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October 2013

We Serve

District Bulletin



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

We're Family and We Serve

When I joined Lionism, it was in a better looking Detroit. East Detroit Lions met every week and I was always picked up by a limousine (owner of the Fox Theater). This was the first taste of an outside family. There were many business men who made me feel at home. I went overseas and when I came back I was stationed in Quantico, VA. I transferred to the Quantico Lions Club and met the members who became my second family. Each new member that came in was given the one chance to say what they did and no more mention concerning work was ever mentioned again except after meeting hours. This was my first chance to get with one of the members who owned a TV store. I bought a new TV from him because he was family. One member was a manager at Sears – so I got my first credit card from him and also bought a washer and dryer. We took care of each other when need be and we also worked together in fundraisers and Serve the people. In years gone by I was stationed in Beaufort, SC. where again a Lion family took care of ourselves. I was able to get a new set of

tires from one of our members. After many years gone by and I was able to come to Norcross, GA. and got a job with JVC – I had the opportunity to continue to take care of my Lion family if they needed something. I also was able to get items donated in kind to the Georgia Special Olympics. Question – are we still doing the same today that we used to do in the past? Think about that.

During all the years and many Lions Clubs I belonged to – I remember that we always made sure that we supported all of our Lion initiatives first and the community second. We did not give to other organizations that got millions of \$'s from the public. We gave directly back to the community. High on the list were the Scouts and to this day I am proud to say that many of our Clubs are still supporting the Scouts. We also did many other things within the community by supporting co-op's, or a needy family, helped the Marines with their Toys-for-Tots, kept the side of the roads clean of trash, rang bells for the Salvation Army and all other kinds of things. We have been doing these for many years and can say that we are still doing the same today.

When we get new members – we have to make sure that they are assigned to a committee (what would they like to do?) and we would also give them a good history of the Club and what they did in the past and what we are doing now. We are Family and we take care of ourselves. If one club needs extra help – there is another club that can provide assistance. We become a larger Family. When all of the Clubs within the District give to our main initiatives – we become a much larger Family working together for our common goals. We become a much larger Family when a catastrophe occurs somewhere within our state or elsewhere.

I want to THANK each one of you for the support that you do within your communities and the support you give to our 4 main initiatives. Of course – in order to continue – we must add new Family members. Please do not forget that one word - A S K. You might have a good employee or a co-worker or a new neighbor or church member or someone you've seen before but never thought about asking. In one case we had an individual that just so happened worked for the Lions of Georgia for 8 years. It took 8 years – but it finally happened when someone asked Lion Jim Adams of our Lighthouse to become a member and join our Family of Lions. We got TWO new Lions when he ASKed his wife to become a member also. Gee – is this not AMAZING!



You have to get the word out.

Communication is the KEY!

Make sure you pass the WORD.

Yours in Lionism,
Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

18-1 District Hall of Fame and District Rally 26 October



Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming Hall of Fame and District Rally

Inform all of your members to mark their calendars 26 October meeting at:

Location – Watkinsville First United Methodist Church
1331 New High Shouls Road
Watkinsville, Georgia.

Training sessions to start at 9am = **Certified Guiding Lion/CEP Overview** - see page 8

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 11:00 am = what's the 4 initiatives?

Hall of Fame/Rally will start at 12 noon = who will become a Hall of Famer and our guest speaker will be PIP Jim Ervin with his wife Sharon.

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Cost will be \$18.00 per person. Come one, **come all...**

Check pages 40 and 41 and register now.

Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis. Check your email or mail box

Sharing the Vision

During October, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to lead the fight against blindness. Help us raise awareness of the importance of healthy vision and the causes of vision loss by planning activities in connection with World Sight Day, recognized each October. Or, organize projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community . . . by helping those who live with blindness and visual impairment. Go to:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad456.pdf>



Plan for Sight Night 2013. What do we do?

Decide who is going to organize and collect eyeglasses for your Sight Night activity.

Consider partnering with your Leo Club, Boy or Girl Scouts, Children Church Groups, schools, etc. Confirm the date for trick-or-treat in your community.

Planning Ahead

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

Barry J. Palmer

First Vice President



Register for the Club Excellence Process



Want to get your club on the road to excellence? Then register for the [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP)! CEP is a fun, interactive process that can help every club improve service, enhance its membership experience, and develop goals and action plans that will keep your club on track for growth and continued success. Clubs can choose between two formats: CEP Pro and CEP Lite.

- **CEP Pro** is a facilitator-led workshop for clubs that want a trained Lion facilitator to come in and guide members through the workshop.
- **CEP Lite** is a self-guided workshop for clubs that would prefer to have a member of their own club lead the workshop.

[Learn more about CEP](#), choose the version that's right for your club and [register today!](#)

Leo to Lion Program: A New Way to Grow Membership



Research suggests that young people who volunteer are twice as likely to volunteer as adults. Lions are supporting youth volunteerism through the Leo Club Program, and many Leos will continue to serve their communities into adulthood. To harness their dedication and energy, consider [inviting former Leos](#) to join your Lions club as part of October Membership Growth Month. You'll increase hands to do more service projects while ensuring your club's existence for many years to come. Help renew Leos' lifetime commitment to service by inviting them to become Lions.

Watch the New Season of Lions Quarterly

In the October issue of [Lions Quarterly](#) (LQ) video magazine, see how Lions around the world are making a global impact through the Reading Action Program – from creating mobile libraries that increase access to books to improving Braille and technology literacy. Watch Lions and Leos in Hawaii reach young girls in Afghanistan, and Lions in Australia restore and maintain a local wetlands environment. Finally, see how Lions in India are lifting people out of poverty through a microfinance program. So watch now, and remember to share LQ with your club members, project partners and community members. The video is available on [Lions News Network](#) (LNN) and YouTube.

Partner Spotlight: Reading is Fundamental



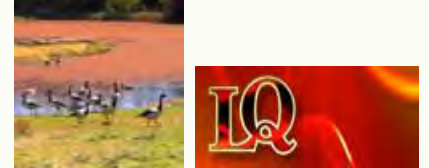
[Action Program](#), clubs and districts in

As Lions from around the world take strides to improve literacy through the [Reading](#)

the U.S. have an important opportunity to promote the joy of reading and lifelong learning. By partnering with [Reading Is Fundamental](#) (RIF), Lions can place books in the hands of the nation's most vulnerable children. RIF is the largest children's literacy nonprofit in the United States, and focuses on providing free books and literacy resources to low-income families. By giving children the opportunity to own books, RIF inspires children to become lifelong readers and achieve their full potential. To [learn more about how your club can partner with RIF](#) and how to get involved, please contact lions@rif.org.



LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions restored their environment. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/lq.php>

CONTESTS

[2013-14 Peace Poster Contest](#)

Purchase a kit for next year's theme, "Our World, Our Future."

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog for stories, news, photos and videos.

[Digital Lion Magazine](#)

The entire Lion Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Lions Quest and SightFirst Grants Awarded

During the August 2013 Lions Quest Advisory Committee meeting, 26 grants were awarded totaling US\$1,450,133. This is the largest LCIF grant amount ever awarded for [Lions Quest](#) projects! Through these grants, Lions Quest programs will support students in countries like India, Lebanon, Mexico, the United States, Zambia and more.

The SightFirst Advisory Committee met and awarded 32 grants totaling US\$7,475,345 in August as well. As part of the grants awarded, [SightFirst](#) will work to eliminate trachoma in Ethiopia, Niger and Mali; provide cataract surgeries in Nepal; establish diabetic retinopathy screenings in Brazil; create a low vision network in the United States; and more.

Sincerely,

*Lion Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*



USAID Partnership to Increase Literacy in Macedonia

Lions Clubs International (LCI) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have [announced an initiative](#) to increase literacy resources for children with visual impairments in Macedonia. LCI and USAID each committed US\$250,000 to increase the availability of early education opportunities in Macedonia and provide assistive technology and literacy resources. LCI's financial contribution was made possible through a [SightFirst](#) grant, awarded by LCIF.

Today's post is written by Lion Linda Madden, wife of Immediate Past International President and LCIF Chairperson Wayne Madden. Mrs. Madden just spent the past three days celebrating International Literacy Day with Christie Vilsack from [USAID](#), a Lions Reading Action Program partner, Andreja Stojkovski from Lions of Macedonia, and other Lions and partners. Read on for Mrs. Madden's recap of the events.

What an exciting week it has been! September 8 marked International Literacy Day, and I was honored to participate in various events, discussions and tours that focus on the importance of literacy and its connection with vision — especially for children.

As a former schoolteacher, I know how critical it is for children to develop early-grade reading skills in order to build a foundation for a strong education. And as a Lion, I understand the importance of vision screenings and its relation to education. With initiatives such as the [Reading Action Program](#) and [vision screenings](#) for children, Lions across the globe are helping children learn and read better every day.

Our first stop was to a library in Washington, D.C., where Christie, Andreja and I participated in a program discussing our shared goals of literacy for all. By working together with partners and stakeholders, including teachers, parents and disabled persons, we can advance our collective literacy and inclusive education goals. We also visited the Special Olympics Headquarters to discuss how we can work together to ensure social inclusion for children with disabilities.

- See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/09/12/international-literacy-day-recap/#sthash.VQ9cxJvO.dpuf>

Providing Disaster Relief through LCIF

- Each year the Foundation awards millions in grants for disaster relief. Over the last 10 years, the Foundation has given over US\$100 million.
- Mobilized US\$6 million for Haiti
- earthquake relief, US\$15 million following South Asia tsunami, US\$5 million for Hurricane Katrina projects in four U.S. states, US\$3 million for China earthquake and US\$3 million following September 11, 2001 devastation, and assistance for countless other catastrophes.
- Donors can be confident that funds entrusted to LCIF will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.
- Projects carried out by Lions in the community, a vast grassroots network of 1.35 million Lions members in 208 countries and regions worldwide.
- [View a video](#) highlighting LCIF's disaster relief work.



- See more at:

<http://www.lcif.org/EN/ourprograms/disaster/our-disaster-work.php#sthash.HgVxlZII.dpuf>



Editor's Note



SECRETARIES

Fellow Lions:

During my travels around the District, I found that many Lions have stated they do not get their Lions Magazine from Lions International. Please check with your club members and find make sure that each get their Lions Magazine.

If not, you might have to make sure their address has been reported correctly on your MMR. MMR's do have to be updated for any change in a Lions status.

Also, MMR's have to be reported each month even if there is no change – you have to report “No Activity”.

Is your web site or Facebook page UP TO DATE? Check it out and see what you find – it is embarrassing to for someone to see something out of date – not what you would call a recruitment tool. Please fix it and bring it up to date.

Also, your club might want to share your story with others. Go to this web site:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/submit-a-story.php>

Share Your Challenges, Triumphs and Unexpected Twists

Telling your story is a great way to share with other Lions what worked on a project, and maybe what didn't, so others can learn from your experience. Please submit stories on new and unique service projects and activities your club has organized using the Project Details form. In addition to helping other Lions serve their communities, your story might be featured in any number of future Lions Clubs International materials – including our [blog](#) and our page on [Twitter](#).



Lions on the Web

Go to this web site:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/lions-on-the-web/index.php>

Connect with Us Online



Save this on Your Smart Phone

Apple Devices:

In Safari tap the middle "Save To" button (above: looks like an arrow coming out of a box). On the pop-up choose "Add to Home Screen", enter a title such as "Lions Clubs", and tap Add. A Lions Club icon will appear on your Home Screen.

Android Devices:

Bookmark this page in your default browser (typically Chrome). Open the Apps drawer and go to the widget section. Find the bookmark widget and place it on your device desktop. Select the bookmarked web address when asked by the widget creation process. Now you can tap on the widget and the web address opens in your browser.

MEMBERSHIP



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



Just wanted to share my August email to club presidents with you...

Please take a moment to read my message below. I am asking club leaders to focus on keeping current members satisfied with their club experience. Be sure to check out the new *Membership Satisfaction Guide*, and encourage clubs to engage youth in an August service project. I have also encouraged clubs to get started with the *How Are Your Ratings?* survey so they can get their clubs prepared for the Club Excellence Process.



Dear Lion,

It's difficult to explain to people exactly what Lions do. After all, we do so much. It's far easier to explain *why* we do what we do – we want to give back to the community and make dreams come true. Your community needs you. In fact, it needs more people like you.

October is New Membership Growth Month, and I'd like your club to set a goal of adding at least one new member. New members bring fresh ideas, keep clubs healthy, and increase your ability to serve. When Lions sponsor and report a new member in October, they'll receive a [Membership Growth Award](#) Pin. And if your club adds new members in both October and April, you'll receive a Membership Growth Award Banner Patch.



Be sure to give your recruiting a boost with *Just Ask!*, and remember that men and women make great Lions!

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President
2013-2014

Promote Your Club in the Media!

Want to get more media coverage for your club? The new [club press release page](#) provides easily customized press releases that give you a fast, effective and inexpensive way to get more attention for your service projects, fundraising events and success stories. And when people know more about the great things you do, they're more likely to join. There's even a press release for recruiting new members, so download it today and get the word out!

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/communicating-your-activities/news-news-sample.php>

Sharing the Vision

Lions are known as "Knights of the Blind" for our proud history of devoting decades of service to helping the blind and visually impaired. We're needed today more than ever: 285 million people around the world are visually impaired. October is our [Sharing the Vision campaign](#). Encourage your clubs to focus on vision-related projects, and remind them to report their service stories through the online Service Activity Report.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

I have just returned from the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas. It was a great experience. If you have never attended a Forum, I highly recommend it. Next year, the USA/Canada Forum will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico September 11-13, 2014. Make your plans now to attend!

Meanwhile, back in Georgia, we are preparing for the next training event which will be Certified Guiding Lion and CEP Overview. This will take place at 9:00 a.m. on October 26, 2013, prior to our second Cabinet Meeting and the Hall of Fame Celebration. We have a great need for Certified Guiding Lions to help with new and struggling clubs in the district. Struggling clubs can also use the Club Excellence Process to strengthen their clubs. Please attend the CEP Overview and see how the process can help your club.

I probably say this in every article I write, but I can't stress enough how many training opportunities are available on the LCI website and through webinars. The webinar page lists all the future webinars. Check it out!

Your District GLT this year is Lion Pete Stamsen, Lion Steve Williams, and me. Each of us is handling different parts of the district. We are available to help you in any way we can with your training needs. Please contact any of us if you have questions or needs!

CEP Overview

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) helps clubs become more effective in service, communication, leadership and membership satisfaction. Essentially, CEP helps clubs do what they do better. CEP is now offered in two formats to meet the needs of our clubs: CEP Pro and CEP Lite.

In either format, a participating club will examine its community's needs, analyze its membership experience, identify club and LCI resources, and develop action plans to support your club goals.

Future Training =

February 22, 2014 – Member Orientation – Athens-Watkinsville Area

April 26, 2014 – Club Officer Training – Comer

If you want your club to excel in 2013-2014, please take advantage of these training events. Your club is only as strong as its leadership.

Thanks for all you do!

PCC Grace Clower

18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

What's New in the Leadership Resource Center

If you haven't visited the Leadership Resource Center (LRC) lately, now is the time to do so. In addition to the many existing resources, the new 2013 [Club Secretary and Club Treasurer Webinar materials](#) are now posted! You can view the actual recordings, as well as download the slide presentations, participant workbooks and answers to questions asked during the webinars. You can also download the newly revised [Nurturing New Clubs presentation](#) that can be adapted for your needs. Visit the LRC today for these valuable new materials.

Lions Learning Center Course: Team Motivation

Are you a part of a team, or the leader of a team? Is your team successful? Understanding how a leader can increase motivation of your Lions team is a key to achieving your team's goals. Each individual team member has his or her own personal motivators, but the team—particularly its leader—needs to understand what influences and motivates the team as a whole. Take the Team Motivation course in the Lions Learning Center to learn about the 50/50 rule and see a Lions project team in action using five motivational strategies that can increase your results by up to 37 percent.



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.

Upcoming Webinars

Leadership Resources on the Web

Participants take a tour of available materials and discover how web resources can assist club and district leaders/officers. Focus on the Leadership Resource Center and its role in developing the skills and knowledge of Lions leaders.

- [Wednesday, November 6, 2013 1:00 pm](#)
- [Friday, November 15, 2013 8:00pm](#)

Intended Audience:

All Lions

Past District Governor Resources

Past District Governors, this webpage is designed for you! You have a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to help your club, district and the association move forward. This page will keep you informed, so you can stay involved and further develop your leadership skills!

Stay Informed

As a leader, you need to keep up to date. The links below provide access to latest news and information!

- [President's Message](#) – Featuring the President's Theme and special initiatives
- [Summary of Resolutions](#) – A summary of the most recent board actions
- [News and Events](#) – The latest events and timely topics
- [Newswire](#) – LCI's online newsletter features new initiatives, videos and projects
- [Club Health Assessment](#) – To track membership growth, reporting trends and the overall health of the clubs in your district
- [International Constitution and By-Laws](#) – The most current version of the International Constitution and By-Laws. This is updated following the International Convention.
- [LCIF](#) – Information on grants, projects and special initiatives
- [Division Contacts](#) – Need more information? Click here for a list of contact

Stay Involved

Stay involved and share your knowledge by becoming a mentor!

- [Presentations for Speaking Engagements](#) – Click here for a list of professionally developed presentations for club meetings, district events or other functions
- [Mentoring Program](#) – Information on how to mentor new leaders to carry on the Lion's tradition of service
- [Dispute Resolution Procedure](#) – A valuable tool to help solve conflicts and misunderstanding

Consider using the following tools when recruiting new members:

- [Club Brochure Template](#) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mk20a.pdf> and [Instructions for Using the Club Brochure Template](#) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mk20b.pdf>
- [Be A Lion Customizable Brochure](#) http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr3_brochure_ltr.pdf
- [30 Marketing Ideas](#) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/mk97.pdf>

If you have any questions related to the revision and distribution of the New Member Induction Kit, contact us at memberops@lionsclubs.org.



Just Ask!



**Join the club.
Make a difference.**



Why Volunteers Remain Committed

- They feel appreciated.
- They can see that their efforts make a difference.
- There are opportunities to deepen their level of involvement.
- There are opportunities for personal growth.
- They receive private and public recognition.
- They feel capable of handling tasks assigned to them.
- They enjoy a sense of belonging and teamwork among colleagues.
- They are involved in the administrative process, such as problem solving.
- They recognize that something significant is happening because of the organization's existence.
- Their personal needs are met.

Why Volunteers Lose Interest

- There are discrepancies between the stated expectations and the reality of the situation.
- There is no one easily available to offer support, leadership or guidance in difficult situations.
- They receive no praise for their efforts.
- They do not feel that their efforts are making a difference.
- The tasks assigned to them are too routine or lacking variety.
- They receive a lack of support from co-workers.
- There is little prestige related to the assigned task or group.
- There are no opportunities for personal growth.
- There are few opportunities to express creativity or demonstrate initiative.
- There is tension among co-workers.

It has been clear that wherever Baby Boomers go, they bring change. And for the next two or three decades, this unprecedented generation will have both the time and resources to make a significant contribution to Lions activities.

Capture the attention of Baby Boomers with recruitment tools available from Lions Clubs International.

- The [Boomer Recruiting Guide](#) summarizes the volunteer habits and attitudes of the Baby Boom Generation and offers recruitment techniques. Distribute the [Boomer Brochure](#) (pdf) and [e-Brochure](#) filled with testimonials from Lions members representing the Boomer cohort.
- Six [Boomer Posters](#) feature key themes and ample space for your club to add your own message. Download the [Boomer Print Ad](#) to use for your public relations announcements, communications and newsletters.
- Request the Baby Boomer Kit to receive a sampling of materials. Contact the [Membership and New Club Operations Department](#).

For more information about recruiting baby boomers, contact the [Membership and New Club Programs Department](#).

“Boomers” Recruiting Posters

Looking to raise awareness for your Lions club, district, or multiple district project, activity or event? Do you want to encourage community-minded “Boomers” to join with us to make a difference everyday...everywhere?

Use these attractive, eye-catching, posters highlighted below to ignite your Boomer campaign recruiting efforts. Each poster can be downloaded in an 8-1/2” x 14” format for public display purposes. Just add your club contact information at the bottom of the poster.

Choose the poster or posters which best convey your message and place them in prominent, high-traffic areas to promote a high level of awareness. To download the posters, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader.

For more information, email boomers@lionsclubs.org



[“Remember When You Wanted to Change the World?”](#)



[“We Serve...Like Never Before”](#)



[“We’re Building Community”](#)



[“We’re Helping the Young”](#)



[“We’re Advancing World Health”](#)



[“We’re Exploring, Learning, Growing”](#)

Visit our online Lions Store <https://www2.lionsclubs.org/> to order these and other fine Lions products

Commemorative International President Special Lapel Tack



This handsome lapel tack is inspired by the "Follow Your Dream" design selected for use on the official presentation version of the 2013-2014 IP Palmer special lapel tack. The Commemorative International President Special Lapel Tack measures approximately 7/8" round and is striking in a polished and matte gold plated finish. Quantities are limited, be sure to order yours today. US\$2.95 each.

Visit our online Lions Shop to order this lapel tack and other fine Lions products.

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

These products and more are available in our online Lions Shop

A Great Fund Raiser...

Nexstep Commercial Products, formerly known as Cornelia Broom Company and France Broom Company—Exclusive Licensee of O-Cedar—is now the new and only Official Broom Supplier to the Lions! Nexstep Commercial Products manufactures 100% American Made Lions Clubs Corn Brooms in our Paxton, Illinois facility. For over 75 years, the Lions Clubs Broom Sale has proven to be a major fund raising event that is a very easy way to generate funds.

Here's what your fellow Lions have to say:

"Broom and Mop Sales have been a mainstay of our Lions fund raising activities for over 67 years. They are a useful product used by every household and many businesses. Many of our members and all year for our annual Broom and Mop Sale to make their broom and mop purchases. In these hard economic times, Lions Clubs Brooms and Mops have become the symbol of a quality product sold to support a worthy community project."

Lion Bob Walker
District 18E
Columbus, Georgia

"When I was inducted into the Lions of Tallahassee 62 years ago, broom sales were our major fund raise. To this day, broom sales remain one of our major fund raises. Selling brooms produce many dollars for our projects and affect us the opportunity to be seen and heard in the community."

Lion Chuck Mohr
District 6F
Tallahassee, Florida

"The Lions of Spartanburg, South Carolina have been selling brooms to the public for over 30 years. During that time, the Broom Project has been a major fund raise and our year with many repeat customers."

Dr. Eugene Spass
DC 2008-2009, District 6A
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Again, Lions Clubs Brooms and Mops are the symbol of a quality product sold to support a worthy community project.

See your selection of fund raising products and order form on back!!

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 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ Contact: _____
 _____ Requested Date for Merchandise Arrival: _____
 Ship To: _____

PRICES ARE EFFECTIVE ON ALL ORDERS SHIPPED IN 2011

Case Quantity	Item #	Description	Case Pack	Case Price	Extended Price
	1002L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Household Broom w/Velvet Finish	12	\$81.00	\$
	1003L-BC	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom w/Hanger Cap	12	\$64.80	\$
	1003L	Lions Clubs Deluxe Corn Household Broom	12	\$63.60	\$
	8107L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Janitor Broom	12	\$99.00	\$
	1007L	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom	12	\$87.00	\$
	1007L-B	Lions Clubs Warehouse Corn Broom w/Band	12	\$88.20	\$
	8400L	Lions Clubs Large Angle Broom, Flagged Bristles	12	\$68.40	\$
	2104-6	Kleenette 100% Corn Kitchen Broom	6	\$41.10	\$
	6402	MaxiSoft™ Plastic Broom (Assorted Bristle Colors)	12	\$66.00	\$
	6202-6	100% Corn Toy Broom	6	\$14.70	\$
	86208L	Lions Clubs Lobby Dust Pan (Use w/#6208L or #6202-6)	6	\$44.40	\$
	3007	100% Corn Whisk Broom	12	\$30.00	\$
	6506L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Industrial Deck Mop	6	\$33.00	\$
	6502L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Household Deck Mop	6	\$17.10	\$
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CLUB REPORTS



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

Athens Classic City Lions Club = Purchased memory brick for Camp for the Blind for \$100. Gave \$1000 to GA. Lighthouse Foundation based on award to us from the Milledge Ave. Baptist Church Foundation. Worked at OUR Daily Bread (mission to feed the homeless). Served 58 people.

Buford Lions Club = Assistance to Individuals aid to the elderly / disabled - Lion Joyce helped elderly person to move. Lions Earl and Tom selling ads for the 2014 Calendar and Verifying & checking dates. Lion Sue and Earl Benson attended Buford Business Alliance meeting Lion Tom got printing done on brooms. Also met with Lion Earl to discuss the advantages of selling brooms. **1st Thursday at 1:00 pm** - Kevin Clary a guest at two previous meeting Joined at today's meeting, "welcome aboard Kevin". We also had one guest present, Bill Scott. We started selling our Buford Lions Club Birthday Calendars, a major fundraiser for our club. we are also making plans to double our order for good old GA. pecans this year and are making plans to get them sold and distributed.

Carnesville Lions Club = "The Carnesville Lions Club met on September 16, 2013 at Carnesville City Hall. 18I 1st VDG Vicki visited the club. 1VDG Vicki told the Lions about several organizations that the District & State support including Leader Dog, LCIF, GA Lions Camp for the Blind and GA Lighthouse. She gave a very inspiring talk about a Leader Dog session she had recently attended in Macon. 18I Zone 1 Chair Bill presented Carnesville Immediate Past President Ken McKinney with a Leadership Certificate from PDG Bill Holley. The club then discussed some business including recent fund raising events and a request to help a young man with eye glasses. Carnesville President Owen, 1st VDG Vicki and Secretary Sid at Carnesville Lions Club on Sep 16, 2013 Zone Chair Bill Graham presents Immediate Past President, Ken McKinney a Leadership award from PDG Bill Holley



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = The North Hall Lions Club held its first annual 5k run and 1k walk "North Hall Lions Club Cupcake Challenge" it was held in conjunction Clermont Days Centennial Festival in Clermont on Sept 21st, it was a busy week for us. The pre-race started on Thursday and race end was around 9:00 am Saturday, then we had a booth at the festival (in the rain) where we sold brooms and mops. Gave away balloons and J&J Food Store shopping bags, Walgreen Pharmacy brought water and other stuff. We have been planned this for two or three months. It went real well. The runners and cheering teams line the streets of Clermont. I believe all had a good time. It was a fundraiser and a great exposure for the club. The volunteers and sponsors was working hard to make this a great success..... At our first meeting in September our Lions President Jack Campbell told the membership about the Camp for Blind Foundation and how it works and what it does. Review of the upcoming events and what he has planned to have in the future. We are still getting the calendars fund raiser project together to go to the printer..... The third bi-annual Pancake Breakfast will be come up soon and we have a committee working on this project. It is schedule for October 19th 7:00 am to 11:00 am at the club house at the corner of Oak and Spring Street in Clermont..... At our second meeting we had special guest Zone Chairman Greg Hicks visit and talk to us about membership and ask that we work at getting more membership. We will be doing a cleanup day before the Pancake Breakfast on October 19th, clean up is schedule for September 28th..... The Town of Clermont and the Clermont Historical Society is having a Square Dance October the 26 at 7:00pm to benefit the Clermont Historical Society as they work to preserve the history of the North Hall County and Clermont area. Contra & Square taught by caller Doug Singleton and live music by provided by Mountain Mayham. All ages and skill levels. Cost will be \$5.00 / \$20.00 per family. More information about the Square Dance call 770-983-7568..... One our valued members pass away this month Dick Garnite Taber 94 he was a Naval Aviator WWII in the Pacific Theater on the USS Enterprise and a Distinguished Flying Cross recipient. He will be greatly missed by the club and Clermont North Hall Area.



Comer Lions Club = Comer Lions Club had the pleasure of a visit from DG Ed Harshbarger. Ed installed our officers for the new Lions year. Below is the 2013-2014 Comer Lions Club officers. Comer Lions were able to help sponsor Lauden Ernst for his People To People trip to Australia. He was chosen among thousands of middle schoolers in Ga. He came and gave us a presentation of his trip and he was accompanied by his family. We were honored to help such a fine young man. Below is Lauden with his family and Lion Sue Carithers student liaison. Comer Lions have agreed to sponsor the Boy scouts in the area and use a building on the Club grounds. Below is Greg Schultz of the Boy Scouts and Lion H. D. Cannon. September 24 -28 the Comer Lions Club will be having the annual Agricultural Fair with the James Gang on the midway. Come by and see the livestock shows, exhibits, and enjoy the midway. Hope to see you there!!



Conyers Lions Club - The Conyers Lions Club met once in September (on the 16th) because of the Labor Day holiday. The club enjoyed an 'observational' visit by Zone Chair Lion Elbonie Hornbuckle (North Decatur Lions Club). Plans were updated for upcoming club projects

- 1) Olde Town Festival
- 2) Pancake Breakfast and
- 3) Fall Roadblocks.

In other news: Five club members worked with 90 children at this month's Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. N.B. At the next Kids' Workshop on 5 October, club members will conduct a Vision Screening. The next glasses washing at the Lighthouse will be on 3 October. At an upcoming meeting, Lions Lynn Magnuson and Mary Michael will address the club on Diabetes Awareness. Somebody forgot to bring the cards for the drawing, so we fell into the clutches of the Tail Twister..

Covington Lions Club = Our Board Meeting was held on Thursday, September 5th. Updates on the following:

- **December 8 (5 – 8 PM) - “Twilights at Chimney Park” Christmas event – Lions will do S’mores again this year. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Newton Parks.**
- **December 7 (10:30 AM) - Covington Lions Christmas Parade plans are progressing. Online applications are available and phone contact with entries with no email address will be made.**
- **September 14 / 15 – Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind meetings in Macon will be attended by Lion Missy Braden.**
- **The LCIF \$75K grant for the Newton County Miracle Field is progressing. Covington and Oxford Lions Clubs will meet their portion of this grant.**
- **We submitted our Hall of Fame Nomination Letter to Lion Grace Clower in August. We will continue to encourage Lion attendance to the October 26 Hall of Fame / Rally.**
- **Lion Earl Stallworth was in the hospital for a few days and is now doing better. Lion Anne Wheeler’s husband, Bob, had surgery and was in serious condition at Newton Medical. He is doing better. Sympathy to our Lion Elwood Free on the death of his wife, Shirley, and to our Lion Charlotte Lunsford on the death of her brother.**
- **October 10 is our 3rd All-You-Can-Eat - Annual Pancake Supper at the Lions Clubhouse from 5 – 8 PM. Lions are now selling tickets (Adults - \$5 and children (under 7) - \$3). Come join us for Blueberry, Chocolate Chip and Plain Pancakes with yummy maple syrup, Holyfield Sausage rounds, “Hawaii” 100% Kona coffee (shipped from Hawaii) or milk will be served.**

Our Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, September 12th.

- Speaker, Rhonda Sheridan R.N., spoke to us about the “New Individual Health Insurance Enrollment” (Obamacare), which starts on October 1 through March 31, 2014. Five highlights include: (1) Guaranteed issue, (2) No health questions, (3) No pre-existing conditions, (4) Government subsidy possible based on income and (5) Required by new law. Three areas of possible adjustments include: (1) Three pricing groups, (2) Tobacco Users, and (3) Where you live. The two major plans in Georgia will be Blue Cross, Blue Shield 770-760-9474.
- President Richard encouraged the membership to sign-up for the October 26 Hall of Fame / District Rally in Watkinsville. He said we are “good to go” on our \$75K LCIF grant for The Miracle Field in Newton County. Lion John said we have 30+ entries for our Christmas Parade on December 7 thus far. He anticipates more until we hit our 100 limit. Lion Missy attended the GA Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind Meeting in Macon on September 14 & 15th. Last year, the Lighthouse cared for 6,490 people (492 surgeries, 1,000 received hearing aids and 5,000 were served in the clinics). Lion Jeff read a “Thank You” letter from the Camp for the Blind on our \$1K donation thus far. Lion Randy said plans are underway for our October 10, 5 – 8 PM Pancake Supper fundraiser. All Lions are encouraged to sell tickets. Lion Andy requested volunteers for the “Twilights at Chimney Park” Christmas event on December 8, 5 – 8 PM. Lions will again serve S’mores. Lion Buddy asked for volunteers at the September 28 FFA Camp Utter Mudder (Mud Race); however, this also coincides with the GA Lighthouse “Taste of Chamblee”, which several Lions have already signed up. Lion membership voted our **new member, Chris Griffith**, on board.
- The next **Membership Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th. A full Agenda and speaker are lined up.
- Earl & Doreen Stallworth and John Hund have registered to work the “**Taste of Chamblee**” on September 28 in Doraville – stop by to visit them at the Beverage Booth from 11:30 – 3:30 PM.
- **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** Newton County – “Miracle Field” - 4 hours, Covington 1st United Methodist Church - 44 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Delivery - 2 hours, Eyeglass applications - 2 hours, Transportation for the Blind - 4 hours, Newton Medical Center 209 hours, Conyers Presbyterian - 42 hours, Meals on Wheels - 10 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop - 60 hours, Book Buddies - 6 hours, School – 2nd Grade Reading Program - 2 hours, Gideons - 8 hours, CV Lions Christmas Parade – Meetings - 14 hours, Knights of Columbus - 12 hours, CV Lions – Menu / Shopping / Cooking - 8 hours, CV Chimney Park – Friends of Newton Parks - 16 hours, FFA Camp / GA Wildlife – 13 hours, Homeless Shelter-Food-9/12 leftovers -1 hour, Ebenezer United Methodist Church – 7 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, emails) – 5 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative

Dahlonega Lions Club = Assistance to Individuals aid to the elderly / disabled - 2 lions cooked blueberry pancakes for about 18 seniors. Lumpkin County Civic Award Community & Cultural Activity - The Dahlonega Lion Club won the Best Civic Club Award for Lumpkin County. Members visited Athens Classic City Lion Club, Towns Lion Club and Dawsonville Lion Club Several members attended Ga. Lions Council, Ga. Lions Camp for Blind and Ga. Lighthouse meetings. Dahlonega lion club donated \$77.00 to the American Red Cross PID Dr. John Pearce won the William Bellamy Lion of the Year. Lions Katie Hulsebus, Kathryn Higgins, Marty Horne, and Jim Buckley visited the Lighthouse and helped clean glasses. Executive Director Jim Adams gave us the tour.

Dawsonville Lions Club = Meeting 9Sep13 Lion Pres. Katie Hulsebus presided over our regular meeting. Our signature golf tournament is only a few weeks away. Lion Jerry Tragesser bought us up-to-date on our progress for the tournament. Sheriff Billy Carlisle reviewed firearm laws and when and where you can carry firearms permit. The bottom line was “forceful felony”. A citizen can use deadly force when they are in fear of their life or the life of another. Lion Katie presented the sheriff with a check for \$200 for shop with a cop. **On 24Sep at 9 AM**, a number of Dawsonville Lions met with Stacey Leonhardt, branch manager of the Dawsonville Library, at the library extension at firehouse number two on Hwy 53. Lion President Katie Hulsebus presented Stacy Leonhardt with a \$5000 check towards the purchase of large print books for the Dawsonville Library to aid our visually impaired citizens. Four Lions, Jerry Tragesser, Jim Buckley, Don Cargill and Bill Leonhardt helped with the set up and take down of the DCWC's fashion show fundraiser at The Racing Hall of Fame in Dawsonville.



Decatur Lions Club = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 75 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 301 pair. Three (3) members worked a total of 61 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 177 man hours. Paid \$25.00 for an honorarium donation to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Total year to date \$75.00. Paid \$50.00 for a memorial donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation in memory of Lion John Southern. Secretary Genie Massingale and Treasurer Ken Massingale attended the joint Georgia Lions Lighthouse and Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind meeting in Macon, GA. Lion Judy Stamsen, District 18-I Chair, Canine Companion, presented an interesting program on how dogs are used to help people with disabilities.

Evans Lions Club = Project Handwarmers Packing Event. We support the military in any way and are proud to help with Project Handwarmers. Had a successful Tom Sullivan Concert at Grover C Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre.



Check out what's coming next ----->

October 26th, 2013 (Saturday) Pancake Breakfast at Fatz Cafe (8am) - 464 N. Belair Rd, Evans, GA 30809 *Proceeds to benefit the Columbia County Relief Fund.*

November 7th, 2013 (Thursday) Club Meeting at Be My Guest Catering (Noon) - *Toys for Tots Kickoff Event.*

November 14th, 2013 (Thursday) "It's a Winesgiving" at Vineyard Wine Market (7pm) - 4414 Evans To Locks Road, Evans, GA 30809 - *Benefit Event for Hope for Sight.*



Meet our mascot Evan, who loves to meet new people at Lions Club events.

Forsyth County Lions Club =



Diane is presenting her Dad Ruben Ball Jr. with a Melvin Jones Award.

**October 3-13, 2013 –
Cumming Country Fair and Festival**

Lions Club Concession Stand at the Cumming Fairgrounds will be open. We will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, chips, and other food items at our booth. Please stop by our stand to see what we offer and we thank you in advance for your purchases. All funds raised help low-income uninsured Cumming-Forsyth County residents receive sight, hearing, and family services.

Gainesville Lions Club = "Keep The Camp Fires Burning" Tour comes to the Gainesville LION's Club meeting. Brian Donegan (Lawrenceville LION's Club 2nd Vice President pictured center) delivered a great presentation on how we LION's support the Georgia Camp For The Blind in Waycross, Georgia. **Don't Forget Our Annual Broom and Mop Sale during the Mule Camp Festival, October 11th & 12th. Come by our booth on the square and get ready to toss those old brooms out of your closets just in time for the holidays!**



Perkins SMART Braille presented to Myles Irwin

Myles Irwin (front / center) was presented with a Perkins SMART Braille Machine purchased with donations honoring the late Gainesville LION, Marvin Orenstein during the monthly Board of Director's Meeting at the Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Also pictured L to R: Tenne Orenstein (daughter of the late Marvin Orenstein), Karen Whitaker (Myle's Grandmother), Shirley Whitaker, Aubrey Irwin (Myle's Mom) and Linda Orenstein (daughter of the late Marvin Orenstein) Myles receiving careful instructions from "Mom" (Aubrey Irwin) on how to use his new SMART Braille. Also pictured are Shirley Whitaker, Karen Whitaker and Gainesville LION, Carol Evans who made the presentation to Myles.

Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee: Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 164 pairs of eyeglasses, 16 pairs of sunglasses, 8 lenses and 3 chargers collected. **Sickness, Distress and Praise: Committee Reports: – Membership Committee** of the Jefferson Lions Club met and planned a campaign to seek new members. Lion Membership Chairman, Edna Briggs purchased new President's motto pins and reported that each member that gave the committee a contact would be awarded a pin. The committee sent letters inviting the contacts to our Membership Meeting on September 23, 2013. The Club had 5 visitors at that meeting who could possibly become new members. **Vision Screening** at the Jackson Electric Membership Corporation Annual Meeting - Five Lions from the Jefferson Lions Club participated in providing free vision screenings at the Jackson EMC Annual Meeting and 75th Year Celebration on September 19. Forty-eight adults and eight children asked for and received vision screening. **Programs:** The Jefferson Lions Club Directors Meeting was called to order Lions President, Jerry Legg. The Board voted to purchase an 8 person table to support the Jackson County Community Outreach, Inc. at their Annual Awards Banquet which serves as a fund raiser for educational scholarship for local students. **September 9** - The Jefferson Lions Club Regular Meeting and Lion Sandra Friedlander introduced our guest speaker, Stacie Court, Production Administrator for Learning Ally. Stacie informed us that Learning Ally is committed to making reading accessible to all who learn differently, including the blind, visually impaired, dyslexic and physically disabled and others. Learning Ally has the nation's largest library of accessible audio textbooks and educational materials for students from kindergarten through post-graduate degree. New News: Affiliate Lions Helen and Don Lohmeier asked that the Club to be a Non-profit partner in an event sponsored by the Jackson County Arts Council of which Helen is also a member. The event will be "Dancing with the Stars - Jackson County Style" featuring dance teams who choose a non-profit partner. Each team will receive votes that cost a donation of \$1.00 each. The Jackson County Arts Council and their nonprofit partner will equally divide the profits Lion Don Lohmeier and Kelly Loggins will be our partner team. The Club approved participation in the event. **September 23** - The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order and Lion Don Lord introduced our guest speaker, Michael Williams, Director of the Jackson County Boys and Girls Club. Williams reported on the Capital Campaign that was launched in February 2013. He reported that through the action of a dedicated board, community support and a \$500,000 Georgia Community Development Block Grant they had surpassed their goal of \$1.3 million dollars. These funds are to be used to replace the two double-wide trailer currently used with a new Jefferson, Ga. facility and to make some improvements to the Commerce, Ga. facility. He reported that the Jefferson Lions Club was an integral part of this support. The Boys & Girls Club provide social recreation and sportsmanship activities as well as leadership skills and academic support.

LaVista Lions Club = Broom and Mop Sale - We held a 6 hour broom sale, in the rain, on Sept. 21st. Not good. The moral of this story is brooms don't sell well in the rain. Nine members participated. Another sale is scheduled in October. **Lions at Work** - Lions Ray Baskette and Howard Jones are in the process of power washing the parking berms at Valley Brook church. Lions Howard Jones and Ray Baskette with contributions from Lions Randy Smith, Charles Amason and Helen Troha painted the curbs in our hosts, Valley Brook Baptist Church, parking lot. They ran out of paint. The project will continue when we get more paint. Lion Ray Rowell has spent about 60 hours building wheelchair ramps in North Georgia since June. Lion Bob Deryck continues to tutor reading for students at Sagamore Hills Elementary School, our "Partner in Education". Bob contributed 18 hours in Sept. **Teresa's Needs for the Homeless** - What a great way to show our support, recycle our castaways and help those who need help the most. **Bottled Water** - Bottled water is always needed. Bring your case of water to any meeting. If you need help transferring the water from your car to Teresa's, ask and you'll get help. **Plastic Shopping Bags** - Plastic shopping bags are always needed. These are used to package food and water. Bring your plastic shopping bags to any meeting. **Halloween Lunch** - October 31: This is our annual visit to the Christian Towers Community to spread a little Good Will, feed the residents hot dogs, potato salad, chips and drinks. Bring your other half and have some fun!! The hours will be from 1:00 until 3:00pm. **60th Anniversary** - Plans for our 60th Anniversary Dinner on October 19th are firming up. Our speaker will be former Falcons football coach Dan Reeves. Please join us for this celebration. Tickets are \$30. Call Lion Jim Horton at 678-534-0751. Lion Jim Horton, Howard Jones and Charles Amason have expended many hours planning this project. If you are waiting until October 8 to buy your banquet tickets, you will be out of luck and unable to attend. **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!**

Lavonia Lions Club = Started a sight conservation program with Dr. Vanderhoef @ Franklin County Eye Clinic in Lavonia using the Lighthouse eye kit. Working on some other project. "District 18I 1st Vice District Governor Vicki Hubbard visited the Lavonia Lions Club on September 3, 2013. 1st VDG Vicki greeted the members and gave them a good overview of the vision of our District Governor, Ed Hashbarger, and our International President, Barry Palmer. 1st VDG Vicki gave some of her personal experiences as a Lion. It VDG Vicki emphasized LCI IP Barry's message of "Just Ask". 18-I Zone 1 Chair, Lion Bill, and Lion Dale also attended the meeting. Lavonia Lions have had several activities in August and Sept. Our Yard sale was very successful. Mops and brooms are selling well. Eye glass donation boxes are in several locations and we have collected a large number. We also had a spaghetti supper and showed the movie "Going Blind" and had free eye screens. This month is the Lavonia Fall Festival and we will sell brooms and mops and help with the Lavonia Chamber tickets sales.





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- *The Georgia Lions Light House*
- *Leader Dogs for the Blind*
- *Eye exams for those in need*
- *Children's Camp for the Blind*
- *Walton County Special Olympics*

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL
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Ben Johnson - (Loganville Lions) 770-550-6277
Gary Potter - (Monroe Lions) 770-266-6848
Mark Moore - (Loganville Lions) 678-475-7440

FORMAT

Scramble — Flights will be based on score
8:00 — Registration and Contests
9:00 — Shotgun Start

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The Loganville Legacy Lions Club meets the second Friday of each month, from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and the following Tuesday from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. We meet at the Loganville IHOP.

Monroe Lions Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 11:30am at Monroe Golf and Country Club.

The Lions Clubs are seeking men and women who have an interest in serving our community.

Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting as our guest.

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

Chuck Lynch, President
Loganville Legacy Lions Club
(678) 863-2388

Jimmy Hogg, President
Monroe Lions Club
(678) 635-5639

Martin Lions Club = "The Martin Lions Club held a business meeting on September 5th, 2013. They discussed many items at this meeting including renovating their BBQ pit. The Martin Lions Club announced their Annual Chicken BBQ which will be held on Saturday October 26th, 2013 from 4pm to 6pm. The BBQ will be held in association with the Martin Fall Festival. You can pick up your BBQ Chicken at the Martin Community Center. Please support the Martin Lions Club by purchasing BBQ Tickets."



Norcross Lions Club = The **Norcross Art Fest**, the first sparkling member of our Splash Festivals family, will celebrate its tenth season on **October 5 and 6, 2013**. PDG John Rudert worked 33 hours in the Optics Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse this month. The Norcross Lions Club honored its Student of the Month with \$100 and a framable certificate. He and his dad joined the club for dinner. Mayor Bucky Johnson shared with us the city's plan for ball fields and recreation areas near our clubhouse. DG Ed Hashbarger installed the newest member of our club. On Sept. 11, DG Ed Hashbarger and PDG John Rudert were at the GA Lions Lighthouse for the visit by IPIP's Partner in Service Linda Madden and representatives of LCI/LCIF. DG Ed Hashbarger and Lion Yoriko Hashbarger attended the joint meeting of the GA Lions Lighthouse and the GA Lions Camp for the Blind. PDG John Rudert, and Lion Trudy Rudert attended Board and committee meetings for the GA Lions Lighthouse and GA Lions Camp for the Blind. PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas.



Oconee Lions Club = The Oconee Lions Club worked at Learning Ally to provide the LCI's Lions Magazine to blind Lions. Accordingly, the Oconee Lions read the magazine, created the CDs and then got them ready to be mailed.

Upcoming events:

Oconee Fall Festival October 19, 2013 - 8:00 am - Rocket Field - Lions to man club booth for Fall Festival.

Chicken Mull - November 16, 2013 - 7:00am - Union Christian - Chicken Mull Project.

Oxford Lions Club = At a recent meeting of the Oxford Lions Club, longtime member Dr. Carlos Meyer, left, was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest award a local club can give a member. Shown with Meyer are, from left, District Gov. Edward Harshbarger and Oxford Club President Richard Henderson.



Royston-Franklin Springs Lions Club = The Royston/Franklin Springs Lions Club held its regular meeting at Noon on Sep 19, 2013. This meeting was a business meeting and the Lions discussed several Service and Fundraising projects including Friday's Children and the upcoming Pancake Breakfast. At the meeting Zone Chair Bill presented Club President Carolyn with a Leadership Award from PDG Bill Holley for her service as Club President.



Thomson Camellia Lions Club = A report was given by President Lion Vera Krall on our Lions working with the Fire Department on a steak supper fundraiser to be held in the spring of 2014. President Vera will keep us advised on the progress of this fundraiser. She also reported on the needs for our members to volunteer in the Thomson Middle School to visit and talk to some of the students needing that attention. She will have more information on this at our next meeting. It was reported we had two news articles and one picture on Lions in our local McDuffie Progress Newspaper. Lion Bonnie Martin will do more articles but told the membership that any member could write an article and take it to the Progress. The more articles we have on Lions the more we will be known in the community as a working club. She also asked members to fill out the activity sheets on what they did to help others so she could report it on the MMR that goes in each month. Club has several pairs of glasses (2 cases), sun glasses, and cases to deliver to Lighthouse. Directory - Lion Bonnie Martin reported the new 2013 directory is being worked on and hope to have it by September Meeting. Middle School - President Lion Vera Krall reported she has to get back with the school to get clearance paper forms for volunteer to fill out. This is law now. Peace Poster Activity - President to check on this. Tabled for now. New Name Badges - Lion Bonnie will be ordering the name badges and each member will pay for theirs. Soup/Chili Fundraiser - Lion Mary reported it will be held October 5th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and tickets will be \$5.00 and ready to distribute to members to sale at September meeting. Yard Sale - Planned for Nov. 15-16th. Members encouraged to donate items for the sale. Fundraiser with Fire Dept. - President Vera is working with Fire Dept. Chief and probably will be held in the spring. She will keep up informed. Speaker in September - Lion Brian Donegan from Lawrenceville Lions Club will be speaking to members on "Keep The Campfire Burning". We will have a \$100 donation to present to him for the program. New Business: Lion Frances Cowart sent in request to be dropped as member due to health. Club approved and will send letter thanking Frances for her years of service. Club Problems.....Members discussed how we could increase motivation in our club. We went over the Goals for getting new members and retention problems that was set in our Goals for the year in July 2012 meeting.

Here are the pictures I took from last night. Thank you so much for having Brian come and speak to your Club on the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. He is working very hard to "Keep the Camp Fires Burning". Brian was ecstatic to have received your \$100 donation to the Camp and he appreciates it very much.



Toccoa and Toccoa Lions Club = The Toccoa Lions Club living their Motto "We Serve" "The Toccoa Lions Sight Conservation Committee held an Eye Screening Training session on Sep 10th, 2013 at Dr. Kay Royal's office.

The Lions are being trained on the new Vision Screening machine the Toccoa Lions recently purchased. Toccoa Lions Club President, Bryan the Lion, feels the club will be able to do many more eye screenings now that the club has its own vision screening machine and the training will ensure that these eye screening is done correctly. Notice that the Lions are training in adverse lighting. Many times eye screening has to be done in less than optimal conditions for the people administering the test. These conditions do not affect the people taking the test. Pictured are (from left to right) are: Lions Dr Kay, Margo, Bryan the Lion (being tested) and Roger T. Just another example of the Toccoa Lions living their Motto of WE SERVE"



"The Toccoa Lions Club held its September Board meeting on Sep 10th, 2013. It was a very lively meeting discussing upcoming fundraising events such as the Fall Festival, Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Tree contest and 50/50 drawing at club meetings. Other activities such as the upcoming visit by Lions to the Heritage Nursing Home, the Christmas Parade and the Christmas Party were discussed. The minutes of the meeting are under the notes section. Pictured above/below from left to right are Lions Sheila, Steve, Russ, Bill, Ray, Bryan, Dr. Kay and half of Margo."

On Sep 12, 2013 the Toccoa Lions Club conducted its monthly Eye Glasses Intake session at the Open Arms Clinic.

Lions Dale, Margo & Bill worked the session today. Our Fearless Leader, Lion Sheila, was absent because of a conflict. We had a very busy session today. Ten clients were approved for eye glasses. One person was referred to the GA Lighthouse Foundation and one person could not be served because of insufficient information. All Lions present agreed they felt they were helping the Toccoa Lions live our Motto of "We Serve".

"Toccoa Lions visit Heritage Nursing Home - On Sep 19, 2013, Lions Bryan, Jack and Bill visited the Heritage Nursing Home in Toccoa GA. After telling the group about Lions Clubs, they passed out apples and entertained the group with a Lions Song. The group seemed to enjoy the session and joined in song and revelry. Lion Bill opened the presentation by explaining Lions Clubs International and giving some details on the Toccoa Lions Club. Lion Jack indicated that he often visits the Nursing Home and hopes to get other Lions to join him. As the presentation advanced it was revealed that each Lion had a handle. Lion Bryan is Bryan the lion, Lion Bill is Bill the Blind Lion and Lion Jack is Chicken Jack. This last handle required some explanation. Evidently one lady that Lion Jack visited with like to tell stories about having chickens as a youngster. She told Lion Jack that sometimes it would get so cold that the chicken's feet would freeze to their roost. Lion Jack liked the stories so much he said he was going to call himself Chicken Jack.

Lion Dale report that the Club Yard Sale was held on Sept 21st. The sale was interrupted by rain. The club did make over \$300.00 before the rain delay. The Yard Sale will be completed on Saturday, October 5th, 2013 beginning at 8:30am. Lion Dale said hopefully that will be a beautiful day. Lions Drew & Margo gave an update on Calendar Sales. They indicated things are going well and encouraged members to continue selling calendars. Bryan the Lion gave an update on Calendar Ad sales. Our Club President asked that Lions bring can food items to meeting for the next several meetings for our Christmas Family Project. He also announced that the Club Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at the Elks Club. Bryan the Lion announced that Dana Patterson had donated another check to the Toccoa Lions Club. Dana is a local real estate person who donates part of every closing to one of the local service organizations. She is an outstanding person.

Bryan the Lion introduced Judith Keer of the GA Lighthouse Foundation. This is Judith's 2nd time to visit the Toccoa Lions Club. She has worked in a variety of positions at the GA Lighthouse. After giving an overview of the Lighthouse and its work, Judith told about her current position. She is working on a new Children's Vision Program. She gave the Lions some recent successes in this program. She then gave some information on how her program has worked in Stephens County. Lion Sheila, Chair of the Toccoa Lions Vision Conservation Committee, presented Judith with a TLC Walking Cane for outstanding help on that project. Club President, Lion Bryan, presented Judith with several Toccoa Lions gifts.



The Toccoa Lions Branch Club had their regular meeting on Sep 19, 2013.

Lions Kembra, Dale, Bryan, Will, Roger, Sheila, Malory, Neil, Barbara and Bill were present. There was 1 guest, Eric Richard Rangalo. After the Opening Prayer & Pledge, Lion Bill led the group in a Lions Song. Lion Bill requested that that this be a new meeting tradition. While Lion Bill has limited vision, however he did notice much giggling during the Lions Song. Bryan the Lion then displayed the new club mascot's vest that Lion Flo has made. Lion Flo is very talented and did her usual outstanding job! Our Guest, Eric Richard Rangalo, was introduced. Old business was discussed including the Keep Toccoa Beautiful Falls road project. New projects such as Fall Festival, Christmas Party, Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree contest were discussed.

Branch Club President Kembra opened the meeting at 7pm. Club Chaplin, Will, ask for prayer concerns and let the group in prayer. Lion Bill led the group in a Lions Song. Lion Kembra opened the meeting for business. Bryan the Lion presented a endorsement for Lion Bill to run as 2nd VDG for Lion Year 2014/2015. The endorsement passed unanimously.

Lion Bill made a brief presentation on the Club Excellence Process. He then administered the "How are your ratings" survey. Lion Bill went on to explain aspects of the CEP including the Community Survey which the club has completed.

At this point, Lion Will injected a question, "What is a cow with no legs?". After much discussion Lion Will ended the suspense by stating "Ground Beef" to much laughter.

Lion Sheila gave an update on the recent training session for our Vision Testing machine. Several of the members had attended and contributed their experiences Lion Sheila closed her presentation by asking for volunteers to train for Vision Screening She also asked for volunteers to work at the Monthly Eye Glasses Intake session. After the discussion, our guest noted that he had gotten eye glasses from the Lions and thanked us for the eye glasses.

Lion Kembra presented some information on Keep Toccoa Beautiful project. We still need to fill out an application form The holdup is getting the form. She noted that there will be a competition during October which should get more people involved.

Lion Dale discussed the Toccoa Lions Yard Sale. If it rains on Saturday the Rain Day will be October 5th. Lion Kembra then led a discussion of the Fall Festival. The Fall Pancake Breakfast was also discussed. It has been cancelled. The Board Recommendation made at last month's meeting was discussed. The Board has not taken up that recommendation at this point. The Christmas Festival of Trees was discussed. We need to find out what the theme of the Parade is. The Christmas Party was discussed. Finally, Lion Sheila reminded everyone that the Calendar Sales forms and money are due to Lion Margo immediately.

Towns County Lions Club = Sep10 - President Julie Payne opened the meeting with the pledge of alliance to the flag and prayer by Reverend Ken Fuller. Gene Jackson, Fair Board Nominating Committee Chair read the nominations for the upcoming Georgia Mountain Fair Board election to be held the last meeting of October. Nominations were also accepted at this meeting but closed afterwards. After the final list is compiled, a detailed list will be emailed to Club members who have email addresses. Michael Anast thanked the spouses in attendance for their help during the recent Fair, which helped us reduce costs. He said our outstanding bills have been paid except our ongoing line of credit, which will be due the end of October. He again requested our spouses continue to help with the Fall Festival to assist us in further reducing costs. After a meal catered by Daniel's Steak House, guest speaker Dr. Samuel Church and his program coordinator Savannah Kendall presented information to the club on child abuse prevention. Dr. Church realized after seeing abused children in his practice and then having to refer them to Atlanta for further assistance, he could provide better assistance locally if he received the necessary training. After being trained, he was able to set up a pilot project locally via the internet to provide immediate assistance to those in need. Now, his foundation has become a regional hub providing assistance to up to six counties in this area. The statistics on child abuse are shocking. One of every four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Ninety percent of children who are sexually abused know their abusers. Thirty to forty percent of the abused children are abused by family members. Church said it is their goal to train at least 5 percent of the population (1,320 adults) in Towns and Union Counties on child abuse prevention measures. While this number seems small, Church said it is enough to start a conversation that shifts the thinking of the community. He said we need to learn how to be aware and, "do things differently for the sake of our children and our grandchildren." Dr. Church's organization uses the Darkness to Light Stewarts of Children curriculum in conducting a two-hour program that includes a video, a training booklet and discussion. The training provides resource material on how to recognize the signs of abuse, how to help the child and who to contact. The course costs a minimal \$10 to take, is offered in small or large group settings, and can even be done in the home. Savannah Kendall stated that 400,000 babies born just this year will be abused by the time they reach 18 years of age. She encouraged everyone to, "Be bold, courageous, and become warriors for children." Their objective is to increase awareness of this so the opportunity for child abuse is reduced. For more information on preventing child, you can contact Dr. Church's group at Synergy Health Foundation by calling 706-896-0505 or emailing them at info.synergyfoundation@gmail.com. President Julie Payne said our participation in the Fire Core's Fire in the Mountains Chili Cook off was successful. She thanks Gerry Gutenstein for providing the chili and Gene Jackson for helping set up the tent. She also said that anyone wishing to attend the State Convention needs to let her know by our September 24th meeting if the Club is to pay for the booklets. After then the discounted price starts going up. The Convention will be in May of 2014. Additional announcements included the Second Vice District Governor will be at our September 24th meeting, the Lions Club board meeting will be on October 1st, the LEO club will be doing a presentation at our October 8th meeting, Fair Board elections will be held at our October 22 meeting, and the District Cabinet meeting in Watkinsville, GA will be on October 26th. Finally, we were successful in collecting \$107 in quarters to assist the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Sep 24 - Janice Smith, 1st Vice President, conducted our meeting this night as President Julie Payne was out of town. Janice began with updates on our sick or injured. Ellen Mitchell is hopefully going home soon. Ken Dean just had total hip replacement surgery in Gainesville, GA, however, he is home now doing his rehab and progressing well. Michael Anast gave another update on the Fair's financial status and Line of Credit. Janice reminded members that tonight is the last date to sign up for next year's state convention and have the Club pay for the program booklets. After this, the cost will go up. James Webb introduced our guest speaker Ms. Anne Mundy. After enduring a slow ride behind a log truck on winding mountain roads and, as she said, "chatter from her husband", Anne Mundy, Second Vice District Governor arrived at the Towns County meeting Tuesday night. Mundy, a Lion since 1987 in the Dahlonega club, has served in many different capacities in the Lions organization. This was considered an official visit by her as a district 18-I officer. Ms. Mundy shared with the Towns Members some details about what happened this year at the District's First Council Meeting. The meeting began with a working session on Friday night where all the details of the agenda for the next couple of days are worked out. During this meeting, she learned that the state and international conventions have been set for the next three years. In addition, updates on the Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind activities were reviewed. There was an excellent presentation on the accomplishments of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse which included the number of eye surgeries, hearing aids and glasses provided to those in need this year. Mundy reminded us that World Sight Day is October 10th. As part of this activity, there will be free vision centers set up in Atlanta for several days to offer exams and those in need will have glasses made that day. Mundy said the Camp for the Blind has experienced both Leadership and financial issues this year. However, a new Camp President has been installed and a resolution, approved at the council meeting, has been issued to the Camp with guidance to improve the situation. Part of this guidance, is for the Camp to develop a strategic plan to collaborate more with outside agencies to development corporate sponsorships. Mundy reminded the club of the 4 state initiatives that our clubs support: 1) The GA Lions Lighthouse 2) The Camp for the Blind 3) the Leader Dogs Program and 4) the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Finishing her discussion about the council meeting, Mundy reminded us about the internal theme this year, which is "Follow your Dream". With this thought, she shared a story about a woman she had helped who had not had her vision checked in over 5 years and definitely could not see well. With the help of the Lions Club, she received an exam and, as a result, had eye surgery. She told Ms. Mundy, "I haven't been able to see so well in years." Sometime later Mundy received a hand crocheted thank you note from the woman. This was done with a very fine thread so it required excellent eyesight. Mundy says this is what Lionism is all about and she carries this note with her every day as a reminder. Ending her presentation, Mundy shared five things we should remember: Membership is important; do what is right and do it right the first time; focus on the club; always reach higher; and, enjoy life. Janice ended the meeting indicating that our LEO Club will present the program at our next meeting on October 8, 2013. They will give a PowerPoint presentation of their previous accomplishments and goals for this year. Also, they will be installing new members in the club. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support our LEO Club.



Georgia Mountain Fall Festival
October 11 - 19, 2013
Arts & Crafts 10 AM - 7 PM
Music Show 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM



Merle Haggard
October 25, 2013



Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 1 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected: Activities/Community Service Activities -** Farmer's Market –4 Saturdays in September – 16 Lions and 2 friends worked a total of 127 hours selling fried pies, sausage biscuits, cheese straws, hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community.

Board Meeting: The September Board of Directors meeting was held at the Cadence Bank meeting room on September 5, 2013 with President Mary Arnold presiding.

- President Mary has talked to the Clay County Lions about their interest in leasing our building or working together at the Georgia Mountain Fair. The board established a committee consisting of Lion Gene Little, Lion Carol Neil and Lion Paul Clark to meet with the Clay County Lions to discuss the use of our trailer.
- Sorghum Festival - Gene Little and Bob Qualiteri will work on parade float. Theme will be "What We Stand For". We will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, Coke, Diet Coke, Mtn Dew, water, coffee and hot chocolate at our food booth.
- Farmer's Market–Lion Bob Wood reported that he is working with Busy Bee on a new Club Banner for the Farmer's Market.
- Lion Roy McKee discussed getting volunteer t-shirts made. Lion Jim will check to see what is available.

Programs: September 12 - Lion Mildred Thompson introduced our speaker – Kim Bridges – President of the Blairsville Sorghum Festival. They are a new organization and are no longer associated with the Jaycee's. She discussed plans for this year. They will have several new singing groups, a Dukes of Hazard group, Carolina Moonshiners from the Discovery Channel, and The Atlanta Puppet Show. They have lowered the price for vendors. They have gotten a lot of school groups involved working in the cane fields and working on the parade. Last year, the proceeds from the Sorghum Festival went to Family Connection and will support a similar charity helping youth in Union County this year. Lion Bob Wood showed off the new Lion's sign for the Farmer's Market. **September 26 -** Tonight's Program was Operation Christmas Kid's. Lion Betty Gurr discussed the efforts of the youth at Antioch Baptist Church. The teens from the church went down to Atlanta last year to help pack the Christmas boxes. This year, the church has put together a calendar with different items the church members can collect each month. They hope to put together 150 boxes this year. Lion Carol introduced guest speakers Roger and Carol Rachid. Operation Christmas Kid's was started by Franklin Graham and Samaritans' Purse 20 years ago. Since then 100 million Christmas boxes have been shipped across the world. They then showed a video that showed the joy of the children receiving boxes around the world. Locally they have been working with the local nursing home to help the residents to make Christmas boxes. The residents work on Arts and Craft projects to go in the boxes along with other items. They are also working with Brannan Lodge, the boy scouts, and Mountain Area Christmas Academy to put together boxes. Boxes are to be turned in the 3rd week of November. Of the 18 regions in Georgia, the Blairsville area is second in growth. Lion Carol Neil presented a box of over 100 knitted hats to go in the boxes from a woman at Brannan Lodge. Motion by Lion Gene, second by Lion Carol to make a \$100 donation to Operation Christmas Kids.



WORKING LIONS - 247 hours
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 101 hours
 FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 22 hours
 Total: 370 hours
Submitted: 3 news article

White County Lions Club = This “scribe” has been extremely remiss in sending out newsletter this summer. Probably because it has been very slow with few activities. Tonight I want to take this opportunity to welcome some new members, thanks to the efforts of Howard Miller. Please welcome the following : Brandon Hester, Bob Miller, Lee Matthews, Stanley Strickland, and Bill Woods. We are extremely happy to have these gentlemen join us.

I have a special request of **ALL** members to lift up Hanna Miller in your prayers. Howard informed me that her cancer has returned and she is having a difficult time. Please keep Howard in your prayers also. This is very difficult for him as well. Next month our club will have an exhibit at the Leisure Acres fall festival where I understand the “Confederate Railroad” will be giving a concert. Drop by and support your club. That is all for this go ‘round. Things should be picking up soon which will bring more news. Till then .

Winder Noon Lions Club = The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church in September by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors were provided with a snack and a drink after they had given blood. 67 pairs of glasses and 23 pairs of eye lenses were collected during September by the Winder Noon Lions Club. \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities in the club. A \$50 donation was made to the Lighthouse in memory of Bill Beshears. Winder Noon Lions Club Members welcome 1st Vice District Governor Vicki Hubbard to our club meeting on September 25, 2013. 1 Vice District Governor Vicki Hubbard speaking to Winder Noon Lions Club about International President's Goals and District Governors goals for 2013. Our regular Lion Tail Twister was on vacation today so the club worked long and hard to convince Lion Ray Mattison "Lion Tail Twister Emeritus" to serve as our Tail Twister for today. He didn't disappoint us.



Georgia Lions Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind meeting in Macon



Zone 1 Sight Conservation Chair meeting

On August 29, 2013, the Sight Conservation Committee Chairs from the Lions Clubs in 18I Zone 1 gathered to discuss their Sight Conservation projects. Each Club in the Zone has an active Sight Conservation Program. All of the Clubs have an Eye Glasses program and most clubs have a used eye glasses collection program. Four out of six Zone 1 clubs were present. Attending were Lion Bill Graham - Zone 1 Chair, Lion Cindy Ruckstuhl - Lavonia Lions Club President, Lion Vernon Boswell - Royston/Franklin Springs Sight Conservation Chair, Lion Fred Radford - Hartwell Lions Club Treasurer and Lion Sheila Rousey - Toccoa Lions Club Sight Conservation Chair. The meeting started with a round table introduction of attendees. Then each club gave a brief presentation of their club's program, issues facing their program and solutions they have developed. Each club also gave the other clubs copies of documents they use in their programs. While all of the clubs have similar programs, each club has developed procedures to suit their unique situation. This was a good experience for the clubs in the Zone to get together and meet their counterparts, discuss common problems & solutions and to exchange information.

Zone 8 Lions Clubs

All clubs are well established and up and running. Loganville Legacy, who is very active and synergies with the Monroe Club in the Golf Tournament fundraiser. All my Zone clubs are active in community activities and fundraising projects. Covington has sent \$1K each to the GA Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind.

Zone 9 Lions Clubs

*Review Club Goals

-My goals as Zone Chair: get to know all club officers and building relationships between our clubs within our zone, helping you to strengthen your communication within your clubs, strengthen membership, work on a zone project and increase service projects by February 2014.

*Club Concerns:

- Communication, Communication, Communication.
- Aging Membership
- New Members

*Strengthening Club Membership

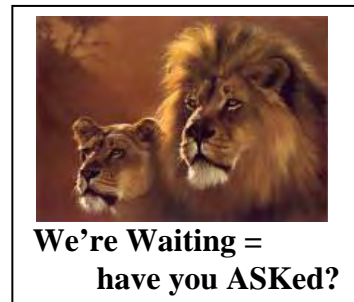
- New Member Orientation/ Mentoring Programs
- Club Ratings Survey
- Club Excellence Process: w/ facilitator or w/o.
 - *How Many have gone through...

*Attracting New Members

- Have to have a draw or something that entices/interest them.
 - *Technology is current wave : Social Media
 - How many have WebPages, facebook, or twitter
 - *Brochures or Business Cards

Reminders:

- 2nd Zone meeting Nov 12th hosted by LaVista Club
- 3rd Zone Meeting Jan 6th hosted by Conyers Club
- Zone Visit scheduled for each club?
 - Sept 16th Conyers
 - Sept 17th Decatur
 - Sept 23rd North Decatur
 - Sept 29nd Chinese American
 - Oct 8th La Vista
- District Rally/ Hall of Fame, 2nd Cabinet Meeting: Certified Guided Lion Training @ 9 and District Rally @ 12.
1331 New High Shoals Rd. Watkinsville, Ga October 26th
- District Convention/ 3rd Cabinet Meeting Feb 21st-22nd 2014; Watkinsville
- 4th Cabinet Meeting and Family Picnic; @ Fairgrounds in Comer. GA April 26th
- State Convention in Macon May 30th-June 1st 2014



Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmcionh@bellsouth.net or
Go on-line = www.edmcion.com/ or

"There is always some good work for Lions to do..."

Four District 18I Lions attended the GA Guide Dog meeting on Sep 28, 2013 at the Athens Regional Library. The Lions included DG Ed, Betsy, Sheila and Bill. Lion Betsy is the President of the GA Guide Dog and Lion Sheila is a member. Several UGA students also attended the meeting. These students are puppy raisers and give their time and money to raise puppies for Guide Dog School.

One of the students, Cameron, gave a presentation on what a puppy raiser does. There was also a presentation by Joseph, a GA Guide Dog member, on some of his recent problems with being denied entrance to a store because of his guide dog. A short audio on legal requirements concerning Guide Dogs followed. A motion was made to start an effort to make local law enforcement aware of Service Dog laws was discussed. Lion Bill volunteered to see if the GA Lions can help in this effort.

The pictures include: a general room shot; a group picture of DG Ed, Lion Bill and Lion Sheila; UGA student and puppy raiser Cameron & Guide Dogs at work. Many people do not know that an important part of a Guide Dog's job is to sit or lay quietly at its handler's feet while the handler is working."



Room shot GA Guide Dog met Lions DG Ed Bill and Sheila
L-R DG Ed, Lions Bill and Sheila at the September 28th, 2013 GA Guide Dogs Meeting

Cameron
UGA Student & Puppy Raiser Cameron speaking at GA Guide Dog meeting Sep 28, 2013

Guide Dogs doing their job!
An important job for a Guide Dog is to sit or lay quietly while their handler is attending meetings.





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

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

THE LIGHTHOUSE CORNER

Recycling Eyeglasses

Lions are an integral part of our recycled eyeglass program. They are involved from collection and cleaning to distribution of the glasses.

Collecting Used Eyeglasses

Many Lions Clubs assist in collecting used eyeglasses for the Lighthouse. They set up collection boxes in their offices, schools, churches, and at local eye wear distributor's shops. The Lions Clubs bring in tens of thousands of eyeglasses each year, and the usable glasses are distributed overseas. Glasses that cannot be used are sent to fashion design students for our annual [Night of Spectacles](#) fundraiser.

If your club would like to get involved with collecting eyeglasses, please contact Danielle at 404-325-3630 x 327 or at DCohen@lionslighthouse.org. She will send you a collection box for glasses, cell phones, and/or hearing aids. Once the glasses are collected, they can be dropped off or sent to the Lighthouse at 5582 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30341

Cleaning and Sorting Glasses

After the glasses arrive at the Lighthouse they are cleaned sorted into usable glasses, scratched and broken glasses, and glasses with gold components. Any glasses that are still usable are then sorted by type (bifocals, single vision, reading, etc.), and read using a lensometer. If your Lions Club would like to volunteer to clean and sort the glasses, we would love to have you! Please fill out a [Group Volunteer Request form](#), and our volunteer coordinator will contact you. If you are interested in being a long-term volunteer, and would like to be trained on reading glasses with the lensometer, please contact Danielle at DCohen@lionslighthouse.org.

Distributing Glasses

If you or a group you know is going on a mission trip and you would like to bring glasses along, please contact us! If there is an optometrist or ophthalmologist in your group, we can give you the glasses with the prescriptions already read. If there is not a vision specialist going with you, we can give you unread glasses, and people can try them on until they find a pair that works for them.

To request glasses for your trip, please contact Danielle at DCohen@lionslighthouse.org. Please include the number of glasses you would like, the type (regular or sunglasses), and whether you would like the prescription read. If your organization would like to distribute non-prescription sunglasses or reading glasses within the United States, you may also contact Danielle at DCohen@lionslighthouse.org. Thank you!

Cell phone and hearing aids recycling drive

The Lions Lighthouse Foundation has cell-phone and hearing aid drop boxes that you can set up at your work or school. We collect the items, then sell them to refurbishing shops. The funds raised go to support our vision and hearing programs. If you would like a drop-box, please contact Danielle at DCohen@lionslighthouse.org.



Service Numbers

From July to June 2013

People having eye exams
606 were from 18-I

People have better vision after receiving a pair of glasses
1,126 were from 18-I

Eye surgeries were performed.
92 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
404 were from 18-I

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

16 August – Athens

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 I District Chair:
Ken Massingale, PDG
 E: g_massin@yahoo.ie



Dear Lions,

Volunteer at a clinic in your community

If you or members of your club would like to volunteer at a clinic, please contact us!

Our mobile clinic managers are Tiffany Ellerbee and Caren Kaplan. See the map to the right for a list of the clinics they manage.

- DeKalb**
- Gwinnett**
- Lumpkin**
- Clarke**
- McDuffie**

Caren Kaplan

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Tiffany Ellerbee

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James is making more glasses than ever.



We said goodbye to Christina as our AmeriCorps Clinic Coordinators... We thank them for everything they have done for the Lighthouse over the past year. And we couldn't be more excited to have Morgan on board for another!!!

Join the conversation!



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RENTAL Guidelines for User Groups/Licensee

What Lions should know

Pre-Orientation

The Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc., quests that the Primary, Secondary, and Third Points of Contact be available for a brief Orientation to the Facilities requested above prior to the arrival of the guests. Licensee's should schedule this meeting with the Camp administration and check in at the Offices.

1. Description of Premises: The Georgia Lions' Camp agrees to permit Licensee to use the property identified in the Agreement as "Facility" according to the following terms and conditions. The Agreement includes the use of all improvements to the Facility, except those which the Georgia Lions' Camp expressly excludes by so notifying the Licensee's representative upon his/her arrival at the Facility.

2. Food Service: No meals are provided by the Georgia Lions' Camp to User Groups. If Licensee prepares its own food, it assumes all responsibility for any foods prepared and for all activities incident to their preparations, and shall hold the Georgia Lions' Camp and the Facility owner harmless from any and all liability therein.

3. Use of Premises and Schedule: During the term of this Agreement, Licensee shall use the Facility for conducting a program of its own design and shall comply with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations. Licensee shall notify the Georgia Lions' Camp of the nature of its program, and shall promptly supply the Georgia Lions' Camp with information concerning the program upon request by camp administration. The Georgia Lions' Camp prohibits hunting, fireworks, firearms, ammunition, and explosives at the Facility. The use of gasoline, flammables, poisonous substances, and hand and power tools are discouraged. Prior authorization from the camp administration must be obtained.

- No one shall enter the Pool area, Canoe Docks, and/or Catfish Pond unless a qualified lifeguard is supervising the area. The Georgia Lions' Camp requires a Lifeguard Certificate prior to use of these areas. Swimming pools are generally available from April 15th to August 15th, but is not available for rental during the camping season.
- Additional information and guidelines for special equipment (ropes course, horses, etc.) will be sent to all applicants expressing an interest in participating in such activities.

4. Utilities: The Georgia Lions' Camp shall provide water, electricity, and garbage disposal without charge to Licensee.

5. Maintenance: The Georgia Lions' Camp shall maintain the Facility in good condition and repair and shall provide janitorial services to the premises and buildings. The Georgia Lions' Camp shall provide beds, mattresses, kitchen appliances, serving trays, and other equipment necessary for the operation of the Facility. Licensee agrees to assist in keeping the Facility clean, and shall leave the Facility free of defacement. A site-specific checklist is available with this contract. It must be signed during the pre-rental orientation.

6. Health and Safety:

- a) The Georgia Lions' Camp does not provide medical supervision, treatment, maintenance, or dispensing of medications for User Groups. These responsibilities belong to the Licensee.
- b) Licensee agrees to furnish a qualified adult to provide basic health supervision. A qualified adult is at least 21 years of age and possesses at least a current certificate of training in the principles of first aid and age-appropriate CPR from a nationally recognized provider. Licensee must bring own first aid supplies and equipment.
- c) Licensee's contact person shall bring and have available at all times a current list of participants that includes: names and addresses emergency contact information, and known allergies or health conditions. Also, for each participant (participant and staff member) under the age of 18 and not accompanied by their parent or guardian, a signed form granting permission to seek emergency treatment.

- d) Licensee agrees to furnish at least one participant, age 18 years or older, who is trained in the principles of first aid, for each ten campers under 16 years of age.
- e) Emergency transportation is available through local emergency response groups by dialing 911. Licensee agrees to furnish non-emergency transportation.
- f) Licensee will prohibit smoking except in designated places and shall warn all persons of the hazards of indiscriminate smoking at the Facility. Open fires may be built only in the campfire area, for which fire permits have been secured. It is understood that both the Georgia Lions' Camp and Licensee must comply with all lawful orders of appropriate fire control officials.
- g) Use of vehicles at the Facility is restricted to roads and parking areas designated by the Site Director. Posted speed limits shall be obeyed.

7. Use Fees and Costs:

- a) Guaranteed Minimum Fee – The Guaranteed Minimum Fee is based on the number of persons guaranteed by Licensee (\$750). It will be charged to Licensee even if fewer persons use the Facility than Licensee guaranteed.
- b) Additional Use Fees – If more persons use the Facility than the Licensee guaranteed, Licensee shall pay to the Georgia Lions' Camp an additional fee. This fee will represent the use of the Facility by the additional persons, and will be calculated by totaling the individual charges for each additional person's lodging or day use fee.
- c) The amount reasonably necessary to repair or replace property or equipment damaged or destroyed during Licensee's use.
- d) Payment Terms – Licensee agrees to deliver payment in full to a representative of the Georgia Lions' Camp prior to Licensee's arrival to the Facility. Exceptions must be approved by the Georgia Lions' Camp prior to arrival. Licensee agrees to pay any banking fees accumulated as the result of non, late, or insufficient payment.

8. Liability for Injury to Persons or Property:

- a) Licensee agrees to supervise and to assume full control and responsibility for any persons, entities or things other than the Georgia Lions' Camp personnel or property who/which are, for any reason, on the Facility by reason of Licensee's program or use of the Facility.
- b) Licensee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Georgia Lions' Camp and its past present and future members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and independent contractors and its and their successors, assigns and heirs from and against any harm and/or claim made by any third party arising out of in any way connected with Licensee's actions and/or failure(s) to act in respect of its use of the Facility.
- c) For the purpose of this section, "any person" includes, but is not limited to, Licensee's agents and employees, participants in Licensee's program, and Licensee's visitors.

9. Miscellaneous:

- a) Licensee warrants that the person signing the Agreement has the authority to execute the Agreement on its behalf.
- b) This Agreement may be altered or amended only by written agreement of both parties.
- c) The Georgia Lions' Camp reserves the right to require that the Licensee remove from the Facility any persons in, or in any way connected with, Licensee's group who, in the sole opinion of the Georgia Lions' Camp, are creating a disturbance or who are otherwise disrupting activities on said Facility. Licensee agrees to permit only authorized persons to enter the Facility and shall take all necessary steps to remove unauthorized persons from said Facility.
- d) Licensee agrees that the total number of participants on the premises will not exceed the Facility Building Maximum capacity at any time.

10. Termination:

- a) The Georgia Lions' Camp may terminate this Agreement without any liability upon ten (10) days prior written notice to Licensee either 1) without cause or 2) upon a determination by the Georgia Lions' Camp, in its sole and exclusive judgment, that the requirements of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Public Health and Safety or any statute, rule or regulation of any federal, state, or local body, imposes undue requirements or hardship on the Georgia Lions' Camp.
- b) In the event of cancellation by Licensee, Licensee will be released from payment of the Guaranteed Minimum Fee provided the Georgia Lions' Camp receives written notice of the termination no later than 90 days prior to the event, or the Georgia Lions' Camp re-licenses the same facilities for the same period of time at the same fee. The Georgia Lions' Camp agrees to use its best efforts to re-license the Facility in this event.

****Rules for acceptance and participation in programs at the Georgia Lions' Camp are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, handicap, or national origin.***

Please contact us to request a rental application.



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey s_rousey@truvista.net

Combined Federal Campaign



Leader Dog CFC #74907

74907 What's in a number?

- **74907 will provide the funds needed to raise and train future Leader Dogs.**
- **74907 will provide mobility, independence, safety and companionship to people who are blind or Deaf-Blind.**
- **74907 will empower the people we serve to realize their full potential.**
- **If you are a federal employee, please choose 74907 today so our dogs can realize their full potential—to serve.**
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Leader Dogs for the Blind is among the approved national list of organizations that federal government employees can choose from to support charities of their choice. Similar to the United Way campaign taking place in workplaces throughout the nation, the CFC is the campaign conducted throughout post offices, the military, correctional facilities and all federal government branches. It is completely voluntary for government employees to contribute to the CFC and it is the only way that charities can solicit federal offices.

Each approved nonprofit such as Leader Dog must meet the fundraising, administrative and governance criteria set by the federal government. Nonprofits must apply each year in order to be considered for inclusion in the campaign. Over the last 10 years, Leader Dogs for the Blind has received thousands of dollars from CFC designations and counts on the generous donations of federal employees to help support our programs to enhance the lives of the blind and visually impaired.

For more information on the CFC, visit www.opm.gov/cfc.

Calendar update! Starting October 1, we will be selling calendars online, at the reception desk and in the gift shop here on Leader Dog's campus. Calendars will be \$15 each if purchased in person, \$18 if purchased online or over the phone (includes shipping).



Our 2014 calendar is off to the printer! Sales will start in October. Thank you to all the puppy raisers, clients, Lions and supporters who submitted photos of your furry companions! We look forward to seeing even more of your pictures at leaderdogsfortheblind@gmail.com as we prepare new materials (including the next calendar).



Thank you for sharing this captured moment Maurice Escobar..... "Thought I would share one of many special moments captured with my Daughter Catalina and Leader Dog Jiffy. Her vision and hearing impairment has never stopped her dreams. She explains to Jiffy (in the picture) the importance of living life to the fullest and thanking him for always being there by her side. Thank you Jiffy for teaching me the importance of listening and thank you Leader Dog for changing our lives!"

Walking the walk

Carroll Jackson (left), field representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind, and his dog, Hunter, walk Friday with blindfolded student Austin Sims at Turner Junior High School.

Each year after Disability Awareness Day, eighth-graders at Turner Junior High are asked to fill out a personal evaluation. The questions are fairly general, asking what stood out from the day, what students learned, what they liked and what they didn't like.



Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living Executive Director Becky McGinnis said part of the purpose is to help the program develop. The answers often reveal just why the day is so important. "Kids will say, 'It surprised me, what I learned,' and the things they say amaze us sometimes," McGinnis said. "You know, 'I was surprised the deaf man had kids,' where being deaf doesn't mean you can't have kids. Some things just amaze me. And some things are really profound." The evaluation also asks if the day changes the way they think.

"The vast majority say 'yes,' but there are some who say, 'No, because I already have people in my family with disabilities and I already respected them,'" McGinnis said. The main organizer behind the event, Turner special education department Chair Susan Roegee, said the event was more or less the same as it had been for last year's students.

Eighth graders rotated through several areas of the school, walking blind-folded with the assistance of a seeing-eye dog or a cane, playing basketball or soccer wearing goggles that impair vision in different ways, or just learn a bit about how sign language works and maybe pick up a few simple signs.

"The blind and the deaf are really important, because we have [the Illinois School for the Deaf] and [Illinois School for the Visually Impaired] here in town," Roegee said. "I think it's important for the students to know how to communicate with one another."

Students also attended sessions to show how hidden disabilities — like dyslexia or depression — can impact cognitive perception and affect behavior. Another simply showed many of the tools and devices the disabled people use to help them accomplish day-to-day tasks. A new feature involved asking students to perform some physical challenge, like trying to toss bean bags, while their arms were lashed together to restrict movement.

"We've always done physical disability with the lower body, but we have a demonstrations about disability in the upper body this time, just to give students a taste of what people have to go through on a daily basis," Roegee said.

"I think my overall goal, at the end of the day, is one: For the students to gain an understanding about the disabilities around them; and two: Develop some empathy for those who live with a disability on a daily basis," she added.



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

Learning Ally, formerly Recording for Blind and Dyslexic, has more than 70,000 digitally recorded titles in its library. In addition to its traditional textbooks and supplementary/literature titles, Learning Ally has started to record to text, so that a new or problem reader can follow the words with the audio on his mobile device. To find more information about Learning Ally, visit their website at www.learningally.org.



Georgia Lions are fortunate to have a Learning Ally studio in Athens, so there are several Lions who volunteer by recording books. In addition, for some time, the Classic City Lions Club in District 18-I, has provided six months of Lion Magazine on CDs. A club in Tennessee had been doing the other months until their studio closed. So, the Oconee Lions Club was asked to take up the slack. After some training under Lion Harold Brown, a few members of the Oconee club have taken over the six months. The October issue was totally done by this club. Long time Learning Ally volunteer Lion Marilyn Smith recorded the issue. If you or you know someone who would like to receive a free audio CD of the magazines, contact Eleanor Cotton, director of the Athens studio at eCotton@LearningAlly.org or call the studio at 706.549.1313 (or HQ at 800-221-4792) and ask to be put on the mailing list for the Lions magazine CD. They will need an MP3 compatible CD player or computer to use the CD.

The audio is also posted on the Internet here: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lion-magazine/audio-recordings.php>

To know what the Athens studio does, “like” their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/georgia.learningally>



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Building Blocks for Independence



Independence for children with disabilities is about teaching life skills and building a foundation for lifelong independence. [As a leader in training assistance dogs](#), we’re developing creative ways for our assistance dogs to transform the lives of children with disabilities. By tugging off a child’s sock, an assistance dog makes the transition to bedtime easier. Building gross motor skills and learning to take turns is fun when an assistance dog pushes bowling pins over, or plays beach ball volleyball. Doing a puzzle is no longer simply working on fine motor skills if the dog hands the child the pieces!

The work that our assistance dogs are [performing with children](#) is often much more than meets the eye. For children who have difficulty with sensory integration, being able to hold on to or pet the dog allows kids to focus. Having the warm pressure of the dog next to them in bed often helps an anxious child to sleep alone through the night for the first time.

Many children with developmental disabilities can’t distinguish an unfamiliar face from a familiar one. Imagine living in a world where every face is a cause of anxiety. However, children with these types of disabilities do respond differently to an image of a dog. A dog’s facial features are different enough to be distinguishable, and displays emotions that children can relate to.

The placement of an assistance dog changes the life of the child and the family in unique and wonderful ways.



Diabetes Awareness Chair
Kathryn Higgins
klhiggins07@aol.com

Seniors with Diabetes — Take Control of Your Health



In the U.S., there are nearly 26 million people living with diabetes, and more seniors have diabetes than any other age group. Currently, one in four Americans (10.9 million, or 26.9 percent) over the age of 60 is living with diabetes. With age comes an increased risk for specific complications that require diligence and care to properly mitigate them.

This presents a great opportunity to further educate seniors and, in some cases, provide information to their caregivers. The majority of seniors with diabetes have type 2 diabetes. It occurs because the body is not making enough insulin or is not able to properly use the insulin it does make. Insulin helps our bodies use glucose for energy.

When you were diagnosed with diabetes, your blood glucose level was too high. This sugar is not so sweet—diabetes is a serious disease that can cause complications such as blindness, kidney disease and heart disease, plus nerve damage that can lead to amputations.

The good news is that there are things you can do to prevent these diabetes-related problems, no matter your age. Taking action now will help with your later years, so you can live a healthy life and see your grandchildren grow into beautiful and healthy men and women. And, it's the perfect time to think about this because National Grandparents Day is on Sunday.

Ways you can take control of your health include:

Keep your blood glucose level under control. Talk to your doctor about the target range for your [blood glucose](#). Then check your levels daily (or as often as recommended by

your doctor) to know if your treatment plan (nutrition plan, exercise and/or medication(s)) is working.

Make changes in your diet to lower your blood glucose and lower your risk for heart disease.

-Learn to [eat well-balanced meals](#) that include healthful food choices (vegetables, fruits, whole grains, etc.) and watch your portion sizes. Even foods that are good for you can add pounds to your waistline, if you consume too much of them. Losing those extra pounds will help you manage not only your diabetes, but also other health problems you may have.

-Keep your [blood pressure](#) under control. The same lifestyle changes that control blood glucose levels (dietary modifications and exercise) may also help you keep your blood pressure at safe levels. The American Diabetes Association recommends that people with diabetes keep their blood pressure below 140/80, but check with your health care professional about what target is best for you.

-Keep your [cholesterol levels](#) in normal range. The liver makes cholesterol and it is also found in the foods we eat such as eggs, meats and dairy products. High cholesterol levels can clog your arteries and put you at risk of developing heart disease and stroke. If you have high cholesterol, you can help lower it by losing weight, exercising and eating a healthful diet.

-[Stop smoking](#). Smoking is bad for everyone. It increases your risk for heart disease and is even worse for people with diabetes because of the blood vessel damage it causes.

Increase your physical activity. Exercise is a very important tool to help lower your blood glucose. Prior to starting any exercise program, you will need to consult with your doctor. Make exercise routine with activities you enjoy. In addition to helping manage your blood glucose, exercise helps lower blood pressure and improves balance, flexibility and muscle strength. Exercise may even help to reduce anxiety and depression. Go out and play!

Learn more about diabetes. Managing your diabetes will require you to work together with your doctor. The Association's [website](#) has developed information just for you. Also, check with your local Association office to find out about events in your area.



Dear Lion,

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes® is the signature fundraising walk of the American Diabetes Association. More than 120,000 participants from 120 walk events across the country came together last year to raise over \$24 million. Step Out has been taking place for more than 20 years and has raised more than \$175,000,000 to Stop Diabetes®!

Will you join the movement and Step Out in 2013?

Join us! American Diabetes Association – Step Out

P.S. It's more fun to Step Out together! Gather your friends, family and co-workers and form a team! Teams come in all sizes—two or more people make a team! It's a great way to fundraise and support the American Diabetes Association's movement to Stop Diabetes.

WHY DO YOU WALK?
 Share your story by registering today! [register](#)

Location **Event Date**
 North Metro, GA - Independence High School –
 Alpharetta, GA
October 12, 2013
 Need more info? Contact:
 Adrienne Harrison at aharrison@diabetes.org /
 (404) 320-7100 ext. 3045

[register](#)
http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/StepOutAdmin?fr_id=9084&pg=entry

Location **Event Date**
 Atlanta, GA - Turner Field, Braves Stadium
November 9, 2013
 Need more info? Contact:
 Tiffany Rozier at trozier@diabetes.org /
 (404) 320-7100 ext.3096

[register](#)
http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/StepOutAdmin?fr_id=9096&pg=entry

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Teaching Schools About Children's Rights

Kids with diabetes can get an equal education, in class and beyond By Tracey Neithercott

There's a lot to learn when you have diabetes. It can seem overwhelming. But you're not alone. Join the American Diabetes Association's Living With Type 2 Diabetes program. This free, year-long program offers information and support to help you learn how to live well with diabetes.

The Living With Type 2 Diabetes program also offers a new way to get diabetes education and support right on your phone, with Care4life*. You will get text messages to help you:

- Set reminders for medications & appointments
- Record & track blood glucose readings
- Learn healthy recipes & nutrition tips
- Track weight & exercise goals

95% of program users would recommend Care4life to a friend with diabetes. One user said, "With Care4life, I never felt alone!"

[Enroll in Living With Type 2 Diabetes and Care4life today!](#)

*Care4life is offered FREE to members and graduates of the Living Well With Type 2 Diabetes through the support of Voxiva, Inc. The program is provided at no cost, however standard message and data rates may apply.

Enroll Today!

<http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/recently-diagnosed/living-with-type-2-diabetes/>

provide services for children with diabetes. And that is public information, not secrets whispered about in the teachers' lounge.

Of course, having rights is one thing. Having a school acknowledge them is entirely different. When a school won't budge, regardless of a student's rights under the law, parents are left with a choice: continue the time-consuming fight alone or enlist help.



Leading for Life -- Lions Clubs Video

Go to this web site:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HeHghqgzg>

Published on Jun 20, 2012

This inspiring video looks at the leadership, experience and opportunities available to young people through Leo clubs. Alpha and Omega Leo clubs provide youth volunteer opportunities, and are also a place to grow and have fun. "Leading for Life" illustrates the Leo spirit of serving others and the important partnership with Lions, leading to a path of lifelong service.

Follow Leo Clubs on Facebook



Stay up-to-date on Leo news by following the [Leo Club Program on Facebook](#). Connect with Lions and Leos from across the globe; share photos, success stories and project ideas; and encourage the youth in your community to volunteer and make a difference.

Tips for your Leo club Facebook page:

- Post photos of Leos in action at community service projects, events and activities.
- Connect with other local organizations on Facebook, such as park districts and libraries, and ask them to help promote your Leo club's [youth volunteer opportunities](#) on their page.
- Keep Leos and community members informed by posting info about club meetings, upcoming events and successful projects.

Does your Leo club have a Facebook page? Share your link and Facebook tips in the comments below.

- See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/05/02/follow-leo-clubs-on-facebook/#sthash.gksb1SQb.dpuf>



Helping Children, Building Character

[Lions Quest](#) Lions clubs help children grow into solid citizens. By focusing on providing life skills to children in kindergarten through grade 12, these clubs help young people make responsible decisions. Communicate effectively. And avoid drugs. This school-based setting also offers you a wonderful opportunity to volunteer helping children while serving as a Lion.

Lions Quest Lions Clubs

The desire to help children succeed is the common element that brings Lions Quest Lions clubs members together. As part of a Lions Quest Lions club, you can choose to focus on projects that include:

- Volunteering to help with service learning projects.
- Delivering presentations about community service to students.
- Registering teachers at a Lions Quest workshop.
- Purchasing Lions Quest materials for students, including books (\$2 to \$6 per student, depending on grade).
- Providing financial support for a Lions Quest workshop - from buying teacher lunches (\$100 or less) to sponsoring a full workshop and teacher materials (\$6,500 for 36 teachers).

Chartering a Lions Quest Lions Club

You can charter a Lions Quest Lions club just like a [traditional club](#). You will need:

- 20 or more charter members
- A sponsoring club, district cabinet or district committee, region or zone
- The district governor's approval
- Completed charter application
- Appropriate charter fees

For more information on helping children, [contact our new clubs team](#) and get involved today.



**1st Annual District Rally
District 18-I
Watkinsville First United Methodist Church
Grace Hall
1331 New High Shoals Road
Watkinsville, Georgia 30677
October 26, 2013**



Dear Fellow Lions,

You and your club members, along with your guests, are cordially invited to District 18 - I's 1st Annual District Rally to be held 12 Noon, Saturday, October 26, 2013, at the Watkinsville First United Methodist Church..

Tickets for the dinner are \$18 each. Tickets will be held at the door and will be issued by club. Reserved seating will be assigned. Please complete and return the enclosed order form with payment to P.O. Box 871, Watkinsville, GA 30677, Attention Bill Bowman by no later than Saturday, October 15, 2013.

Other events of the day include the District's Second Cabinet Meeting and recognition of the 2013 District I Hall of Fame Inductees. All events will occur at Watkinsville First United Methodist Church's Grace Hall, 1331 New High Shoals Road, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. Nominees and guests for the Hall of Fame /Rally luncheon should be included on the reservation form. Each club will be responsible for providing all the information requested in a timely manner.

It is requested that a club check be sent for all attending. Table assignments will be made in order of receipt of checks – the earlier your club registers the better the table assignment.



Each Club is to provide a basket or item for a silent auction. Please put an approximate value on the basket or item so initial bids can be established.

Yours in Lionism,

**Ed Hashbarger,
District Governor 18 --I**

**Schedule of Activities 9:00 am Training Certified Guiding Lion/CEP Overview
11:00 am Cabinet Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch/Speaker
1:15 Hall of Fame presentations**

District 18 - I Hall of Fame/Rally Ticket Order Form
Watkinsville First United Methodist Church
Grace Hall
12 Noon, Saturday, October 26, 2013

Cost: Number of Tickets _____ @ \$18.00 Each = \$ _____

Tables: Eight Persons to a Table

Club: _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone: _____

Please list attendees if known, so we don't duplicate the order.

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Please make check payable to: Lions 18-I Hall of Fame/Rally
ORDERS MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2013

Remit to: District Rally/Hall of fame
P.O. Box 871
Watkinsville, GA 30677
Attention: Bill Bowman

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2014 MD 18 CONVENTION

Macon, GA

May 30 – June 1, 2014

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a Hospitality Book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# M/JF Luncheon tickets	Leon (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

Club:		District:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:			

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

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2013 \$106.00 Oct. 1, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2013 \$125.00
 Jan 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014 \$145.00 After April 30, 2014 \$160.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
M/JF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash:		Date Paid:		Amount Paid:	\$

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Marriott Macon City Center
 240 Coliseum Drive
 Macon, Georgia 31217
 478-621-5300 or 1-800-868-5354
 Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
 Room rate is \$119 night plus 14% tax
 Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Lion David McDonald
 1624 Hannahs Mill Road
 Thomason, Georgia 30286
 H: 706-548-3550
 Email:
 dmcDonald@charter.net

District Governor

Lion Ed Hashbarger (Yoriko)
edmlionh@bellsouth.net

Cabinet Secretary

Lion Harold Walker
hewalker7@bellsouth.net

TO:



*Have All Lions
Received the
Word?*

*Make A Copy of
This Bulletin*

*So We Can All Be
Heard.*

