Lions with the knowledge and resources to assist both new and struggling clubs. The newly revised program features six sections to improve club health:

- 1. Skills of a Successful Guiding Lion Assesses the Lion's personal leadership skills.
- 2. **Get off to a Good Start** Leads participants through the programs, materials and resources available to support club health
- 3. **Develop a Club Officer Mentor Team** Helps the Guiding Lion build a practical and job specific team of mentors to support the unique needs of each club officer.
- 4. **Design Club Officer Training** Provides an outline for delivering area specific club officer training based on the club's needs.
- 5. **Guiding Lion Resources** Acquaints the Guiding Lion with the reports that the Lion will receive to track the health of the developing club as well as other helpful resources.
- 6. **NEW!** Club Rebuilding The Certified Guiding Lion Rebuilding Assessment Form helps identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement so the Guiding Lion can adapt the course to meet the unique needs of a struggling club.

The course can be offered in a classroom setting or completed as a correspondence course. An instructor's guide is available for areas interested in hosting a workshop. Contact your District or Multiple District GLT Coordinator to facilitate the course.

To access to the course materials go to the Certified Guiding Lion webpage or type Certified Guiding Lion into the search box.

Once the course is completed, the Lion can be assigned to an existing club by completing the **Rebuilding Guiding Lion Assignment Form.** A list of current Certified Guiding Lions is also available from the WMMR/My LCI.

For more information, contact the English Language Department at ann.laube@lionsclubs.org.

<u>Pit Stop Two (October – December)</u>

Service

- Encourage clubs to participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: **Sharing the Vision**.
- Continue to encourage clubs to support a <u>Reading Action Program</u> and report their activities through the service activity reporting system.
- Participate in World Sight Day on October 11th.
- Encourage clubs to conduct the "<u>Community Needs Assessment</u>" as part of the Club Excellence Process (CEP).

Membership and Public Relations

- Conduct October Growth Membership Campaign with the GMT.
- Consider district-wide promotion of family membership opportunity.
- Review results of the "How Are Your Ratings" analysis conducted by clubs. Encourage positive change.

Operations

- Encourage potential leaders to participate in online **Leadership Resource Center Courses**.
- Assess progress related to district goals. Refine action plans.
- Continue to monitor the Club Health Assessment Report to track club health.

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	6502L-6	Lians Clubs Cotton Household Deck Map	6	\$17.10	5
	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
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DISTRICT 18-D HALL OF FAME

Lions:

Congratulations! The nomination(s) you submitted for your club members to be inducted into the District 18-D Hall of Fame have been accepted and approved.

It is your responsibility to be sure that the nominee(s) attend the Hall of Fame Luncheon on November 3, 2012 at Watkinsville First United Methodist Church . There will be a Cabinet Meeting at 10:00 a.m., and the Hall of Fame Luncheon will follow.

<u>IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SUBMIT THE RESERVATIONS FOR THE LUNCHEON FOR THESE NOMINEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS TO PCC DAN STUART NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20TH.</u>

I will send an invoice for the cost of the plaque(s) to you by email, hopefully this week. Thank you for nominating these deserving Lions, and we look forward to a large representation from your club to support their nominees. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks for all you do!





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

Dear Fellow Lions,

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.

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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.

Buford Lions Club = Assisting needy assisted needy patrons @ comm. center. Volunteer at Buford First Baptist Church - Kept Babies in nursery. Volunteer at Buford UMC - Helping in kitchen

Clarkesville Lions Club = Working at a thrift store - aid to homeless. Building handicap ramps - Jerry helped build 3 handicap ramps - aid to the elderly / disabled. Collected eyeglasses and hearing aids and collected a total of 38 cell phones. 22 lions worked the Chattaoochee Mountain Fair and worked a total of 510 hours.

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = The club members help with the 5K run at Clermont Days Festival and we had a booth at the festival to promote our Brooms & Mops Sales and we had a machine making popcorn for sale, allot of workers worked all day, and making contact with the community. Several people came by and talk with the members about joining. The weather was great. We also hosted the first Zone Meeting with 30 or more lions in attendance. The Catered Meal was really good and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Pictured from left to right Clermont North Hall Lions Club President David Sargent, Zone Chairperson Anna Mundy, DG William Holley, VDG Pete Stamsen. We have several project in the planning stages but nothing has been finalize but should be in the next month.



Commerce Lions Club = Aid to disadvantaged children - Mentoring elementary students needing help with school work. Honor Guard - Served as part of an Honor Guard at a funeral service for a veteran. Served at board meeting for local public library. Environmental - Recycled 27 large plastic bags of plastic bottles. Recycled 93 pounds of aluminum cans for \$48.36 net to Club treasury. Community Service - Lion assisted in the preparation of playing field for high school football game.

Dahlonega Lions Club = 80th Anniversary - William "Bill" Mundy, Anne Mundy, Bonnie Bowling: Each presented International President Certificate of Appreciation. Bonnie joined the Dahlonega Lions Club in October 2002. She was sponsored by her husband, Archie Bowling. She has served in various Club Officer Positions with the most recent being President for the year 2010-2011 / 2011-2012 and this year 2012-2013. She is very dedicated to the Dahlonega Lions Club and Lionism. One of the changes she brought to the club this year was a revision of the club committee system.

Dr. John Pearce and Brad Tyson were given Life Memberships from the Club. Here is a brief on each:
Dr. Pearce joined the Dahlonega Lions Club in 1970. He has been a member for 42 years. Served as Club President for years 1974-1975. He was inducted into the District 18D Hall of Fame in 1979. After his service as Club President he began a journey that greatly enhanced the geographically area in which he continued to serve those with a need. He served as District Governor 1979-1980 for District 18D. He was elected to serve a two year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the international convention held June 22-25, 1983. He served as chair of the Finance and Headquarters Staff Committee for the Board. He has even served the club as Tail Twister one year.

Brad Tyson began his lion's membership in another state. He moved his membership to the local club upon moving to Georgia and relocated t Dahlonega he became a member of this club. He served as Club president for the year 1986-1987 and was inducted into the District 18D Hall of Fame in 2009. Rumor has it that this lions is a super salesman of pancake tickets for each of our "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" Fundraiser. The Dahlonega Lions Club presented a Life Membership to a Lion who began his Lions Journey in Union, South Carolina in October 1966. Lion Brad Tyson has been a lion for 46 years 32 of which has been as a member of the Dahlonega Lions Club.

Myke Seabolt Lion of the Year 2011-2012



Dawsomville Lions Club = Meeting 10Sep - The board meeting was at 6:15 and reviewed next year's golf tournament plans. The regular meeting was at 7 pm and reviewed this year golf tournament and presented plans for next year. The plans for the Moonshine Festival were presented. Jerry Tragesser received his 15 year service chevron and David James received his Melvin Jones patch. 17Sep - Lion President Marty Horne introduced the Director of the Dawson County Senior Center, Margie Weaver. The Senior Center reaches out to 250 seniors per month in a number of programs like Silver Sneakers, in home meals, Medicare assistance and transportation. They have an' exercise and weight room for anyone over age 55. They have finally paid for the long anticipated elevator for the center which will be installed soon. President Marty presented a check for \$200 from our club to Margie to help with their expenses.

Forsyth County Lions Club = Sight, Hearing, & Family Services Committee - For September, services to 7 Forsyth County residents were provided at a cost of \$525. These services were in response to requests for eye exams, glasses or lenses, eye surgery, and hearing aids. Contribution to Leader Dog Program - A certificate and patch were received for a \$250 club donation to the Leader Dog Program.

Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee - Lion Jerry Legg reported that the Club had collected 11 eyeglasses, 4 sunglasses, and 1 cell phone. Sickness, Distress and Praise - Lion President Greg Broussard reported that he had received an email from Lion Alice Rosenberg describing the conditions of Lion Bill Rosenberg and her knee progress. Lion Alice is now at her son's home awaiting her knee surgery that is scheduled for September 19, 2012. Lion Bill had his knee surgery and is receiving rehabilitation at the Gwinnett Extended Care Center in Lawrenceville, GA. He is hoping to go home soon. Committee Reports — Calendars: Lion Dwayne Ansley reported that Lion Jim Smith had collected \$1100 for Calendars and \$1200 was still outstanding. Please bring your Calendar Money to the next Lions Club Meeting. Vision Screening Training: Lion Jimmy Mock reported that our Lion's Club would be providing the vision screening at the Health Fair which will be held on Monday, September 20, 2012, at Jackson EMC. New Business: Membership Growth Meeting: "Lions serve where we live, and we are ready whenever or however our community needs us. Join us in making our community and world a better place to live." See below meeting 24Sep. 9/11 Memorial: Lion Mark Bradley announced that there would be a Memorial Service at the Jefferson Civic Center on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, remembering the 9/11 Terrorist Attack on our Country.

10Sep = Lion Bill Legg introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Randy Mahaffey, from the Young Life Group. Young Life has 140 volunteer leaders who are trained to work with High School staff and students. Jackson County has 16 Young Life Volunteer Leaders who have completed one year of training and they work 15 hours a week, serving the community. Mr. Mahaffey introduced Ms. Maehan Messiha who is a Staff Associate with Young Life and works with High Schools in Jackson County with an objective of making Young Life an integral part of the Jackson County Community. Ms. Messiha gave us some history on the founding of Young Life. It is now celebrating its 70th Anniversary, Young Life is a non-denomination organization and partners with local churches, Young Life's goal is to build relationships with teenagers by meeting them on their turf; e.g., school cafeterias, school ball games, etc. Jefferson High School has been most supportive by allowing Young Life volunteers to have Club meetings and be present at ball games. Young Life sponsors two camp meetings per year, one in the winter and one in the summer. Camp gives young people a chance to unplug from their daily routines and where they can enjoy being with their friends and meeting other Young Life members. They can hear the gospel in a way that they can understand it. Young Life receives its financial support through their fundraising projects and donation contributions. 24Sep = A Membership Growth Meeting was presented by Lion Don Lord and Lion Edna Briggs. Club members were asked to invite family, friends, and anyone who may have an interest in our Club for dinner and a short meeting. There were four guests who attended. Four Lions Club members, Lisa Nilsen, Harold Fletcher, Dwayne Ansley, and Greg Broussard shared what the Lions Organization means to them. They spoke about the Lions' community volunteer work, sight conservation, vision screening, Georgia Lighthouse involvement with eye surgeries and new eyeglasses for the disabled, used eyeglass and hearing aid collections, youth projects, Camp for the Blind, Road Mile Cleanup, and scholarships. They also told about their lifelong friendships made through the local Lions Club and how the local clubs belong to the Lions International Organization which is the largest Service Organization in the World. They shared how the Lions Club gives one a connection to the community, Leadership skills, and by serving, they become an example to their children. Lion Greg shared a personal story about his brother who was born with a hearing disability and how his brother attended the State of Louisiana Lions Camp for Crippled Children in the summertime. His brother is now the Director of Pharmacy for the State of Louisiana. Lion Greg later became a Lions Club member, because of what the Lions Club meant to his brother.

Look Ahead Calendar:

Monday, October 08, 2012 Andy Garrison - Jefferson Mills video - Wayne Garrison

Friday, October 12, 2012 Zone 3 Meeting @ Centis Bank in Jefferson, 7:00pm Club Officers

Monday, October 22, 2012 Fall Picnic

Monday, November 12, 2012 Camie Thomas

Monday, November 26, 2012 Amy Carlan- Jefferson Public Library - Lisa Nilsen

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had 2 members attend the 60th Anniversary dinner of Snellville Lions Club. We had 2 members attend the 80th Anniversary dinner of Dahlonega Lions Club. We had 2 members attend the District 18D, Region 2, Zone 2 Zone Meeting. We had 2 members attend the District 18D, Region 2, Zone 1 Zone Meeting. We had 2 members attend the regular meeting of the Norcross Lions Meeting. Our Club is the home club of 2nd District Vice Governor for 18D. We donated 589 used eyeglasses and 680 lenses.

Loganville Lions Club = Food Pantry 12 hours - civic services. Lions Neal Byrd, Junior Hall, Jerry Gower and Dan Curry visited Snellville Lions Club to celebrate their 60th anniversary. A wonderful dinner was served and several speakers filled the program very well, including Lion Gerald Rawlins presentation of the History of the Club. 2012 Annual Golf Tournament held September 23, 2012 at Bear Creek Golf Club Monroe, GA. Weather was great 39 players on course. We had a hole in one cash prize of \$12,500.00 on hole number 7 and a Chevrolet pick-up on hold number 9. We sold mulligan's for \$5.00 each maximum of four per person, which included a chance for a 32 inch flat screen TV with each mulligan ticket. We served both breakfast and lunch and a good time was had by all. We have booked our 2013 golf tournament at Bear Creek Golf Clun for September 22, 2013. 2Sep - President Lion Dan Curry participated in a beautification project planting shrubs at the City Library, also spreading pine straw at the recently dedicated Lions Bench at the intersection of Pecan Street and C. S. Floyd Street in the City of Loganville, GA, 5 hours of service. Meeting: 17Sep - Our guest speaker Ms. Katie Murray spoke of how the Small Business Development Center could assist individuals wishing to start a business or an existing business owner in how to grow their business. The offer consultation, help in writing business plans, help on acquiring loans and seminars. Concluded by answering many questions. Specials reports--Lion Neal Byrd reported the community calendars are back from the printer. He handed them out to those present and expressed the need to get them delivered and money back into the Treasurer. Lion Danny Byrd gave the report on the upcoming Annual Golf Tournament at Bear Creek Golf Club Friday September 23. He reported we should have approximately 40 players, a good weather forecast, we have a good number of sponsors and a successful fundraiser is promising.



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. Holloween: 27 October? (Not sure on date) Trick or Treat on Main Street for children. Board meeting - September 11, 2012

President Chuck told us about a gentlemen who had stage IV cancer, homeless and needed help. Chuck had fronted him some gas money etc. This prompted the discussion that LLLC should have an Emergency Needs Fund for such immediate financial aid. A motion was made and approved such a fund. Further motions regarding the amount and who should approve such expenditures were also approved. It was moved to keep a certain cash amount available for such items with appropriate receipts and that the expenditure required approval of at least two officers- the president and/or vice-presidents. A motion was made to reimburse the First United Methodist Church for expenses incurred to make the home of Tom Gunter - handicap accessible. An amount of \$ 750 was approved. Mark Moore spoke about the Golf Tournament on October 12, 2012 and that we were behind on the number of golfers and sponsors for the sponsorship Book. More discussion followed regarding the prizes and sponsors and what was needed. It was decided to send an email blast to other Lions in the district. Mark asked for help in getting more golfers and sponsors. Secretary Fern Oakes presented three prospective members to be voted on by the board but the motion was denied until further information. Fern agreed to contact these three people to see if they were still interested in becoming a Lion and collect the initiation fee. Just wanted to share a few pictures from "Taste of Chamblee" and of our fellow member Tom Gunter taking his first steps after 4 months! Please remember to check out our website and facebook page to get ALL the latest and updated news!







Congratulations to Conrad Norwood as Leo's keeper for the month! Thanks for all you do Conrad.

Norcross Lions Club = VDG Ed Hashbarger, PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the Snellville Lions Club anniversary banquet. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa, FL. attended by PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert. Speaker: 2nd VDG Pete Stamsen Guest Lion Judy Stamsen VDG Pete discussed membership, the article in the Lions magazine about the Loganville Lion Club, Camp Kudzu, and the Golden Chain award. He inducted two new members Minako Webster and Wes Luster and presented Lion Judy Heron with a 10 year membership chevron. He reminded us of the next district cabinet meeting and the Hall of Fame luncheon to be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 in Oconee. The club made plans for the food booth at the Norcross Art Fest the first full weekend of October. We are looking forward to the Norcross Christmas Tree Lighting in Thrasher Park on Friday, Nov. 30. As usual the Norcross Lions Club will provide the cookies. Letters from President of the GA Lions Camp for the Blind Doy Barks and Vice President for District 18-D Ken Fuller were read. Tickets for the raffle to benefit the camp were given to the members. some tickets were purchased during the meeting. Optics Lab - PDG John Rudert worked 57 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse.





Saturday, October 6, 10:00AM - 6:00PM Sunday, October 7, 11:00AM - 5:00PM http://norcrossartfest.splashfestivals.com/

Snellville Lions Club = Snellville Lions Club Celebrates 60 Years of Service In The Community

On September 6, 2012, the Snellville Lions Club celebrated 60 years of service in the community. With 84 attendees, the event created a great deal of buzz in the Club and in District 18-D. Our Keynote Speech was given by Past International Director, Judge Haynes Townsend, and what a message it was! Understanding the value of moving forward with technology as it relates to club promotion as well as opening our doors and being more diverse as we work on growing membership, we are all working towards the same goal of serving in our communities. We had a number of Past District Governors, 2nd Vice District Governors, 1st Vice District Governors, Past International Directors, Past Council Chair, and District Governor Bill Holley. In addition, we were honored to have the Mayor of Snellville, Kelly Kautz, in attendance. It felt like a room filled with royalty!

It was a heart-warming sight to see all of the officers get together again and relive their times together as they lead in a number of capacities within Lions. Friends who hadn't seen each other in a long time were able to visit and get caught up on what was happening in their respective clubs.

Mayor Kelly Kautz re-issued the proclamation that was presented at an earlier City Council meeting to Snellville Lions President Patsy Spencer. She shared the value that the Snellville Lions bring to the community and how we have the support of the community, as we have a strong presence in many activities around town.

It was also an honor to have PID Townsend induct our newest Snellville Lion – Johnnie Collier. She was sponsored by PCC Grace Clower. (See attached photo). In addition, the Loganville Legacy Lions presented our Club with a plaque signifying their appreciation from Snellville as they began their new club. (See attached photo)

We are looking forward to many more years of service to the Snellville community as we grow membership, move forward with technology and become an even stronger partner within the fabric of Snellville.



Toccoa Lions Club = *Board Moves Pancake Breakfast to Saturday, October 13th* - Lions Steve and Bryan agreed to share the responsibilities of organizing the breakfast. Lion Steve Spruill announced that the next Pancake Breakfast will be in Saturday, October 13th. He will be passing around a sign-up sheet for volunteer workers. Tickets will be available at the next meeting to sell. *Programs:* **23Aug** - The speaker for the day was Fred Smith of Learning Ally, formerly known as Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. He is director of the Athens studio. There are currently 65,000 audio texts in their library. He said the organization is looking for students who have reading limitations due to physical or learning difficulties. The vision of the organization is to give everyone an equal opportunity to learn.

Mr. Smith said that the recordings made in the studio can provide information that text-to-speech reading

software cannot, such as information from charts, maps, and graphs.



13Sep - the clinical director of the Open Arms Clinic. He also acknowledged Michelle Jamieson, chairman of the board of directors at the clinic. Sherry thanked the Lions for their support over the years. Sherry related the story of a local businessman who was having financial trouble with the economic downturn and stopped buying health insurance a few months before he qualified for Medicare. He then became sick and was diagnosed with cancer. This man was able to get chemotherapy worth \$10,000

through the Open Arms Clinic. He had stated that he was unaware that the Open Arms Clinic was for people like him. He thought it was for homeless people and very poor. The Open Arms Clinic serves the needs of many people who are not necessarily living below the poverty level. Many are employed but just don't have health insurance provided by their employer and they can't afford it on their own. The Open Arms Clinic gives \$29.71 worth of care for every dollar donated. Since the clinic opened in February of 2007 a total of 804 people have received care and medications through the clinic. But we need to get the word out, and that's where the Lions can help. The most important part of Sherry's talk was her plea for regular donations and pledges to the clinic. The annual budget for the clinic is \$71,000.00 as most all the labor is volunteered by people in our community. Sherry and Michelle passed out pledge forms. If only 284 people in the community gave \$21.00 a month the clinic would make its budget. The clinic has almost run out of money a couple of times this year and needs pledges to assure continuous operation..

The Toccoa Lions Club Evening Branch Club had its initial meeting last night. We had a very good meeting and got commitments from 10 new people to join the Toccoa Lions Club. We hope that number will grow in the next several months because several people who were invited could not make the meeting. The driving force behind the formation of the Evening Club are Lions Bryan "Bryan the Lion" Gordon, Sheila Rousey and Dr. Kay Royal. This would not have happen without their dedicated service. We used several Social Networking tools during the meeting including accessing the LCI Website to show a Lions Video, a Google Hangouts session to allow a member in a remote location to participate in the meeting and a demonstration of our Clubs Facebook account which highlight the activities of our members. We have secured nominations for Club President (Kembra Landry), Club Secretary/Treasurer (Neal Allan) and Parent Club Liaison (Dr. Kay Royal).





Lion Kembra Landry, A member of the North Decatur Lions Club has transferred to Toccoa Lions Club. She is one of two Guiding Lions to the new campus Lions Club in Athens at UGA.



Can You Eat The Whole Stack?

Saturday, October 13, 2012 = 7:00 am to 10:00 am = Toccoa Elementary School = \$5.00 donation

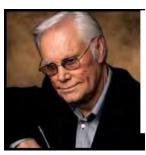




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Level 1: \$45.00 + Handling



Oak Ridge Boys December 1, 2012 (On Sale October 5) Tickets: Level 1: \$40.00 + Handlin Towns County Lions Club =
September 25, 2012 – Guest
speakers Skip and Georgia
Peters entertained the Towns
County Lions Club at their
regular biweekly meeting
Tuesday night sharing about
their love of the north Georgia
Mountains and Skip's new
vision of using scrap or
recycled wood to make unique
birdhouses and mailboxes along
with many other wood items.

During the meeting, President Julie Payne announced that the Give-A-Christmas program will be on December 15, 2012. She requested members to begin bringing toys for this event and to invite others to give. On November 13, 2012, the Lions Club will have its annual auction for Give-A-Christmas to help raise money to fund the event

The election for new Georgia Mountain Fair Board Directors will be on October 9, 2012 with Bruce Ferguson, Jack Anderson, Dan Paris, and J.T. Wilson being nominated for these positions.

President Payne said that Halloween on the Square is scheduled for October 27, 2012, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM, with the North Georgia Jeepers doing a jeep parade again. The Lions Club will have a booth to hand out candy for the children.

Winder Noon Lions Club = Assist with Blood Drive - The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This includes making sure all donors are provided with a snack and a drink after they have given blood. Recycle Glasses - 105 pairs of glasses were collected during the month of September to be recycled. Financial Assistance for the Winder Boys and Girls Club - \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club. This money is used to assist families with tuition and to purchase needed supplies to support the club. Assisted with the City of Winder 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony - The City of Winder held a 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Winder Fire Department on 9/11/2012. Thirteen club members supported this community event by taking part in the service.

Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 3 applications for exams and glasses 1 for glasses. *Activities:* Community Service Activities by Individual Lions - In September, 6 Lions had 110 hours for community causes including assistance at local food banks and animal shelters, the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center, Georgia Mountain Health program, and work with special needs individuals and veterans. Farmer's Market – 5 Saturdays in September – 15 Lions and 1 friend worked a total of 134 hours selling hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community. Glasses Collected: In September the club collected 10 used hearing aids. **Programs:** Our guest speaker was Toby Chandler of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. Toby discussed their latest program, the Buy Local Initiative. BEST of Blairsville and Union County – No charge to businesses but must be chamber member and pledge to buy locally when possible. Businesses receive marketing plan, full color poster, and customized certificate. For \$25 a business can become BEST of BEST which includes feature in Chamber newsletter, special notation on website and a t-shirt. Chamber is now running a Scavenger Hunt through town which includes 15 businesses and 5 attractions. On the second Weekend in September they are running their Buy local promotion. It includes 27 featured businesses that are offering at least 1 item at a 50% discount. Also plan holiday and student promotions in the future. September 27, 2012 Regular Meeting 21 members (62% Attendance) and 6 guests. Our guest speaker was Kim Bridges of the Union County Jaycees. The Jaycee's are planning to get back to the old days at this year's Sorghum Festival. Jaycee members will wear overalls and straw hats and will hold an old timers costume contest. They also will have a blacksmith demonstration and moonshine still. Helicopter rides also will be available. They will have a free concert at 4PM on the first Saturday. She discussed all the work that goes into the Sorghum Festival. The Jaycees grow and strip their own cane to make sorghum syrup during the festival. The money raised by the Jaycee's goes to scholarships and assistance to needy families. Much of the money they raise goes to a fund at the school to help needy children. She also discussed plans for old Fort Sorghum. It is being used by the 4-H for several functions including a haunted house. It also is available for other functions by civic groups. Following our guest speaker, Lion Lisa read a poem entitled "What is the value of 1 Member". Lion Bob Woods proposed the creation of a fundraising committee and discussed the possibility of a raffle for an item such as a laptop. The committee will consist of Lion Bob who will serve as chair, Lion Mildred, and Lion Susan.



Thank you Wal-Mart for donating \$1,250 for White Cane Fund going to the Ga. Lions Lighthouse. 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 – Terry Goodger, White County Commissioner gave a presentation about White County financial standing and economic development. Recent progress in White County includes increasing the board of commissioners to 5-persons, building the new jail, renovating an existing building to be the new tax office, building a new road department, adding a new recycling center. Terry told about the different taxes: LOST and SPLOST and how these projects were funded. Future plans include adding on to the Senior Center and constructing the bypass which ground has been broken on. Terry talked about the upcoming ballot which will include a vote to keep or get rid of the Freeport Tax. It is possible that getting rid of this tax in White County would encourage businesses to stay and more industry to move into White County. This tax requires business owners to pay a tax on all unsold inventory each year. 20Sept - This meeting was encouraging due to the fact that we had some visitors. We were pleased to welcome Bob Miller and Stanley Strickland. We hope they will continue to visit and become members. We were also pleased to have a visit from 1st Vice District Governor Ed Hashbarger. Ed explained some of the virtues of the Lions Club and encouraged them to become members. Ed also encouraged everyone to read the article on page 43 of the current Lions Magazine involving diversification pointing out that the Lions are involved in more than helping the blind. A Zone meeting will be held this Thursday the 27th at the North Hall Lions Club in Clermont .Everyone is encouraged to attend A Cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at 10:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Watkinsville, followed by a Hall of Fame luncheon at Noon. Two members of the Dahlonega Club will be inducted. Our Tail Twister Tommy Miller passed the Lion to collect from those who were late or had forgotten to wear their pin. Howard gave a summary of the Family Promise Ministry in advance of their presentation at the next meeting. An item on next meeting agenda will be a discussion on changing the second meeting of the month from the third Thursday to a different day to avoid conflict with the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours meeting held on the third Thursday of the month. I wish to thank Betty Goetz for filling in for Felicia and taking and typing the Minutes of this meeting. This Thursday is the White County Lions Club meeting at Ma Gooch 6:30 PM dinner followed by program by Bill House on Gold. His programs are very informative and as you all may know he is also the County Attorney as well as Chairman of the Board Peach State Bank in Gainesville.



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 Chairman - 706-654-5693- marktireman@windstream.net

Friday, October 12, 2012 – Region Meeting The meeting will be held in the Community Room of Certus Bank at 1465 Old Swimming Pool Road, Jefferson, Georgia 30549. We will begin with a catered meal from the Masters Table at 6:30 pm with the meeting to begin promptly at 7 pm.

Friday, February 1, 2012 – Zone Meeting

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

12 October – Region meeting at Jefferson – Check above for place and time.

Bill Graham, Region I Zone I Chairman - 706-779-6990 - <u>blueberryfarm@windstream.net</u>

October 9th, 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.

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





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/

Luminary Society = How do I become a Luminary Society Member?

The Luminary Society Membership is an individual giving program of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. A Luminary Society Membership is an honor presented to those who donate at least \$1,000 per calendar year or two people for whom a donation is made by other individuals. As a Luminary Society member you will be recognized in our annual report. You will also receive a distinctive Luminary pin. Donations can be made through our online donation page.

I made a \$1,000 donation to the Lighthouse a few years ago. Am I a Luminary member?

The Luminary Society was recently re-vamped as an annual giving program. Individuals are honored for their pledges and contributions beginning this calendar year. So individuals who made contributions in past years solely will not be recognized as current Luminary Society members.

Who can make contributions to the Luminary Society?

Contributions must be made by individuals. A group of individuals can submit donations on behalf of someone else, but this donation must come from individual accounts and not from a Lions Club. Contributions can be made in one sum, or in installments of any amount over a period of a year.

Do I have to be a Lion to be a member of the Luminary Society?

No, you do not have to be a Lion to be a Luminary Society member. Can I designate my gift for a particular purpose?

Yes! Any individual gift designated for the Trust Fund, White Cane, Regular Contributions, or in memory or honor of a loved one.

When I give a gift not designated for a particular purpose, where does it go?

- Vision Services
- Hearing Services
- Administrative Costs



Any gift not designated for a particular purpose will go into our general operating account. As seen in the above diagram, 70 percent of our operating funds go to vision services, 20 percent to hearing services, and 10 percent to administrative costs.

In addition to our low overhead, our volunteer doctors donate \$4 in services for every \$1 donated to the Lighthouse. So a Georgian in financial need receives \$5 in vision or hearing care for every \$1 you give. Please give today!

What if I have other questions?

We welcome your questions. Please feel free to call Sarah Epting at 404-325-3630 x 306 or email her at septing@lionslighthouse.org.



Service Numbers From July 2012 to 31 August

People having eye exams 49 were from 18-D

People have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** *72 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.

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

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







White Cane Helping the Eye Surgery Program

White Cane is the Lions Clubs of Georgia annual fund raiser for the Lighthouse Foundation's eye surgery program for the needy.

The Lighthouse Foundation provides over 400 sight saving surgeries annually to Georgians in need. The surgeries improve the patient's quality of life as well as sometimes enabling them to return to work.

The Lighthouse provides an eye surgery at 20 percent of the cost, so that for every \$1 Donated, \$5 worth of services is provided.

We need your support more than ever. To begin planning your White Cane fundraiser and for unique ideas, download a White Cane packet at www.lionslighthouse.org

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

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 vision 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 in blindness and visual impairment.

You will find a very helpful list of resources to plan and promote a "Sharing the Vision" project by going to the following link:

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Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events

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



Nakea's Story

Retina cancer survivor spreads awareness

Nakea Pennant underwent surgery for retinoblastoma (RB), a cancer of the eye, when she was three years old. Now she volunteers at RB Kids Day every spring. RB Kids is an outdoor picnic hosted by the Emory Eye Center that is devoted to children who have survived retinoblastoma.

Typically the only way to prevent the spread of RB is to surgically remove the eye and replace it with a prosthetic. This makes protecting the good eye imperative. The Lighthouse participates in RB Kids and fits children with nonprescription protective glasses to help shield their remaining eye. Nakea is now a very active high school junior; she loves to read and is a member of the Girl Scouts and her school's mock trial team. She is working to spread awareness for RB. She has raised money for Emory's research, and to earn her Girl Scout Silver Award, she is getting friends together to participate in a cancer walk next April. Nakea is even developing a ribbon for RB similar to ribbons worn for other types of cancer.

The Lighthouse is proud to support the work of the Emory Eye Center and Nakea who have committed to helping spread the word about the dangers of eye disease. For more information on retinoblastoma, visit www.eyecenter.emory.edu.



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind Ken Fuller

hiawasseeken@yahoo.com



Dear Georgia Lions,

Our Camp seems quiet now that the Campers are gone, but the office has been busy with the preparation for the Fall Meeting in Warner Robins. We have some great stories from the campers, that will inspire Lions to make this the best year ever!

The applications have been mailed out for Christmas Camp and some of the Campers are already counting the days until they can return. There is several that are in need of financial assistant to be able to attend.

Our Keep The Camp Fires Burning (KTCFB) campaign is well underway during this month. A few Clubs have already sent in their donations. Thank you so much!

Again, ALWAYS indicate on each check what Fund or Category the monies are intended for as well as your District and Club so you can get the proper credit.

Thank you for all your cooperation in this matter. If there's anything you need from me, please call or email me at glcblindsec@accessatc.net.

Merri

Hello Lions.

Wow, my back feels so much better! As you can see from the picture, clean up of large fallen tree limbs has become a lot easier. I don't have to hook up the trailer to the truck, and hope the chain saw will crank! If it doesn't, that means I have to drag limbs onto the trailer, pull the trailer around the camp, switch off and crank the truck every time I stop to pick up other limbs and debris, and not to mention getting it all on the burn pile the best way I can. This not only saves a lot of time so I can do other projects it tremendously reduces the risk of an injury! I ain't getting any younger, you know what I mean!

Having the frontend bucket attachment and the forks added to the tractor has already been very helpful in helping me perform my job. Thanks, Mr. Carey!



Clean up after the rain

There are many Lions that do things to help this camp in many ways! If you did not help with raising funds to help keep the camp open, or the hours you spend on work weekends and the meetings you have to attend, I would not be writing this news letter. Most of all, there would be A LOT of sad campers that would not have the experience of leaving their everyday routines for the excitement of coming to a place where they get to be with some old friends and maybe even make some new ones. So keep up the good work, and I hope to see you all soon!

Mike

Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind Receives A \$10,000 Donation!

On September 28, 2012, the Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind was presented with a donation that they were not expecting! Here is a bit of history on how this came about.

Lion Patsy Spencer (President of Snellville Lions, 18-D) has been in the Club for 14 years (beginning with Lioness) and her husband, Arty, works for W.W. Williams as the Transit Manager in their Atlanta location. Their son has been blind since birth and attended the camp as he was growing up.

W.W. Williams is headquartered in Columbus, OH and they have been in business since 1912, providing the highest quality technical and mechanical service and repair for diesel engines, transmissions, refrigeration, and power generation within the large truck and industrial arena.

To celebrate 100 years of service, W.W. Williams wanted to give back to the communities that were in close proximity to their sites. Lion Patsy provided research and information about the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind to her husband, Arty, that would be submitted for consideration at the Corporate HQ of W.W. Williams. After much consideration, the Camp was chosen as one of the recipients of their generosity, receiving a donation of \$10,000! A 100-year celebration was held at each location for W.W. Williams, which had strong attendance from their corporate leadership and a large number of their valued customers. There were 5 charities from the Atlanta area that received donations and all were well deserved. When the Camp was notified, they asked Lion Fred Carlson (one of the VP's for the Camp) if he would accept the donation on their behalf. Lion Patsy Spencer was also invited to attend by W.W. Williams.

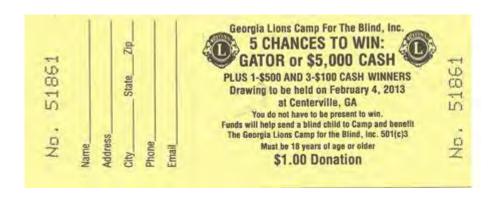
As companies find it more difficult to make donations in the current economic climate, W.W. Williams stands out as a company that realized needs within their communities and chose to celebrate 100 years of service by making a difference!





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.



Memorial Gardens Brick Application form

Cost of each Brick: \$100 Sponsor or Applicants Address

OR NUMBERS NEEDED FOR YOUR BRICK. USE ONLY SPACES NEEDED.

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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 camper. I hope that you too take great pride in what you read. Your camp is "making camp for the camper."

My experiences at GLCB:

My name is Angel Murphy. I am a long time camper of GLCB. I am 29 years old. I am from McDonough Georgia. I am totally blind. I have a prosthetic leg due to an amputation that I had to have when I was little. I have been coming to GLCB for 15 years. I enjoy every year.

The activities that we did this year were Artsy Fartsy, Alien invasion, and we also had a water slide, which for me, wasn't hard to do. I may have a prosthetic leg, but I don't let that stop me from doing anything that is set before me to do. I actually climbed the rock wall that we also have out at the camp. About a year ago, I climbed it all the way to the top. It was a little bit hard, but I just kept telling myself I can do it and to not give up.

Every year, Mrs. Kristen has these themes that she makes up, that she wants campers to try to see what goals that they can set for themselves. The reason for that is because there are some campers that come that haven't ever been able to do certain things because they either just haven't tried it before, they are afraid to do it because of their visual impairment, or their disability that they have. GLCB is a place that shows you that you don't have to be afraid to do things just because you're blind or you have a disability. You can do just about anything that you put your mind to do. To me, every year I see that with all the activities that we do or have done in the past few years, tells all of us that just because we are blind or have certain disabilities, doesn't mean that we can't try new things, and that we can push ourselves to do anything if we try. These are my experiences that I have to share of GLCB.





Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey

Dear Lions and Friends:

Face Transplant Recipient Receives Leader Dog

Dallas Wiens expresses appreciation for the support

By Andres Gutierrez



NBC 5 News A Fort Worth man who became the first person in the country to receive a full facial transplant has reached a major milestone. NBC 5 was there as Dallas Wiens showed off his new canine companion.

Dallas Wiens has a new companion in life. Charlie, a golden retriever, will now help the face transplant recipient navigate daily life.

"It's much easier to walk with Charlie than to walk with a cane to notice obstacles around him, he's actually trained to walk me around different things any obstacles that are in my path," Wiens said.

Wiens was the first person in the nation to receive a face transplant. It has been an arduous road to get this point, along the way receiving support from all over.

"I saw an out-pour of love and prayer and support from people I will never meet in my life, who have never met me, who will never have a chance to shake my hand," Wiens said.

On Sunday afternoon he thanked members of the Southlake Lions Club. The organization held a fundraiser to help Wiens get Charlie.

"The most important thing for him is to be independent," said David Wiens, Dallas' brother.

Wiens' parents are looking forward to what lies ahead for their son and his new friend.

"God has been faithful to that-- to pull him out and to raise him up higher," said Lea Wiens, Dallas' mother. "Deep down, he is our Dallas and that will never change."

HELP SOMEONE WHO IS BLIND BECOME A LEADER DOG CLIENT

Lions Clubs play an important role in helping individuals who are blind learn about and apply to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Since we count on you to direct potential clients to our programs and services, we thought we would tell you a little bit about our application process.

People who are considering applying to any of our programs can call Leader Dogs for the Blind and talk with one of our Client Service Coordinators. The coordinators can help people access our services, and explain the program requirements and application process.





One of the coordinators' responsibilities is to help clients get in touch with Lions in their home area. The client may need help with the application video, transportation to he airport or other small things that their local Lions can help with. Sometimes clients need assistance with dog food or veterinary costs—or they may just want to know how to join a Lions Club so they can help you continue to support organizations like Leader Dog. We include information about a local Lions club in each client's letter of acceptance so it is helpful for us to have a copy of your district's club directory so we can provide the most up-to-date and accurate information to each client.

Having club contact information is also helpful because we inform Lions Clubs when a client from their area is coming to Leader Dog. When you receive this information, please don't hesitate to contact the client coordinator who sent the letter to learn more about how you can help.

Thank you so much for helping individuals in your area learn about and apply to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Dear Leader Dog,

From the time volunteer driver Gary picked me up at the airport [to attend AMP training] to the time Dave and Carl, also volunteer drivers, made sure I was safely with an airport escort, I saw quality and concern from everyone at Leader Dog.

The orientation & mobility instructors were so caring and patient with teaching and understanding so that no one ever felt stupid or inadequate. It was a challenge with me not knowing anything about using a cane, but everyone was up to the challenge! Kim and Brenda in the dining room do a great job. Diane and Carol in Client Services are perfect for the positions they hold at Leader Dog.

I have told everyone who will listen that Leader Dog facilities are top notch not only for the clients and staff but for those wonderful dogs too.

Again, I can't thank you ALL enough for everything that you did while I was there. I'm already mapping out my rural route, my husband is helping, so that I can again walk it and I'm using my cane wherever we go.

Joanne Raczkiewicz





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

Dyslexia Warning Signs



Many young children struggle with reading. Causes of this frustration can be linked to learning disabilities such as dyslexia. Early detection and interventions can be extremely beneficial for children showing signs of learning difficulties.

Pediatric Neuropsychologist Nichole Dawson, Ph.D. helps families and children with reading and learning disorders. She has teamed up with national nonprofit Learning Ally to help inform the public about learning differences and their early "markers" or warning signs. Things to look for include difficulties with:

- learning the alphabet, identifying letters, and/or processing letter-sound relationships;
- learning nursery rhymes, preschool songs, the days of the week, the months of the year;
- learning to count and recognizing numbers;
- reading out loud (slow, "choppy" and error-prone);
- breaking word sounds apart, or blending them together;

Dr. Dawson also points to several other warning signs in children, including:

- a history of challenges in speech and/or language development;
- weak fine motor skills, messy handwriting and/or trouble learning to write letters, numbers, or even their own name;
- trouble with repetitive learning of facts, vocabulary, names of people and places;
- trouble with math, especially learning math facts and computation.

Children exhibiting some of these symptoms should be evaluated by an expert in reading impairments. Parents should seek out one of the following to initiate the evaluation process: school psychologists, pediatric neuropsychologists, educational therapists, and speech language pathologists.

Many children with learning differences suffer from low self-esteem as a byproduct of their reading challenges, and large percentages end up dropping out of school if they never receive help. However, there are many resources that can help children with learning differences achieve reading success. Early detection is key to success.

Learning Ally is a 65-year old national, nonprofit organization that helps individuals with print disabilities – including dyslexia, vision impairment, and other physical disabilities – achieve educational success, build confidence and develop reading independence. Learning Ally's audio textbook library of 75,000 digital titles is the largest of its kind in the nation, containing a vast collection of core subject textbooks for K-12 and college, as well as popular literature titles.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Article on Wounded Veteran's New Service Dog

John M. Peck knew Nasar would be his best friend the moment he set eyes on him.

Peck, a Marine Corps sergeant from Illinois with two combat tours under his belt, saw the honey-colored Labrador



retriever mix as his way to a better life. Now, after two weeks spent with Nasar at a Medford training facility, Peck knows Nasar has his back.

Nasar couldn't have come along at a better time.

Peck, 26, lost major parts of all four of his limbs two years ago when he stepped on an explosive device in Afghanistan's Helmand province. He has received extensive therapy and prosthetics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and now, as he continues to rebuild his life, he has met his future in a handsome dog that will help him navigate his life as a wounded veteran.

Peck was one of two wounded combat veterans who Friday will complete a two-week training session at Canine Companions for Independence, a Medford nonprofit that provides assistance dogs for the disabled, including veterans.

In one session, Nasar learned how to open doors.

"Side!" Peck commanded, as they approached an automatic door on the side of the corridor. "Push!"

Expertly, Nasar punched the button on the wall with his nose and the door sprang open. Seeing how smart and effective Nasar is, Peck joked that the dog might even help him get dates.

"He's hyper as hell, which is fun because he has so much energy," Peck said. "It keeps me in good spirits. Hopefully, I can teach him to catch a girl for me. He's the ultimate icebreaker -- a chick magnet."

Once off duty, Nasar is a high-strung, cheerful hound -- which Peck said is the perfect companion for him. During a break in training, Nasar happily bound around the dormitory room where Peck is staying at Canine Companions, playfully wrestling with another dog and pulling at a squeaky toy.

Multiple traumas involving amputations such as the ones Peck experienced -- which the Pentagon classifies as "dismounted complex blast injuries" -- more than doubled since the Afghanistan troop surge of 2009, the Defense Department announced last September.



Lion Diabetes Awareness Chair

American Diabetes Association. Touroe Cure



Where We Ride

With more than 80 Tour events spanning 43 states nationwide, chances are there's a Tour de Cure event right around the corner from you. Whether you're a returning cyclist, or someone who wants to join the fight against diabetes as a volunteer, rider, or Team Captain—joining the Tour de Cure in your neighborhood is easy.

We are currently updating our Google Map search with the 2013 Tour de Cure events...it will be available shortly. To get started, find an event near you using the state search drop-down menu above.



I'd like to volunteer for the Tour event in:

GA Atlanta

May 19, 2013

Why Become a Volunteer?

Each year, more than one million volunteers offer their time or resources to the American Diabetes Association to further the work of our mission. The Association is fortunate to have a diverse base of support in



communities all across the country. The Association's volunteer power is organized to accomplish our mission and ensure that we serve the diabetes community to the best of our ability with the resources we have available.

Be a Part of the Tour Volunteer Team

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please call 1-888-DIABETES to contact your local office to volunteer. The Tour de Cure depends on volunteers like you to help the recruit, organize, and help the event run smoothly! We need volunteers in the following three roles:

Committee Leadership

Take charge of a group of volunteers to organize one of the key event areas such as logistics, publicity or day of event activities. You manage the activities of a large firm, write its press releases, or organize conferences for thousands of people. Use your expertise to further the vital mission of ADA through volunteering your valuable time.

Committee Members

Every leader needs talented troops to accomplish the job. The committee chairpersons need your help in several route support functions such as communications, safety, medical and signage. Assistance is also required in securing food donations, scouting the route and planning the start and finish line setup, just to name a few. There's sure to be a job that matches your experience and interests.

Day of Event Volunteers

The day our riders have been waiting for has finally arrived. As an integral part of the Tour team, you can provide help in any of the following areas:

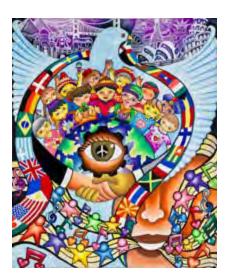
- Check-In Area Welcomes the riders, helps check them in and get them out on the route.
- Food/Water Areas Make sure riders are fueled properly with breakfast, lunch and lots of water!
- Safety & Security Help riders get on their way quickly and easily by helping with areas such as car and bike parking.
- SAG (Support And Gear vehicles) Drive the route to look for any riders needing assistance. Helps riders with mechanical problems and transports tired riders to the finish if necessary.
- Medical Treats injuries as necessary. We're looking for EMTs, RNs and others with a medical background.
- Mechanical Support Provides bicycle repairs and inspections for the riders.
- Motorcycle Escort Monitors route activity, cruises the course looking for any riders needing assistance, and tracks the first and last riders on the course.
- Route Marshals Participants who are experienced riders and serve as an example of safe riding.
 Marshals help ensure the safety of all participants by reminding riders of the rules of the road.
- Rest Stop Serves refreshments and offers support, encouragement and lots of cheering!
- Finish line Cheers riders in after completing their day, serves refreshments and distributes T-shirts.











2011-12 '' Children Know Peace''

Trisha Co Reyes 13 years old Philippines

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"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.

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.

For More Information

To learn more about the Lions International Essay Contest, please <u>contact the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Department</u>.

SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs and YOUTH

(and these will help adults as well) *** What are the characteristics of Service-Learning?

Encourage Curiosity and Seeking Answers:
One of the best ways a parent can respond to a child's questions is by saying, "I don't know. How could we find the answer?" Don't Stifle and Numb Creativity with Too Many Manufactured Toys: Resist buying every accessory marketed with the latest movie or cartoon character so resourcefulness will have room to grow. Allow children to grow in their play imaginations by coming up with their own games, thoughts, and ideas.

SERVE THE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

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ENVIRONMENT • LITERACY AND EDUCATION • CHILDREN

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT • HOMELESS/HUNGRY PEOPLE

REWARDS

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Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards recognize youth for their community service within a 12-month period:

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

Can you meet the challenge?

What Are the Awards?

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards recognize youth who provide significant levels of service to their communities. There are two award levels:

- The **Silver Seal Award** is for youth who provide at least 50 hours of service during a 12- month period.
- The **Gold Seal Award** is for youth who provide at least 100 hours of service during a 12- month period.

Each selected recipient receives a letter and certificate from Lions Clubs International, presented by the local Lions club at a recognition event.

Who May Participate?

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards are available to young people ages 12 to 18. Youth are encouraged to apply through a school or youth group working with the local Lions club

What Types of Service Qualify?

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards are intended to reward and encourage activities that have a significant impact in meeting the needs of local communities.

Types of service could include:

- Service with community or religious organizations, agencies, institutions or the Lions club.
- Service through school-based groups or courses.
- Individual efforts to help others and improve the community.

How Does a Young Person Apply?

- _ Obtain a Youth Service Tracking Form from a participating school, Leo club or youth group.
- _ Complete and record service hours, to accumulate at least 50 (Silver Seal Award) or at least 100 (Gold Seal Award) hours of service within the 12-month period.
- _ In advance of the deadline, submit a completed Youth Service Tracking Form to the adult leader of the participating school, Leo club or youth group.

Checklist for the School/Youth Group Adult Leader

- _ Make a copy of this page to retain for your information.
- _ Fill in your name as contact on the mini-poster on the opposite side of this flyer, then post it for students to see. Also announce the awards in meetings, publications and face-to-face conversations with young people. Encourage them to apply.
- _ Distribute copies of the Youth Service Tracking Form to interested young people. Keep a list of those who take the forms, and ask them about their progress on a regular basis.
- _ Collect Youth Service Tracking Forms in advance of the deadline.
- _ Summarize information from the Youth Service Tracking Forms on the School/Youth Group Award Certification Form. Make sure all information is legible. Lions Clubs International will use this completed form to issue letters and certificates for award recipients.
- _ Certify that youth have performed the service hours by signing the completed School/Youth Group Award Certification Form. Return the form to the Lions club in advance of the deadline.
- _ Coordinate with the Lions club to announce and publicize the awards. Arrange for recipients to attend the awards presentation. Plan to attend yourself.
- _ Include the Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards in your school's or group's future plans.

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2013 MD 18 CONVENTION

Augusta, GA

May 31 - June 2, 2013

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	Hospitality Books	MJF Luncheon tickets	Lion (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Oletary Restrictions (type)

Club:	Diatrict	
Address:	City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:	*	

Hospitality Book Includes: 2 District Breakfasts and District Governors Banquet on Saturday Night.

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2012 \$95.00 Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012 \$105.00

Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013 \$125.00 After April 30, 2013 \$140.00

Hospitality Books		0	each	Total Amt.:	1
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Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention		on Total An	Total Amount Due:		
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HOTEL INFORMATION:

Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites
2 Tenth Street
Augusta, Georgia 30901
706-722-8900 or 1-800-868-5354
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
Room rate is \$110/night plus tax
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

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TO:



Have All Lions Received the Word?

Make A Copy of This Bulletin

So We Can All Be Heard.

