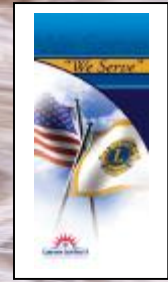




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District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

November 2007



Fellow Lions:

Recently, I received a letter from our International President Mehendra Amarasuriya. In it he asked questions which I would like to pass down to you? Please consider them carefully. To help prepare for new members, you might want to ask yourself and your fellow Lions:

Are your service activities fun for members as well as being important for the community?

Do your meetings move quickly and efficiently enough to take care of all business without wasting your members' time?

Is there anything you can do to make them more interesting to your members?

Can you offer members opportunities for meaningful hands-on service?

If your club is planning on recruiting families, is your club ready?

Are you ready to bring new members into the mainstream of club activities?

District Governor Ruth Payton

If you answered "No" to any of these questions, you will benefit from the Dynamic Club Workshop which will be conducted on Saturday morning, 9 AM, Nov. 10, 2007 at the Gainesville Civic Center. There is no charge for this seminar and you will learn a lot from PCC Mark Miller from 18-A. This is just one of the events that is being offered the week-end of Nov 9-10th and everyone is welcome.

It will start with a Hall of Fame dinner Friday evening at 6:30. This will be at the Civic Center and we will recognize new members to the Hall of Fame as well as opportunity to meet with and talk to ID Joseph Gaffigan and his wife, our guests for the week-end. Meal is \$20.00 each. Reservations should be sent to DG Ruth Payton Saturday morning will be the Dynamic Club Workshop, or a trip to Athens to tour the RFB&D studios. Both events will be done in time for lunch. Saturday afternoon at 2pm will be the 2nd cabinet meeting, again at the Civic Center.

Saturday evening will be the Rally/Banquet at 6:30pm with ID Gaffigan as the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$160.00 for a table of 8 for clubs who want to sit together. Send this check to Lion Herman Jones at 4012 Oak Harbour Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506. Please do this ASAP as table assignments will be made on a first-come-first-serve basis.

I'm proud of the clubs who are showing an increase in membership == Keep up the good work!

DG Ruth



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

Peace Poster Contest Judging Deadlines.

Lions clubs sponsoring the 2007-08 "**Peace Around the World**" must mail posters advancing to district judging by 15 November. Be sure the sticker (PPC-4) included in each Peace Poster Contest kit is affixed to the back of the poster.

November – Annual LCIF Contributing Member Month. Lions who become Contributing Members receive distinctive lapel pins and the satisfaction of knowing they help restore vision, bring food, and clothing to victims of disasters and provide vocational training for the disabled plus much more. Get involved.

[GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC.](#)
Fall Meeting: November 3-4, 2007 – Warner Robins, GA. It will be an "**Evening of Thanksgiving**" for the firemen who bravely fought the wildfires that surrounded the camp in April, May and June. **Firefighters will be present.** Cost will be \$8.00 each. Please make your reservations to Lion Doy Barks by November 1st.

Planning Ahead



Region 3 = 6:30, 30 October, Snellville Senior Center, in Snellville, GA

Region 2 = 19 November, Dawsonville

18-D District Rally

10 November – Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming District Rally. Inform all of your members to mark their calendars for this day. This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Saturday can be an all day event.

In the morning Dynamic Work Shop is planned.

At 1 pm there will be an eye-screening training which will show new techniques that has not been shown in the past.

Saturday afternoon at 2pm will be the 2nd cabinet meeting, again at the Civic Center. The meeting will be very short - instead of having chairs give reports - a synopsis of their report will be read. Then there will be an answer and question period with the International Director and a few Past International Directors. You ask the question and they will give you an answer.

The Rally starts at 6:30 p.m. and cost will be \$20.00 per person. Come one, come all... **Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis for \$160.00.** ID Joseph Gaffigan will be our guest speaker from Silver Springs, Maryland. He is currently a sector coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II and chairperson of Lions Clubs International's Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

Check your mail box

For more info will come – stay tuned.



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** 📄?

LCIF, Lions Respond to California Wildfires

LCIF is working with Lions leaders in Southern California to help victims of the California wildfires. A total of US\$45,000 in emergency grants and relief funding has been approved to date. Sixteen fires across the southern part of the state have destroyed more than 1,300 homes and more than 500,000 residents have evacuated. Lions in Districts 4-L6 (San Diego area) and 4-L5 have mobilized their emergency response team. Lions in District 4-L6 have also set up an [online message board](#) for those able to offer assistance or ideas. LCIF continues to work with Lions in southern California to assess the situation and determine a course of action. An LCIF designated account has been established for those

wishing to donate to the relief efforts. For updated information, continue to visit our [Web site](#).

Year of Campaign SightFirst II

Programs like SightFirst have made Lions the international leaders in the fight against blindness. Together, we have saved or restored sight to more than 27 million people and improved the vision treatment for hundreds of millions of individuals. Several of these individuals' stories are included in two new DVDs, [The Faces of SightFirst](#) and [The Year of CSFII](#). Like an [MJF, a Progressive MJF](#) designated to CSFII has the power to save 166 individuals from blindness.

New SightFirst Publication

To promote the work of Lions and LCIF through the SightFirst program, a new publication titled [ForSight](#) has been created. Produced three times a year, ForSight is distributed to current and past international officers, partner organizations, technical advisors, SightFirst chairpersons and other supporters of SightFirst. The August and October issues can be [viewed online](#). Future issues will be available in all official languages. This publication is especially valuable for

those considering donating to Campaign SightFirst II.

Key Partnerships for Lions Quest

The U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs awarded LCIF a second 5-year US\$1.255 million sub-contract to provide teacher training and curriculum support for [Lions Quest](#) drug prevention in schools in Russia for the first time, as well as expanding current Lions Quest programming in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Lithuania and Ukraine.

Lions Clubs International has joined the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) as a sustaining member and partner to enhance the work of local communities and help youth resist alcohol and other drugs. Lions will support their mission to build stronger capacity for anti-drug efforts through the 5,000 community coalitions nationwide.



LIONS have discovered that the INTERNET is a useful TOOL for conducting club and district BUSINESS.

Please encourage the Lions in your club to check out the WEB site that Lions International has. They have been trying to update their site to not only help Lions, but also provide information to non-Lions.

www.lionsclubs.org

How many Lions have checked out the Lions WEB site and/or your own District WEB site.

www.edmclion.com

We have something new - [Delectable-Lions-in-Action](#) your club pictures and check Hot Topics its separate now – look under the [Hot Topics](#) block and the Bulletin stands alone [District 18-D Bulletin block](#).

You might learn something NEW.....



What is CSFII?

**Gifts of US\$1,000+ are eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
All gifts of US\$100+ are eligible for Campaign SightFirst II recognition.**

Total Gift	Annually	Monthly	Daily
US\$10,000	US\$2,000	US\$166.67	US\$5.48
US\$5,000	US\$1,000	US\$83.33	US\$2.74
US\$2,500	US\$833.33	US\$69.44	US\$2.28
US\$1,000	US\$333.33	US\$27.78	US\$.91
US\$500	US\$166.67	US\$13.89	US\$.46
US\$400	US\$133.33	US\$11.11	US\$.37



*Pledges of US\$5,000+ may be fulfilled over five years.
Pledges of US\$4,999 and below may be fulfilled over three years.*

7 inch tall cherry bud vase with wood veneer rose flowers. The vase also includes a glass test tube so that real flowers can be inserted into a vial of water. Vases were turned by John Rudert, PDG.

Vases of various woods, cherry, ash, maple, ambrosia maple, and walnut with a similar shape and with a bouquet of 6 wood veneer roses will be offered for sale, \$50, with all monies being donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Campaign Sight First II.

Why Not make your own PERSONAL contribution of \$200 or why not become a Melvin Jones Fellow - \$100.00 down and \$300.00 a year for 3 years. (Don't forget - this is TAX Deductible)

It takes more than hospitals, screenings and medicines to save sight it takes Lions.

For Lions, saving sight and service for CSFII are intimately tied. What Lions do in the next several months will ensure that a lifetime of sight reaches individuals around the world.

Through CSFII, Lions are working to ensure that SightFirst is not simply a shining moment in Lions' history, but a lasting, global legacy. What will your club do to help?



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

H O T Action Required – Hmmmmm POSSIBLE GREAT FUND-RAISER???

The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team has performed special community events throughout the United States and 19 foreign countries. We have worked extensively with Non-profit Organizations and would be happy to provide references. You can learn more about us on our website at www.harlemambassadors.com

The Harlem Ambassadors feature a "Harlem-style" Basketball Show, including ball handling tricks, slam dunks and hilarious comedy routines. The Harlem Ambassadors are the largest provider of entertainment services to the military having performed at over 100 bases worldwide. Our team consists of men professionals with major college and pro experience. All of our players are college educated, drug-free, and positive in appearance. In addition to their basketball skills, they bring a message to the youth of the importance of staying in school and staying off drugs.

We will be touring through Georgia and wanted to see if your Organization might be interested in a special fundraising event with the Harlem Ambassadors in February 2008.

Unique is that our featured comic performer is a woman player. She is a world class basketball player and a world class comedienne. She plays and competes against the men and represents a great role model for young girls.



Our fundraising package is complete for you and your organization to present a successful community event. I would be happy to also forward to you a package of references and our Promotional video. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about our

great fundraising plan.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Logue
Assistant General Manager
888-386-4667

www.HarlemAmbassadors.com

It's Not Your Grandfather's Basketball Show!

Synopsis of HARLEM AMBASSADORS HISTORY

The Harlem Ambassadors Professional Show Basketball team was conceived in Spring 1998 by Dale Moss. Moss combined an extensive career in professional sports management and marketing with an entrepreneurial desire to create the Harlem Ambassadors concept. Already operating a sports marketing firm in Fort Collins, Colorado, Moss began seeking a central figure to direct the basketball operations of the Harlem Ambassadors.

Through discussions with several persons, Moss had chosen to contact S. "Ladè Majic" Prophète regarding this role. She was the first and only choice for the position, but was out-of-touch playing professionally in Israel. While on a scouting trip for players in New York, Moss learned that she had returned from overseas, met with her, and found they shared a common vision for a show basketball team. Ladè Majic signed with the Harlem Ambassadors in April 1998.

The first training camp began in September 1998 with touring in October 1998. The first-ever Harlem Ambassadors game was played in Mountain Home, Idaho on October 10, 1998. The first season saw the Ambassadors play approximately 30 games. It was also marked by a large turnover in players as the disciplined requirements of the Ambassadors did not suit some players. Unfortunately, two players had to be dismissed for positive drug test results.

With a European Tour that included performances for the deployed troops in Bosnia, Kosovo and Sarejevo, the Harlem Ambassadors kicked off their third campaign in August 2000. The team toured Midwest locations such as Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio for the first time and added Florida, Georgia, and Alabama as destinations. December 2000 brought the first Asian Tour, which included performances during the Christmas season to troops in Korea and Japan. The team also performed for KBS-TV in a nationally televised event from Pusan, Korea. The triumphant season concluded with a Pacific Island Tour before packed gymnasiums in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Guam, Saipan, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The 2003-2004 season kicked off with the most intensive camp ever at the Marine Corp Mountain Warfare Training Center high in the Sierra Mountains of California. The International Unit played nearly 150 games, while the Regional Unit performed about 55 shows.

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

It is up to you.....



The **KEY WORD** to all of this is **ASK**
 Any further questions – just ask!

Dear Club Officer,

Did you know that the future of Lions Clubs International is in your hands? In my presidential program for this year I laid out what I think are vital changes to be made in our association:

- “Re-brand Lions Clubs International
- Extend membership with greater attention to diversity in age and gender.
- Use leadership techniques appropriate for the 21st century.

But change doesn’t happen when executive officers make plans or when the international board of directors passes a resolution. Change’s in a club’s dynamic, attitude and service projects doesn’t happen at International Headquarters. **Change only happens when Lions Clubs – led by dedicated, forward-thinking club officers – take a close look at what works and what doesn’t work and plan their futures accordingly.**

I urge all of you during your year as a Lion leader to examine closely and with brutal honesty, the practices and policies of your club. As you do, please give special consideration to these areas where tradition is often followed solely for tradition’s sake:

Club Meetings – Are your club’s meetings short enough to respect your members’ time while also being efficient enough to conduct all necessary business? Are they interesting and engaging for your members?

Is your schedule flexible? The day is long past when a Lions Club should derive its main identity from the time of day at which it meets.

Feedback from your members is important. Are they bored? Do they wish to bring family members to meetings? Find out and then embrace the change necessary to truly serve your members.

Networking – It is and always shall be an important tenet of Lions ethics that membership in a Lions Club must not be used for personal gain or professional profit. Meetings and club events should never be used for personal aggrandizement or to promote a business. However, this basic principle should not be interpreted so strictly as to prevent social and professional networking.

As Lions, we strive to bring the most effective and involved individuals into our clubs to serve our communities. It is a simple fact that in the 21st century, the most effective and influential individuals in our communities got that way through networking. When these vital and successful people join our clubs they bring their contacts and resources with them. When members network among themselves and with those outside the club, Lions Clubs will be able to leverage these networks to do more and to do things more effectively in the “We Serve” spirit. The result will be better service to the communities about which we care so deeply.

Fun – Are your members having fun? Service, of course, is the highest ideal of Lions Clubs International, but service should be a joyful experience for all involved. Those who give of themselves with a glad heart will be better received – and will give more – than those who give out of a grim sense of duty.

Many clubs are taking bold steps to enhance the cohesiveness of the club and build camaraderie among members. This may mean conducting meetings informally as part of a back-yard picnic or taking “field trips” to local cultural and civic events. I know of one club that has even increased attendance at meetings by introducing “karaoke night” after business has been concluded! However your club chooses to do it, please remember that fun and service are not incompatible. Each enhances the other.

When you ask yourselves these important questions and make the appropriate changes, I truly believe that your club will be fulfilling its highest potential for service. And isn’t that why you became a Lion?

As always, I thank you for your service and look forward to hearing about your successes.

Sincerely,
 Mahendra Amarasuriya
 President, International Association of Lions Clubs



D. G. Ruth Payton installs 3 new members in Towns County Lions Club.

Have you gone to **Membership Development and New Club Formation** on Lions International web site – you should have seen the following and than searched more for information:

Family Volunteer Activities – it even has a view the Family Activity List.

Student Member Program – You could learn more when you check out the Student Member Program.

Boomers Outreach Campaign – Did you view the Boomers Campaign Web page?

Women in Lions – Have you checked out information on Women in Lionism.



"I am your opportunity."

Helen Keller

"Opportunity lies within Lions."

Unknown

Let's think about it.....and ask, what have I done to close the backdoor?

How is your Retention Program – are you keeping GOOD LIONS??? Let's try something different – let me go down under with some new thoughts.



"Membership Retention – Routine Maintenance, Not Rocket Science"

The TEN COMMANDMENTS for a good retention program =

The TEN Commandments

1. Meetings = Punctuality and Control.
2. Allocate Lions tasks that they will want to do.
3. Show all members you care about them.
4. Keep in touch with members and their families.
5. Don't have an overkill of fines sessions & jokes.
6. Involve all your members.
7. Bond the club together through social activities.
8. Be interested in people – acknowledge achievements.
9. Give thanks and praise when and where due.
10. Deal promptly with any conflicts or disagreements.

I will deal with each of these retention factors in future monthly Bulletins.

RETENTION!

CLUB REPORTS



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

Look around:



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

Buford Lions Club. Collected 140 pairs of used eyeglasses, 12 frames, 98 cases and 258 lenses.

Clermont/North Hall Lions Club

October 2007 Activities

Our meetings this month were well attended. At our first meeting William Wright, Emergency Management Coordinator for Northeast Georgia, presented us steps to take to prepare for an emergency or natural disaster. At our second meeting Tim Thompson, writer for the local paper, *The Times*, presented us tips and suggestions to use in our shops and around the house.

We also parked cars for an event at the Mountain Center. Our members volunteered a total of 127 hours this month.

Cornelia Lions are making plans for their Children's Film Festival", usually in early December. The Cornelia lions also have mops and brooms for sale at various times thru out the year. If you want to buy a broom or mop contact any Lions Club Member and we'll gladly make arrangements to get them to you!



Forsyth County Lions Club = Lion Diane Wall and her dad, Lion Reuben Ball leaving the Cumming Fairgrounds after serving supper at the Forsyth County Lions food booth. Busy! Busy! Busy! Food Fundraisers and a Health Fair have kept the Forsyth County Lions Club members very busy this summer. The Forsyth County Lions Club fundraisers continue this fall with Belk Charity Days tickets being sold and the annual Steam and Small Engine exhibition at the Cumming Fairgrounds on November 9th and 10th. Lives continue to be touched with eyeglasses and exams. Countless man hours were given during the annual Cumming Fair at the food booth. As usual, the homemade soups, stews and cornbread were a big hit.



Jefferson Lions Club -

Here are several photos taken when members of the Jefferson Lions Club were handing out student dictionaries recently to 3rd graders at Maysville Elementary and Jefferson Academy.

The first was taken at Maysville Elementary and appeared in *The Jackson Herald* on Sep 20, with the caption:

"Jefferson Lions Club Secretary, Bill Rosenberg, with a student dictionary in hand, gets an enthusiastic response to a word definition question at Maysville Elementary School."

The second and third photos were taken as students were receiving their own personal dictionaries at Maysville Elementary and Jefferson Academy, respectively.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had our annual Golf Tournament October 3rd and it was successful. We had a Community Service Project in conjunction with Great Day of Service and will do eye screening exams and tell about what Lions do for the community. This was on October 5, 2007. It was very successful. There were 7 volunteers. They did 40 eye exams. We are planning a fundraiser at Harmony Grove Elementary School by selling Sno Cones on November 3, 2007. We have started our Annual Pecan Sales as a fundraiser. EYEGASSES COLLECTED: 208 and HEARING AIDES COLLECTED: 1 and VOLUNTEER HOURS: MONTHLY: 108

Norcross Lions Club = Plans made for upcoming Xmas lighting with Santa.

Union County Lions Club

Three applications for glasses & exams were approved. Dispensed 314 rolls of Lion Mints and sold 46 brooms and mops. Approved two new members sponsored by Lion Lisa Little and Lion Gene Little. One application for eye glasses and 7 exams were approved. Donations were to Three Woody Gap students to Presidential Classroom, the Wilderness Scouts and Volunteers for Handicap. Volunteer's hours were 1,111 for month of October. Most cam from the Sorgham Festival = 3 schedules were made; food booth, flower booth,/ face painting, & helping Jaycees on 'gate.' Lion Mary Arnold commended for her many hours of work on these schedules.

Winder Noon Lions Club =

Winder Noon Lions Club

- 9 members attended the Zone Meeting on 9/25/07
- Zone Chairman Dot Hunt visited our club
- Lion Elaine Summerour received the President's International Lion Certificate of Appreciation
- One new member Laura McColley, sponsored by Elaine Summerour
- Detective Greg Totino presented a program on drugs
- Lion Dottie Reynolds was made a Lifetime Member
- Several members passed out American Flags at the 9/11 memorial held at the Fire Station.

We had 5 guests during the month. 2 of them were wives of our members.

Active Members	52
New Members	1
Members at end of month	53

West Jackson Lions Club - WJLC was awarded a grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation Operations Round Up in the amount of \$1,804.12 which provided for 1,080 Student Dictionaries. For the past 2 years the West Jackson Lions Club has given Student Dictionaries to the 3rd graders at West Jackson Intermediate School. This year the grant request from the Jackson EMC Foundation which is made possible through Operation Round Up program will enable us to reach all students in Jackson County. Within the next 3 to 4 weeks the West Jackson Lions Club along with Jefferson Lions Club and Commerce Lions Club will be giving EVERY 3rd Grade student in Jackson County a Student Dictionary. Not only all COUNTY and CITY SCHOOLS, and PRIVATE SCHOOLS, but **HOME SCHOOLED 3RD GRADERS** as well. President B. Gordy, WJLC, states, "as far as we have been able to find out Jackson County is the first county in Georgia to give dictionaries to all third graders in city schools, county schools, private schools and home school." Further, she says, "that the success of this project cannot be done without the assistance of their fellow Jefferson and Commerce Lions and it is an honor to be working with them on this."



Also, the WJLC held a garage sale in August which netted \$2,174. A lot of items were donated which brought about this success for our Club. Lion Kit Braselton stated, “I’ve got 59 years of “treasures” in my attic and basement that I want to sell and raise some money for the Lions Club.”” And indeed he did. The two days of the sell were very “hot” in both temperature and selling of items. It was a lot of work but a huge success

to the garage sale and dictionaries the WJLC turned in 9 cell phones, 2 hearing aides and 64 pairs of glasses and 20 eye glass cases. We sold 3 mops and 1 small broom. We had contributions of \$146 add 2 new members to that.

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



We’re Waiting = have you ASKed?

Used Eye Glasses/Hearing Aids/Cell Phones

Attention ALL club Sight Chairs and/or Secretaries

As the District Recycling Committee Chair I would like to request that you report all used eyeglasses, lenses, hearing aids and cell phones that you collect on a monthly basis to me.

You can still get them to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in the same manner you do now. I just need the numbers so we can keep track of them annually. I will be sending information to each club president in the near future.

Thank you for your assistance.

Judy Stamsen, 2343 Cedar Valley Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 = 770-995-9274 pstamv@bellsouth.net



I am available for programs to Lions clubs concerning Pin Trading activities and history of Pin Trading. I am putting together a hand book for clubs are guides on how to order, quantity and the legal aspects of producing trading pins.

As a member of the Board of Directors (2007-2009) of the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) we will have raffle tickets for a quilt, 2nd Prize \$1,000.00 and third prize \$500.00. All the proceeds from all the Pin Trader Clubs will jointly be presented to LCI in Minneapolis. The goal is \$60,000.00. Each Pin Trader club will have their own fund raiser. At the October 20th meeting of the PTCGA will finalize a fund raiser.

I am working on a Pin Trader program to be presented at the Georgia State Convention in Marietta.

Contact me at Lion E. Don Wagner, 5853 Frank Gailey Road, Clermont, GA 30527, - PHONE 770-983-0984, CELL 678-614-0984 or email wagner5853@bellsouth.net for a program and update.

Thanks!

Don



GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Bill Mundy
billmund@alltel.net

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

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

Fellow Lions,

New Digital Hearing Aid Program Kicks Off

Since 1977, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has been one of the only resources for low income Georgians to obtain hearing aids.

The new program offers a new hearing aid package. This includes:

- *New Digital Aid
- *Ear mold
- *3-4 visits to a Hearing Professional**
- *Dispensing Appointment
- *2 follow up visits
- *Lighthouse still does not pay for hearing test



Since 1977, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has been one of the only resources for low income Georgians to obtain hearing aids.

Starting on November 1 of this year the Lighthouse will begin providing brand new digital hearing aids to Georgians below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. This new program is an improvement on the old program, which provided refurbished and reconditioned analog aids to people at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The Lighthouse Foundation was planning to launch this program in the fall of this year, but wasn't sure where all the funds would come from. It was a real blessing when the Georgia Public Service Commission unanimously approved a plan to implement the provisions of HB 655 that allow the distribution of hearing aids to lower income Georgians. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Bob Smith (R-Watkinsville), added "other hearing technology" to the list of acceptable uses of the Telecommunications Relay Fund (TRS), which already included relay service, reading services for the blind, and distribution of telecommunications equipment.

The program can not be entirely run from the grant the state will provide to the Lighthouse. Your support is still needed. The Lighthouse Foundation would not be able to provide this service without the dedication and community service from audiologists and hearing aid dispensers throughout the state of GA. We really appreciate all they do for our clients.

If someone in your community is in need of a hearing aid and falls below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and a Georgia resident, please have them call the Lighthouse to get an application.

The new slogan for the Lighthouse is: "Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia!"

Mildred Bingham will turn 98 on November 8, 2007. Mildred is doing well at Wesley Woods. She wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. She had a short stay in the hospital but is now home and would love to hear from everyone! She lives at Wesley Woods, 1821 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 and she would appreciate birthday cards as well!



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
 VP Ken Thurmond
eyebank@alltel.net



From the desk of Vice-President of the Camp for the Blind

Board of Director's Meeting

November 3-4, 2007

All Camp Committee meetings for the Ga. Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc., Fall meetings will be held at the Aquinas Inn in Warner Robins on November 3, 2007. The address is 109 Willie Lee Road. To get there, turn off Watson Blvd between Kubia's Auto Repair and McDonalds. This turn is across from the Hampton Inn between I-75 and the Galleria Mall, out by the Outback Steakhouse Restaurant.

The Saturday Night Banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Centerville Club House, hosted by the Centerville Lions and Lioness Clubs. **It will be an "Evening of Thanksgiving" for the firemen who bravely fought the wildfires that surrounded the camp in April, May and June.** Firefighters will be present. Cost will be \$8.00 each. Please make your reservations to Lion Doy Barks by November 1st.

The Sunday Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Centerville Lions Club House, 612 N. Houston Lake Road.

Phone: 478-923-5649 = Email: hankbarks@msn.com = Address: 614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088
 Please make checks payable to: GA Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. Everyone likes to win something, so please bring a door prize.

Schedule of Meetings – Saturday, 3 November

1:00 - 2:25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -	Meeting Room
1:30 - 2:25 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE -	Room 201
2:00 - 2:55 PR & PROMOTIONS -	Room 227
2:30 - 3:55 BUILDING & GROUNDS -	Meeting Room
2:30 - 3:30 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS -	Room 201
3:00 - 4:00 AWARDS COMMITTEE -	Room 227
3:30 - 4:15 BOARD OF TRUSTEES -	Room 201
4:15 - 5:15 POLICY COMMITTEE -	Room 227
4:00 - 5:00 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE -	Meeting Room

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE and FINANCE COMMITTEE are not meeting because of no new business at this time.

7:00 p.m. = Firefighters Thanksgiving Dinner: \$8.00 (please make checks payable to Ga. Lions Camp.)
Centerville Lions Clubhouse
612 N. Houston Lake Road.
Please bring a door prize.



Sunday, 4 November
8:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - Meeting Room
11:00 a.m. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Centerville Lions Clubhouse

Directions

FROM ATLANTA/NORTH GEORGIA TO HOTEL

- Take I-75 South to I 475 South Via Exit 177.
- Merge onto I-75 South.
- Take the GA-247 Conn exit-Exit 146-toward Centerville/Warner Robins.
- Turn left onto GA-247 Conn E/Watson Blvd.
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- End at 109 Willie Lee Pkwy-Warner Robins.



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Your Continuing Support Brings Success and Independence Teaching a new dog old tricks



Never Feed Your Dogs and Cats = Hmmm by *Dr. Karen Halligan*

“Having worked in emergency for numerous years, I have seen pets given all kinds of foods and drinks. An easy rule of thumb if it isn’t particularly healthy for you, it most likely is not good for your dog or cat. Some pets will eat almost anything, so pet owners need to be careful or they could end up in the local emergency room. The following are ten bad things to give your pets:”

- 1. Make no bones about it --** bones are bad for animals! Every year countless numbers of animals end up in the emergency room from being given bones by their owners, usually as a treat. The fact is that dogs are omnivores, not carnivores and most dogs and cats cannot tolerate bones. They can splinter or lodge in the intestinal tract with disastrous results, usually requiring surgery. They can also get stuck in their mouth or throat, which is just as dangerous. All bones are bad, including pork, chicken and beef. The next time you feel the urge to give your dog a bone, just make sure it’s a milk bone or a nylabone. Your pet will love you for it.
- 2. Chocolate --** can be lethal to pets because it contains theobromine, which causes increased heart rate, central nervous system stimulation and constriction of arteries. Clinical symptoms range from vomiting, diarrhea, restlessness, and excitability to cardiac failure, seizures and death. This can occur as quickly as four to six hours after ingestion. Baking chocolate is the worst because it contains the highest amount of theobromine. A potential lethal dose is only one pound of chocolate in a 16-pound dog. If your pet has gotten into chocolate you should contact your veterinarian immediately.
- 3. Alcohol --** is also very bad for cats and dogs. It doesn’t take much alcohol to intoxicate a pet. Animals will stagger and bump into things, hurting themselves, and it also causes them to urinate uncontrollably. In high doses, alcohol will suppress the central nervous, respiratory and cardiac systems and can lead to death. It is best to just give your pet water.
- 4. Milk --** is also not good for animals because many of them are lactose intolerant and will develop diarrhea. Pets often lack the enzyme that is required to break down the sugar in milk and this can cause them to develop vomiting, diarrhea and other gastrointestinal symptoms. Even though they like it, especially cats, refrain from giving your pets milk.
- 5. Ham --** and other salty meats and foods are very dangerous to pets. In addition to being high in fat, they are also very salty which can cause serious stomach ache or pancreatitis. Also, large breeds of dogs that eat salty food may drink too much water and develop a life-threatening condition called “bloat.” This is where the stomach fills up with gas and within several hours may twist, causing the pet to die. Please avoid giving ham and salty foods to your pets.
- 6. Onions --** are toxic to pets. They contain allyl propyl disulfide, which damages their red blood cells and can cause fatal consequences in animals. They may become anemic, weak and have trouble breathing. The best thing to do if your pet ingests onions is to get them to the vet right away.
- 7. Caffeine --** is also bad for pets. It contains methylated xanthine that, like chocolate, stimulates the central nervous and cardiac systems and within several hours can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart palpitations and even death. So make sure your pets stay away from that early morning brew.
- 8. Avocados --** are also bad for pets. First, they are really high in fat and can cause stomach upset, vomiting and even pancreatitis. Second, the pit is also toxic and can get lodged in the intestinal tract leading to a severe blockage, which may require surgery.

9. It may come as a surprise to many that **tuna fish** is bad for cats. The feline heart muscle requires an amino acid called taurine to maintain normal strength and function. Regular tuna fish for humans does not have this amino acid and cats that eat too much tuna fish will develop heart problems. If you want to give your cats that taste of tuna that they love, just make sure it is tuna fish **for** cats which has this amino acid added.

10. The latest study has found that **raisins and grapes** can lead to kidney failure in pets. Small dogs can also choke on grapes, so it is best to just make sure that your pets eat a well-balanced diet that is formulated for their life stage.



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From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig lion.swampting@gmail.com

The Next Frontier in Learning is... Hear!



I am pleased to announce that the LCIF grant requested by RFB&D was approved at the recent Int'l Board of Directors meeting. This grant will be used to purchase at least 18 LABR (Lions Audio Book Recorder) Units for use by Lions clubs throughout Georgia.

These Units are mobile, portable recording studios that can be used in any quiet place by virtually anyone! The Units include a laptop computer, flash drives, headphones, software, and all related materials necessary for recording the textbooks YOUR students need to succeed. Training will also be provided on a club-by-club basis. We have made this extremely user-friendly so that Lions and other volunteers statewide can utilize this service opportunity.

We know that there are over 39,000 Georgia students that can benefit from textbooks on CD but less than 4,500 currently receive services so we have our work cut out for us. These mobile recording studios will help us meet the increased demand for current textbooks as we reach out to help these deserving students.

As always, if you would like to know more about LABR and RFB&D please don't hesitate to contact your Chair or me - we'd love to come see you!

To learn more about RFB&D go to: www.rfbd.org/Units/Georgia_Unit.htm



Lion Grace Clower
Diabetes Awareness Chair

LIONS DIABETES EDUCATION MONTH

November is Lions Diabetes Education Month. The World Health Organization and the International Diabetes Federation has declared November 14 as World Diabetes Day. The mission statement of the Lions Diabetes Awareness Program is: To conduct and support local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention, and research.

As Lions, we can help educate the public about the warning signs of diabetes. We can provide help for people who have diabetes, and we can support diabetes research. In our local communities, we can evaluate our community needs. We can then partner with local diabetes organizations or hospitals. We can also sponsor diabetes screenings in our communities.

We ask for support for Camp Kudzu, but we should also be concerned about diabetes in our local communities. Another great way to help in our communities is to participate in the Library Program. This would involve donating books about diabetes to our local libraries. Lions can purchase a set of 10 books through the American Diabetes Association.

Diabetes Awareness is a Lions program just as Camp for the Blind and Lions Lighthouse here in Georgia. Please make this an important part of your Lions Club's help for your community. If you need help to develop this program or would like for me to present a program to your club, please contact me at graceclower@bellsouth.net

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Welcome to the **Leo Zone**



LEO CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD - 2006-2007 **Clarke Middle School LEO Club**

In The News - CMS LEO Club's Roaring Achievement **By Summer Faust**

Sleeping in on Saturdays is a favorite pastime for many teens, but snoozing and playing video games aren't part of the weekend agenda for a group of Clarke Middle School students. For members of the Leadership Experience Opportunity (LEO) Club, Saturday mornings are perfect for picking up litter alongside a local road, cutting through the overgrowth in a neglected cemetery, or fixing up the school's sports fields in the name of school spirit and service.

For students' volunteer efforts, the Clarke Middle LEO Club recently received the LEO Club of Excellence award from Lions Club International for the 2006-2007 school year. Out of 31 LEO clubs in Georgia and over 5,500 worldwide, the CMS LEO Club was one of three in Georgia and 40 worldwide to receive this prestigious honor.

"It's an honor to be recognized," says CMS Guidance Counselor and club sponsor Jamie Tuttle. "We wouldn't have received this if it wasn't for the kids and their dedication to serving the community."

Stephen Helwig, regional LEO Clubs Chair and liaison between the Lions Club and CMS LEO Club, says the CMS club won the award by demonstrating superior performance in, "serving others, developing and executing creative fundraisers, exercising effective leadership, enhancing the public image of LEO clubs, and timely completion of administrative operations."

LEO Club members meet before school every two weeks to discuss upcoming projects and to hear updates from committees in charge of various service activities the club completes throughout the year. With the help of CMS faculty, families, and the local Lions Club, the CMS LEO Club collects prescription eyeglasses for the underprivileged around the world, gathers old cell phones for recycling, and conducts a popular "Peace Poster" contest at their school.

"The kids realize that it's not just serious stuff. You can have a good time and get to know all sorts of people and a very diverse group of students," says Tuttle.

Along with these service projects, students have traveled to Waycross, Ga. for a weekend to do repairs at a camp for the blind. Students have also assisted in a major clean-up of the Brooklyn Cemetery, an African-American cemetery in Athens dating back to the mid 1800s. The cemetery was so overgrown by vines and bushes that headstones were covered. LEO Club members and other students removed 20 tons of debris during a cleanup project.

"It's important for kids to get out and support the community," Tuttle explains. "It's one thing to stand up in front of a classroom talking about helping the community, but it's completely different to actually do it."

With 30 members and growing, the CMS LEO Club plans to continue community service projects while focusing on service in the school, such as cleaning up the school's sports fields.

"This club is about supporting each other and listening to others ideas, helping each other reach our goals, and getting kids involved in the community as much as possible," Tuttle says.

"We serve"

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