



LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

November 2012

**We Serve**

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District Governor  
Bill Holley

### Georgia Lions are blessed

Greetings, I hope this message finds you and your family members in the best of health and spirits. While writing this message and listening to the news reports, about the devastation in the Mid Atlantic and Northeastern United States, I realized we are blessed to be in a position to help as Lions.

Unfortunately, sometimes it takes a natural disaster to help us work in harmony for the good of mankind. Many people are unaware of the services Lions provide outside of the Georgia Camp for the Blind or the Georgia Lighthouse. However, as Lions do we think about being blessed for what we are able to do? Some people are not able to provide support or services in ways lions do every day. Have you ever felt helpless because of not being able to support or serve your community?

The most powerful reward you can receive is a blessing for what you are able to do for others. If all Lions strive to remember that “life is not about what you get out of it, but what you do in life”, Lions Club International will remain the number one service organization in the world. There are many people who are looking for a blessing. Lions are in the unique position to not only provide services, but help others become a part of Lions Club International.

As Lions we will do our part to provide assistance in the Mid Atlantic and Northeastern United States. Please realize that many people want to belong to an organization that is in a position to serve. To be in a position to serve is a blessing and Lions serve.

Leading by example: Together we serve

District Governor  
Bill Holley

# 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.

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

## **Planning Ahead**

### **5 December: International Leo Day Making the World a Better Place for Children**

Every day, millions of children around the world miss out on the joy of childhood. Instead of playing with toys, they deal with poverty, malnutrition and disabilities. That's why Leo clubs work on international Leo projects and [local community service projects](#) to improve the lives of children.

### **International Leo Projects**

[Spotlight on Children](#) is the international service project of Leo clubs. Spotlight on Children projects give Leos the opportunity to enrich the lives of children by:

- Collecting food and clothes for local street children**
- Repairing playgrounds**
- Implementing after-school tutoring programs**
- Visiting children in hospitals**
- Raising funds for immunization programs**

Through projects like these, Leo clubs bring hope and laughter to needy children, especially on December 5, International Leo Day.

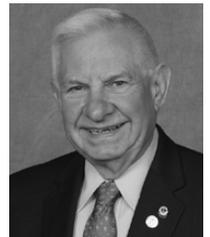
### **January is Glaucoma Awareness Month**

### **13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday**

**SATURDAY, 2 March 2012.  
3rd Cabinet/Convention Meeting, 10:00AM**

#### **JOE AL PICONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Joe Al Picone, from Brenham, Texas USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington.



Director Picone is the President and CEO of the Blinn College Foundation.

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

Location – Athens-Clarke County = Foundry Park Inn & Spa, 295E Daugherty Street, Athens, Georgia.

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 10:00 am. The Dinner will start at 12:00 noon and we will have ID Joe Al Picone and his wife Merle.

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend.

More details to follow.

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



## Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out = [Lions News Network](#) • [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#)



## International President Wayne A. Madden



## Lions Reading Action Program Launched



### WAYNE MADDEN 2012 - 2013 LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE — IN A WORLD OF SERVICE

Let's Remember Service Begins With Each of Us: Our members and our clubs are the backbone of our organization, and carry on our heritage of service. We don't just serve, we serve with dedication and passion because we have compassion for others. Lions care about others. Whenever possible, we lend a hand to those in need—not just through our multitude of service projects,

but in our day-to-day activities.

WE SERVE because we comprehend that we have a responsibility to be of service to others. Compassion is trying to understand someone else's circumstances along with a willingness to reach out to them. Just feeling sorry is not compassion, and it's not the Lions' way. We look at the world from the other person's perspective, rather than our own.

Apart from our multitude of projects, it is also important to keep in mind that even small gestures, at the right time, can mean the world to someone. Making yourself available for someone to talk to, being patient, sharing what you've learned from overcoming similar problems, running an errand, or giving someone a ride, are just examples of what you can do.

It's not difficult to show compassion. All you have to do is listen to other people and be sensitive to their needs. Hold a door open. Let someone in front of you... (More next month)

## How to Use the LCI Website

The [Lions Clubs International website](#) provides a wealth of information for members and nonmembers – from how to become a member to what types of [local volunteer opportunities](#) your Lions club can organize. With such a huge inventory of resources to share, navigating the site can be a little overwhelming for those not familiar with the layout.



We've created a page to help you better understand how the LCI website works, so you can find what you need right away.

So, we created the [How to Use the LCI Site](#) page to help you better understand how the website works and how to find exactly what you're looking for. Are you searching for something in particular? Use the [search bar](#)!

Interested in learning more about the President's Theme? Visit the [Member Center](#). We've broken down the main sections of the website so you know where everything is.

In addition, we compiled answers to some of our most frequently asked questions, including "How do I donate glasses?" and "How can I download PDF files?"

Use the LCI website to learn more about Lions clubs, strengthening membership, planning projects and serving your community.

## Celebrate Leos on December 5



International Leo Day, celebrated annually on December 5, is the perfect time to call attention to those we hope will one day lead the association. [Consider sponsoring a new Alpha Leo club](#) at your local community center, or use this day as an opportunity to foster dialogue with current Leo members, thereby creating the type of environment that will encourage Leos to one day continue their service as Lions. Through Leo clubs, you will have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults – helping them become better citizens and leaders for life. Watch our [Leading for Life video](#) to learn more about Leos.

## Reducing Childhood Blindness through the Pediatric Cataract Initiative



Bausch + Lomb and Lions Clubs International Foundation continue their work towards reducing childhood blindness through the Pediatric Cataract Initiative (PCI). The Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in India was recently awarded a grant of US\$150,000 through the PCI for an early detection and treatment program for pediatric cataract and children's eye health. In addition to training ophthalmologists and providing pediatric eye health education, the hospital plans to conduct vision screenings for 130,000 underserved children and necessary pediatric cataract surgeries in designated communities. Learn more about this grant on the [LCIF Web site](#).

## Champions Lions Clubs Draw Interest from Prospective Members

A [Champions Lions club](#) supports Special Olympics and people with intellectual disabilities through a variety of activities from fundraising to working at [Opening Eyes](#) events, the LCI and Special Olympics initiative that provides vision screening and eyeglasses to athletes. A Champions club provides more opportunities for Lions to serve a worthy population and organization within their community. For information, or to get started on chartering a Champions Lions club, contact the [Membership and New Club Development Department](#).

## Welcome to the New LNN

[Lions News Network](#) (LNN) has a fresh, new look. LNN is the online resource for all of our video programs. Check out the new LNN page, which includes featured videos related to sight, health, membership, hunger, environment and more. Watch the latest Lions Quarterly (LQ) or explore the LQ archives. The Search Videos feature allows you to find videos on LNN using specific keywords. You can also comment on, "Like," share and download videos. [View our videos](#) to learn more about the community service that Lions provide worldwide.

## Meet Friends in Hamburg

Join Lions from around the world at the 96th International Convention in Hamburg, Germany on Friday, July 5 to Tuesday, July 9, 2013. [Register by December 31](#) to lock in your registration at the lowest fee and secure your hotel reservation at our specially discounted Lions rates. Hamburg has many attractions to enjoy for a few hours or an entire day. Take a boat cruise on beautiful Alster Lake, walk around the Emigration Museum and don't miss the Magical History Bus Tour of famous Beatles sites! Find out about the [Local Tours on LCI's Web site](#). Do you have a few extra days to relax? Visit the [Pre/Post Convention Tours page](#) for specially discounted Lions tours of Germany and other top European destinations.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



Lions Clubs International

## LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about how Lions are distributing food and clothing.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

### [Digital Lion Magazine](#)

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

### [Lions Club iPhone App](#)

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

## CONTESTS

### [Reading Action Program Rap Video](#)

Read the nomination form to find out how to enter.

### [Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Lions can submit photographs of their environment in one of five categories.

## EVENTS

### [Relieving the Hunger](#)

Plan hunger relief projects for the December Global Service Action Campaign.

### [World Diabetes Day](#)

Organize diabetes awareness activities for November 2012.

### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.



We did it!  
It is my great pleasure and privilege to report to you that **Lions have successfully met the Gates Challenge!**



In the past year, all across the globe, Lions came together in support of *One Shot, One Life*: The Lions Measles Initiative by contributing an astounding US\$10 million to help end the death and disease caused by measles. What a spectacular achievement!

As you know, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation promised to match every US\$2 raised by Lions with US\$1, if we reached our US\$10 million goal. So, meeting the Gates Challenge means that Lions will be able to contribute a total of US\$15 million this year to help protect the world's children from the brain damage, hearing loss, blindness and death caused by measles. Lions' dedication to combating this deadly disease is a clear demonstration of our deep commitment to protecting the health and well-being of our most vulnerable children. We have shown the world that we are not only Knights of the Blind but protectors of children, as well.

Although meeting the Gates Challenge was made possible through the efforts of all Lions, members in three countries contributed nearly US\$6 million of the US\$10 million raised and deserve our special thanks. The Lions of Multiple District 300 - Taiwan contributed US\$2.9 million, the Lions of Japan mobilized US\$2 million, and the Lions of Korea provided nearly US\$1 million! I am truly grateful to our fellow Lions in OSEAL for their extraordinary generosity.

Many of you have recently asked me whether or not Lions Clubs International Foundation would continue its efforts to combat measles once our US\$10 million goal had been met. LCIF is currently working with the Gates Foundation to chart our future course and it is my sincere

hope that Lions all over the world will continue to build upon this extraordinary achievement.

As Chairperson of our Foundation, and the father of three healthy children, I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for rolling up your sleeves and getting to work on combating measles. Lions are giving the world's children a very precious gift: the chance to live a healthy life. It is my great hope that the day will soon come when no child's life is cut short by measles. I am so proud to be able to say that when that beautiful day does come, it will have been made possible, in part, through the efforts of Lions.



[Follow One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Online](#)

Dear Lion,

Earlier this month I was in Bangkok, Thailand, to celebrate 10 years of [Sight for Kids](#), one of our most successful partnerships. While celebrating



our accomplishments, such as the vision screening of more than 16 million children, I was also struck by the fact that many people are still needlessly blind or visually impaired. Did you know that 80 percent of visual impairment in the world can be avoided or cured? That is why our Foundation provides support for preventing avoidable blindness and restoring sight to those in need.

LCIF has been collaborating with the [Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases](#) through the Sabin Vaccine Institute to help end suffering caused by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), including ones that affect sight. More than 1.4 billion people in the world are affected by these diseases. The Global Network envisions a world where children and families can grow in a community free of NTDs, with a goal to eliminate or control 10 common NTDs by 2020.

Through LCIF's [SightFirst](#) program, Lions have already been working towards this goal by focusing on two of the most common NTDs that affect sight: trachoma and onchocerciasis (river blindness). Through initiatives that prevent and treat infectious diseases, like our SightFirst programs, visual impairment around the world has been decreasing, according to the World Health Organization.

Another area of health where Lions' efforts are helping to make a difference is with measles. Thanks to routine immunization and vaccination campaigns, fewer children die each day. Though the number has declined, 380 children still die each day from this easily preventable disease. We have the power to help them.

With less than US\$1 million left to meet the US\$10 million challenge grant issued by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we will help vaccinate 157 million children this year alongside our partners through the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). Thank you for your [continued donations and support](#) of this initiative. We are truly making an impact on the world.

Sincerely,

*Wing-Kun Tam*  
*Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

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## Celebrating 10 Years of Sight for Kids

LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care are celebrating 10 years of partnership this year and reaching a vision screening milestone of more than 16 million children through the [Sight for Kids](#) program.

Sight for Kids addresses childhood visual impairment and blindness in Asia, an area of great need. Led by Lions and local partners, Sight for Kids



recruit's eye care professionals who train local teachers and Lions clubs members to conduct school-based vision screenings and eye health education in underserved communities. When needed, students are referred to a local eye care professional and receive an eye exam, eyeglasses and further care at no cost. During this anniversary year, the Sight for Kids partners are celebrating accomplishments and also focusing on the program's potential and a new decade of efforts.

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## Pediatric Cataract Initiative Continues to Save Children's Sight

Ten-year-old Ruma Roy had been living with pediatric cataract for several years. In school, Ruma struggled due to her poor eye sight. With her eye condition worsening, Ruma's parents took her to the Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in West Bengal, India, where her sight was improved through new

equipment provided by a capacity building grant from the [Pediatric Cataract Initiative](#) (PCI). The PCI is a collaboration between Bausch + Lomb and LCIF which supports innovative methods for overcoming visual impairments caused by pediatric cataracts and other pediatric eye disease.



Through the PCI, the Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital [received a grant](#) of US\$150,000 to help children like Ruma. The hospital is creating an early detection and treatment program for pediatric cataract and children's eye health, training ophthalmologists and providing pediatric eye health education to local communities. In addition, 130,000 children will have their vision screened and 200 children will receive sight-restoring cataract surgery, long-term follow-up care and a brighter future.

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## Meeting Needs through the Lions Lens®

Lions in the United States have a long history of helping restore vision to community members in need. To aid Lions in these efforts, LCIF and Essilor International have developed a high-quality, low-cost Lions Lens® for Lions' refractive error programs for underserved populations. This lens is available to large-scale Lions or Lions-affiliated nonprofit eye care institutions/clinics in the United States and is to be used only for qualified patients. Additional [Lions Lens® information](#) and a [program application](#) are available on the LCIF website.

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## EyeCare America Offers Free Eye Exam Eligibility

By the age of 65, one in three Americans has some form of vision-limiting eye disease. To help address this growing need, EyeCare America provides eye care to U.S. citizens



and legal residents through volunteer ophthalmologists (Eye M.D.s) at no out-of-pocket cost to those who qualify. After answering a few questions online, you can find out instantly if someone is eligible to be matched with one of EyeCare America's nearly 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. Visit [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org) to watch a brief video and see how you can help people in need access eye care.

## U.S. East Coast Bracing For Hurricane Sandy

October 29, 2012

tags: [Disaster Relief](#), [hurricane](#), [make a donation by lionsclubsorg](#)



Dear Fellow Lions,

What many experts are calling “the storm of the century” is about to hit the east coast of the United States. Hurricane Sandy is expected to impact the United States from Virginia north to New England, and as far inland as Ohio, with high winds, significant flooding, and major power outages.

We know Lions everywhere join us in sending their thoughts and prayers to the 60 million residents in the storm’s path. That includes some 3,000 Lions clubs. Lions Clubs International and [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF) are standing by to assist where needed by providing disaster relief and emergency grants.

Lions have shown time and time again their readiness and willingness to respond to natural disasters. We must always be ready and able to provide disaster relief at a moment’s notice – whether from hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis, or man-made disasters. It is important to maintain funds for disaster relief efforts.

In just the last year we have provided tens of thousands of dollars in emergency grants for flood relief in Nigeria, Thailand, Canada, MD300 Taiwan, Bangladesh, United Kingdom and Japan, as well as typhoon relief to the Philippines, earthquake relief to Italy and wildfire relief to western areas of the United States. This was made possible by the generosity of Lions, who donate selflessly to LCIF.

This year’s presidential theme is “[In A World of Service](#).” Lions literally serve communities around the

world 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Disasters strike at a moment’s notice, and we must be ready to respond.

We encourage all Lions to consider [making a donation to LCIF disaster relief](#) so we can answer the call to provide much needed funding when and where needed.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden

Wing-Kun Tam

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## [Hurricane Sandy Relief: LCIF approved \\$100,000](#)

November 1, 2012

tags: [Disaster Relief](#), [hurricane sandy](#), [lci](#), [LCIF](#), [Lions clubs](#)  
by [lionsclubsorg](#)



Photo: Governor's Office/Tim Larsen

LCIF approved a Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$100,000 for Hurricane Sandy relief. Emergency grants are available to those in need: [application and information](#)

Previous LCIF disaster relief:

- Each year the Lions Clubs International Foundation awards millions in grants for disaster relief. Over the last 10 years, the Foundation has given over US\$88 million.
- Mobilized US\$21 million for the Japan earthquake and tsunami, 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



## Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

# Lions - DECA: How to get involved in your local diabetes camp

Join us for a Webinar on November 8

**Register Now**

**Space is limited.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/967892662>

November is Diabetes Awareness Month! Join us to learn more about diabetes camps and rewarding service opportunities for you, your club, and district. Experts from DECA (Diabetes Education & Camping Association) and Lions experienced in diabetes camp programs will share valuable information on how Lions can get involved. Be informed and inspired to provide support for local camps that serve children with diabetes and their families. The lively and informative discussion will prove valuable to your club's service and opportunities for club excellence!

**Title:**

*Lions - DECA: How to get involved in your local diabetes camp*

**Date:**

Thursday, November 8, 2012

**Time:**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CST

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

**System Requirements**

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

Mobile attendees

Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

Dear: Lions – all Lions interested in Membership =

LCI held a webinar entitled "Project Refresh USA/Canada Deep Dive" on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> which provided an in-depth presentation on what drives membership satisfaction and therefore, impacts healthy Lions clubs in Constitutional Area 1 and 2 - USA/Canada as revealed by a detailed analysis of that area specifically.

The recording of the webinar and presentation are available on the [LCI FTP Site](#) to download.

We hope you will find this information useful in determining membership development opportunities in your area of responsibility.

If you have questions, please contact [globalmembershipteam@lionsclubs.org](mailto:globalmembershipteam@lionsclubs.org).

Sincerely, The Extension and Membership Division



### LIONS HELPING LIONS

*It is up to you.....*

We continue to hear about our smaller clubs needing help with projects/fundraisers.

Although I know quite a few of you already partner with other Lion Clubs on events, some of our smaller neighbors still need assistance so they can continue to have an impact on their communities. From time to time, they have fewer members able to work either their service projects or fundraisers. As Lions, our goals are predicated on helping others...what better place to start than by helping our fellow Lions. We are family! By extending a Lion hand, your club members will not only be providing life-lines to much needed projects, but will actually enjoy themselves, make new friends and learn new ways of doing things. Also consider that the hand you reach out in Lion friendship now may eventually reach back to you and your club if you too have a time of need.

So, give your zone clubs a call and see if they need help or listen when they request assistance... join them ...have fun and fellowship and know that by helping them, you are actually helping the folks in that community who need that Lion's club to be there for them. Let's give them the help they need!

**SO LET'S GET OUT THERE AND BE LIONS HELPING LIONS!**

Keep Roaring!!!

**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**



### Reading Action Program

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

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

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

Dear Lion,



In my travels to the area forums I have had a chance to visit with many of you about things I would like you to consider doing or accomplishing during your year.

I want all of our clubs to be excellent clubs. My formula for excellence:  
Dedication + Preparation + Team work = excellence.

work. Are you getting all or most of your club involved in your service projects? Isn't it more fun and productive to have 20 Lions working a service project as opposed to just two or three? With more Lions involved the work becomes much easier for all and you have more Lions expertise to draw upon. So get your Lions engaged in your club activities.

Second, my goal for all of our clubs this year is to achieve excellence. I want each of your clubs to achieve the [club excellence award](#). It is a great roadmap to success! Take a look on the LCI Web site to get started. Make it your goal to pay your club bills on time, submit your reports on time, do at least three service projects and advertise them in your local media, make a contribution to LCIF, have a net growth in membership for the year (so if you started the year with 25 members by the year end you need to have at least 26 members), attend zone meetings, have your key officers attend officers training, and make sure your secretary files the PU 101 report on time next spring. With dedication, preparation and team work, every club can be on track to achieve the Club Excellence Award. Your club will receive a nice banner patch and you will receive a nice lapel pin recognizing you as a Club Excellence President.

Third - get your club involved in the [Reading Action Program - RAP](#). Twenty-Six percent of the world's population is considered illiterate - unable to write their name or read as well as a 10 year old child. This problem not only exists in developing countries but developed countries as well. In my own country - the USA - one out of seven is considered to be illiterate by the aforementioned definition. Go to LCI's Web site and take a look at the suggested ways your club can get involved in the RAP program.

To make sure your club achieves the goals you set out for them to achieve I have instituted [four quarterly pit stops](#) this year - one every three months. Just like in the INDY 500 auto race when a race car needs to come in periodically to receive new tires, a fresh tank of gas, and to have the engine tweaked to make sure it is running competitively - your club needs to stop periodically and have a pit stop to make sure everything is running smoothly. Gather your fellow officers and check to see if you are on pace to achieve the goals you set out to achieve. If not decide what you need to do to get back on pace to achieve those goals. Don't wait until June 1<sup>st</sup> and realize you did not come close to achieving you goals - take a pit stop NOW and make sure you are on pace to have an excellent year.

I look forward to having an excellent year as international president. But for that to happen you must have an excellent year. Together we can achieve success!!!

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden  
International President

## Lions Commemorative Coin Bill Signed into Law

Read about it - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/newsroom/coin-bill-signed.php>

## "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign



Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. Lions have an opportunity to show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger."

December/January – [Relieving the Hunger](#)

## Read the November LION Magazine

Have you read the latest issue of the [LION Magazine](#) yet? In the November LION, learn how Lions helped [rebuild a nursing school in Haiti](#), discover [10 things guaranteed to make you smile](#) and find out about one amazing [light bulb](#).

Also find out how:

- Lions are brightening the lives of seniors by delivering cards and poinsettias
- LCIF is continuing the fight against measles
- Lions can give their clubs a boost with the Youth Exchange program
- One Lion creates a magical holiday village in his garage
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Plus, in the digital LION, find [exclusive content](#) such as an inside look at the Haiti nursing school, a video about the Champions of Change honored at the White House and the complete report on a survey of former Lions.

Visit the [LION Magazine page](#) at the LCI Site to contact editors, view past issues and listen to the audio version of the magazine.

## Club Officers

### **Pit Stop Two (October – December)**

#### Service

- Conduct a "[Community Needs Assessment](#)" to identify possible new projects and continue the Club Excellence Process (CEP).
- Report the progress of your club's [Reading Action Program](#) through the service activity reporting system.

#### Membership and Public Relations

- Invite potential members who attended your meeting or event to join your club. Host an [Induction Ceremony](#).
- Make sure club members are aware of all club activities and get [involved](#).
- Review the results of the "[How Are Your Ratings](#)" analysis and identify areas for improvement.

#### Operations

- Continue to report club activities and submit a membership report monthly on-line through "My LCI".
- Encourage club officers to attend [zone meetings](#) (Can be credited toward the Club Excellence Award).

## District Teams

### **Pit Stop Two (October – December)**

#### Service

- Encourage clubs to participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Sharing the Vision](#).
- Continue to encourage clubs to support a [Reading Action Program](#) and report their activities through the service activity reporting system.
- Encourage clubs to conduct the "[Community Needs Assessment](#)" as part of the Club Excellence Process (CEP).

#### Membership and Public Relations

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

#### Operations

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



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

### 2012-2013 LCI Webinars

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p><b>Managing a Service Project</b> Thinking about planning a new project focused on the Reading Action Program? Join this webinar to learn the phases of project management.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Lions who are service project managers or would like to be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">Tuesday, November 6, 2012: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></u></li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Wednesday, November 14th: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></u></li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Friday, November 16th: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></u></li> </ul>
<p><b>The Role of the Cabinet Secretary</b> The cabinet secretary plays a key role in communication, scheduling, and providing resources and to the district leadership team. The secretary is the oil that helps make the district team function. Join this webinar to learn and discuss ways cabinet secretaries can be more effective.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Cabinet secretaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">Tuesday, January 15, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></u></li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Wednesday, January 23, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></u></li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Friday, January 25, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Conflict Resolution</b> Learn to recognize the benefits of conflict, and apply appropriate conflict-management strategies.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">Tuesday, March 12, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></u></li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Wednesday, March 20, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></u></li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Friday, March 22, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></u></li> </ul>

## Lions University is Live!



### Get a Bachelor of Lions Degree:

The Global Leadership Team in the Southeast U.S. officially releases its Lions University program today. Under this exciting program, Lions Club members may take classes on club related topics online, through live webinars or in classes taught at events in their District or State. Once the class is complete, the Lion then takes an online test to qualify for credit toward a degree. Lions must complete ten required and five optional courses to qualify for the degree.

Three courses are already live. Many more will be rolling out over the next few months.

The three live course, and a link to them are listed below:

**Effective Club Meetings:** <http://www.lionsuniversity.org/bachelor/130-effective-club-meetings.html>

**Building Club Membership:** <http://www.lionsuniversity.org/bachelor/138-building-club-membershi.html>

**So You Are Going to Be Club President:**  
<http://www.lionsuniversity.org/bachelor-electives/so-you-are-going-to-be-club.html>

**Get all the details and information on course at:** <http://www.LionsUniversity.org>

Learn how to deal with conflict and channel it into club success. To register to be part of the live webinar, click the following link:

<https://markmiller.webex.com/markmiller/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=667857759>

## Club Officers Orientation

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php>

### Club Officer Individual Training

Online courses reviewing the roles, responsibilities, tasks and resources of each club officer position.

[Club President](#)

[Club Secretary](#)

[Club Treasurer](#)

### Club Officers Orientation

A training resource package including an instructor guide, training materials, and presentation slides to design your district training for club officers.

- [Club Officer Orientation Instructor Guide](#)
- [Club Officer Orientation PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Club Officer Orientation Handouts](#)
- [Club Officer Orientation Curriculum](#)
- Club Secretary MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)
- Club Treasurer MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)



### Time Management Handout

- [Time Management Pocket Guide](#)
- [Time Management PowerPoint Presentation](#)

## Regional Lions Leadership Institute Curriculum

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-reg-curric.php>

This section contains the materials necessary to conduct training designed develop the leadership skills of Lions members.

[Diversity](#)   [Lions Fundamentals](#)   [Local Issues and Opportunities](#)   [Motivating Club Members](#)   [Opening Session](#)  
[Personal Mission Statement](#)   [Public Speaking](#)   [Setting and Reaching Club Goals](#)   [Time Management](#)   [Working in Teams](#)

#### Diversity

This session addresses the dimensions of diversity and the benefits it can provide for clubs. Participants will learn strategies for overcoming challenges and ways to create a climate that supports diversity.

[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)  
[PowerPoint slides](#)

#### Lions Fundamentals

This session provides participants with a complete understanding of the association's history, principles, and structure, while also exploring the benefits of membership.

[Pre-assignment](#)  
[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)

#### Local Issues and Opportunities

This session provides the opportunity for a formal training session or a topic-specific discussion based on the needs and/or interests of the participants.

[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)

#### Opening Session

This session contains a variety of group activities and icebreakers designed to assist the instructor in developing rapport and creating a positive adult learning environment.

[Instructor Guide](#)   [PowerPoint slides](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)   [Handout](#)

#### Motivating Club Members

This session examines personal needs and motivation, and suggests actions that can create or inhibit motivation.

[Pre-assignment](#)  
[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)

#### Personal Mission Statement

This session leads participants through a series of activities to assist them in developing their own personal mission statement.

[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)  
[PowerPoint slides](#)

#### Public Speaking

This session will give the Lions leader a framework for preparing speeches and some guidelines for effective delivery.

[Instructor Guide](#)   [PowerPoint slides](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)   [Handout](#)

#### Setting and Reaching Club Goals

This session emphasizes the value of establishing goals to guide actions, and provides a system for planning the achievement of established goals.

[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)  
[PowerPoint slides](#)

#### Time Management

This session reviews the importance of time management, discusses some of the obstacles that can make time management difficult, and identifies strategies that will help participants overcome those obstacles.

[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)  
[PowerPoint slides](#)

#### Working in Teams

This session is designed to familiarize participants with the characteristics of teams and how effective teams develop.

[Instructor Guide](#)  
[Participant Manual](#)  
[PowerPoint slides](#)

## Training Materials/Resources

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php>

Leadership training materials/resources include a mix of curriculum materials, speaking presentations with notes, and activity guides.

**Presentations for Speaking Engagements** – These slide presentations contain presenter notes and can be easily adapted to suit your specific needs. Independent study presentations – Presentations designed to prepare Lions to serve in various leadership positions.

- **Zone Chairperson Training** – An independent study module focused on the responsibilities, challenges and resources of the zone chairperson position.
- **Second Vice District Governor Online Training** – This course provides information about the responsibilities of the district governor team, focusing specifically on the position of second vice district governor and the role that individual plays in regards to district administration and as part of the GMT and the GLT. This course will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete, and includes a workbook to enhance the learning experience. Before beginning the course, [download and print the workbook](#).
- **Effective Club Membership Teams** – An independent study presentation covering the responsibilities of each member of the Club Membership Committee, related activities and goals, conducting new member orientation or a sponsor night/open house event, organizing a new club or club branch, and encouraging leadership development.
- **Club Officers Orientation**

This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses.

**Training Curriculum** – Guides, handouts and materials for conducting training workshops, including materials for Club Officers Orientation, Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Membership Orientation and Volunteer Leadership training.

**Tutorials** – 10 to 15 minute interactive sessions that cover a wide variety of topics including how to participate in a webinar, tips on using Microsoft PowerPoint, and Lions processes such as submission of district governor expense claims.

**Lions Achievement Portfolio** – Prepare your own Lions Achievement Portfolio to share with Lions Leaders who seek skilled trainers for their programs. Lions Mentoring Program – This personal development program established a framework to enable members to learn from each other, reach individual goals, grow in leadership skills, build stronger relationships and provide better service to communities.

- **Lions Basic Mentoring Program** (pdf)
- **Lions Advanced Mentoring Program** (pdf)

**Lionism and History** – Become familiar with the history of LCI, our Mission Statement, and Purposes and Code of Ethics. [View a history slide show](#) and take [short quiz](#) to review historical facts.

**Activities and Icebreakers**

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Go to this web site to find specific Videos:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php>

### Watch Other Videos



**Member/Recruitment**



**Fundraiser**



**Health**



**Events**



**Leading for Life**  
Running Time 5:00 minutes



**Champions of Change**  
Running Time 3:31 minutes

Available with two different cover designs:

Top Sheet "A"



Top Sheet "B"



# Lions Clubs International 2013 Red Circle Calendars are here!

(Available only through February 2013)

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**Lion Bob Watson**  
Deputy VLE  
Columbus, Georgia

"When I was initiated into the Lions of Tallahassee 57 years ago, broom sales were our major fund raiser. To this day, broom sales still remain one of our major fund raisers. Selling brooms produce many dollars for our projects and projects on the opportunity to be seen and heard in the community."

**Lion Cheryl Mahr**  
District 414  
Tallahassee, Florida

"The Lions of Spartanburg, South Carolina have been selling brooms to the public for over 20 years. During that time, the Broom Project has been a major fund raiser year after year with many repeat customers."

**Dr. Eugene Spinks**  
DC 2008-2009, District 514  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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	6107L	Lions Clubs 100% Corn Janitor Broom	12	\$99.00	\$
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	2104-6	Kleenette 100% Corn Kitchen Broom	6	\$41.10	\$
	6402	MaxiSoft™ Plastic Broom (Assorted Bristle Colors)	12	\$66.00	\$
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	3007	100% Corn Whisk Broom	12	\$30.00	\$
	6506L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Industrial Deck Mop	6	\$33.00	\$
	6502L-6	Lions Clubs Cotton Household Deck Mop	6	\$17.10	\$
	6507	Toy Deck Mop w/24" Wood Handle	12	\$25.80	\$
	96470	MaxiPlus® Microfiber Duster w/Extension Handle	12	\$63.00	\$
	94217-6	MaxiTwist® Microfiber Self-Wringing Mop	6	\$44.10	\$
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	96418	18" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$64.80	\$
	96424	24" Fine Sweep, Flagged Bristles - Head Only	12	\$81.00	\$
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# CLUB REPORTS



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



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

**Athens Campus Lions Club = Thomas Lay After-school program** -- There will be a kick ball tournament with the kids at Thomas Lay. Date: Friday, November 9, Time: 4:00pm. Place: Thomas Lay

**Buford Lions Club =** The Buford Lions Club will be selling and distributing our Birthday Calendars, participating in the Buford Business Alliance's Fall Festival Parade and Booth, Dec. 1st, where we will be selling one pound bags of Pecans, Nachos & Cheese, Honey Baked Ham Certificates and Raffle Tickets. We also provided two local patrons with eye exams and new glasses. We will also hold our annual Christmas Luncheon for all members and their spouses. A good time of fellowship and reflecting on the past year and planning for the up-coming year. Assisting Others/Hospital Visits Jean Kilgore: Decorating tables at two Senior Centers (Suwanee, Ga.) & (Buford, Ga.) Collecting food for Abundant Life Fellowship. Assistance for elderly at retreat in Toccoa, Ga. Picking up glasses and cans for Vince. Kim Ingram, working on Lions Club Calendars names and ad's to send to printer. Joyce Aburime: Helping in kitchen at Buford United Methodist Church. Sue & Earl Benson: preparing and serving food for Abundant Life Fellowship: Assisting with Fall Festival Delivering for Meals on Wheels. Sue Benson: Looking after children in Church nursery.

**Clarkesville Lions Club =** Teresa worked at Sharing and Caring, Jerry aid to the elderly / disabled handicap ramps, jerry and mark archway project civic services, Teresa and Doris literacy education / language / literacy, Teresa - 40 Samantha - 2 Beatrice - 4 Beverly - 73 CELL PHONES Teresa – 3 eyeglass collection, teresa worked in food pantry at Sharing and Caring food pantry.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club = PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUND RAISER** on Saturday, November 17, 7am-10am at Corinth Baptist Church. The church is located at the corner of Thompson Bridge Road (Highway 60 North) and Mt. Vernon Road across from the Kroger Shopping Center. Advanced Tickets \$5 for Adults and \$4 for 12 and under. (\$1 more at the door). For more information email [jbradyga@Yahoo.com](mailto:jbradyga@Yahoo.com) or call 678-616-4778. We are working on putting Town Hall Forum, a Question and Answer Session with Ga. State Rep. Elect Lee Hawkins of the 26 district. We will co-host the forum with the Town of Clermont Mayor and Council. We will be at the Christmas Parade November 24th to make and give away popcorn and drinks for the locals, to enjoy during the Lighting of The Town of Clermont Christmas Tree. We approved two application for sight services thru the DEFAC and Lenscrafters of Gainesville which we have been working with for many years.

**Elberton Lions Club =** having their Annual Ham and Egg Supper on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Elberton Civic Center . Tickets are \$7.

**Commerce Lions Club** = Mentoring and other help to elementary and high school students needing to improve scholastic standing Aid to disadvantaged Children, Helped prepare for Art in Park, a civic festival celebrating county and city school art projects and demonstration booths by civic clubs and service organizations. A two-day affair Aid in preparation and operation of Art in Park. Serve as local representative on Jackson County and Regional Library Boards at meetings - Participate in board meetings of Jackson County Libraries and Regional Libraries. Assisted in receiving and packaging for transport items to be recycled brought by county citizens - Community Cleanup. Aided in operation of a 5K run by local citizens benefiting Church overseas missions and a local charity - Other Assistance to Individuals.

**Dacula Lions Club** = I am pleased to announce to the membership that the Board met approved and agreed to receive Carala & Alvin "Al" Merzke as new members to Dacula Lions Club. They are new to the community they just moved her from Florida and they are excited to be a part of our club giving back to our community. The "Elisha Winn Fair" was on October 6th and 7th 2012. This was our first big Fund Raiser we challenged it and it was successful. Dacula Lions wants to contribute more to the community and so we encourage ourselves by participating and "Sharing the Vision" that "We Serve" **OUR ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION/ DINNER TO BE HELD AT THE HAMILTON MILLS COUNTRY CLUB ON DECEMBER 1ST, 2012. I DO HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND THIS EVENT AND SUPPORT OUR FUND RAISER. THIS FUND RAISER IS FOR HELPING US TO ADOPT A FAMILY AND GIVING TO THE CHILDREN IN DACULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHO IS LESS FORTUNATE A CHANCE TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS .PLEASE INVITE OTHER LIONS IN YOUR CLUBS AND LET US HAVE AN EVENTFUL EVENING.**

**Dacula Lions Club - Annual Silent Auction - Cordially Invites You to Attend**

**Saturday December 1st 2012, Hamilton Mills Country Club, 1995 Hamilton Mill Parkway, Dacula ,GA 30019**

**At 5:30 pm — 9:00 pm Admission: \$16:00**

**RSVP: LION J KHALEEL 404-510-6528**

**Lion Linda Moore 678-985-0082**

**Lion Ed Domaleski 678-227-1948**

**November 3rd .....Dacula Elementary School Fall Festival (Membership Drive and Pecan Sale)**

**December 1st ....Silent Auction/Dinner ..Hamilton Mills Country Club.**

**December 14th....Food Drive....**

**December 17th and 18th.....Sponsor two Families in Dacula for the Holidays.**



**Dahlonega Lions Club** = Dahlonega Lions hard at work. Dahlonega Lions Club held their annual World Service Ice Cream Social for the Special Education / Developmental Children at Lumpkin Count Elementary School, Long Branch Elementary School and Blackburn Elementary School, October 10th, 11th and 12th, 2012. This annual events brings the Lions Club members together with the students for an "All You Can Eat" Ice Cream with all of the trimmings attached, sprinkles, whip cream, cherries, etc. - World Service - Ice Cream Social. Dahlonega Lions Club participated in their first annual "Supermarket Sweep" Fundraiser. This project was a first time attempt for the club to sale Supermarket Tickets for te drawing of \$500 in groceries from the local J&J Foods. Tickets sales were brisk and the winning ticket was pulled on Friday, October 26th, with the winner being none other than our on Lions Club Member Brad Tyson. Lion Brad immediately donated the ticket to a location organization in Lumpkin County Rainbow Children's Home. The Children's Home is a local shelter for children taken into custody by Department of Family and Children Services. The home provides counseling services, educational assistance, spiritual guidance, and an environment of hope, security and opportunity. One of the residence of the Children's Home ran the 5 minutes throughout the store and filled three shopping carts full. This will provided food for several month's to the Children's Home - Dahlonega Lions Club Presents "Supermarket Sweep"



**Dawsonville Lions Club** = Dawsonville Lions Joe Hirsch, Marilyn Hirsch, Sam Catanzano and Deanna Mazzella provided Bocce ball coaching for the Special Olympics in Dalton, GA. October 12-14, 2012. Elaine Cannon, NOA's Victim Legal Advocate for Dawson County spoke to the club. Elaine passed out NOA information packets to the members and reviewed some of the content. NOA provides safe haven and support services for victims of family violence. Through educational programs, NOA works to foster attitudes in the community that violence is not acceptable. Lion Margaret Johnson received her 15 year service chevron. Sandy Lipkowitz, Executive Director, summarized the many literacy programs that R.E.A.D. supports. The Reading Education Association of Dawson County's mission is to serve the needs of Dawson County citizens who do not possess the literary skills necessary to achieve their full potential. READ works as a collaborative organization with community, government, school, and business leaders to coordinate, promote and advocate for family literacy services. R.E.A.D.'s vision is for Dawson County to be a literate community with accessible learning opportunities for everyone. Lions Ken Breeden and Joe Hirsch serve on R.E.A.D.'s Board of Directors. The club donated \$200 to R.E.A.D.



**Jefferson Lions Club = Eyeglass Collection Committee** - Lion Jerry Legg reported that the Club had collected 11 eyeglasses, 4 sunglasses, and 1 cell phone. **Sickness, Distress and Praise** - Lion Bob Friedlander gave an update report on Lions Bill and Alice Rosenberg. They are both back at their home in Jefferson. Lion Bill is recovering from his recent knee surgery and Lion Alice is waiting on a new surgery date for knee replacement. Lion Dot Hunt reported that Lion Jerry Legg was back home doing well after his weekend at the Hospital. **Committee Reports – Calendars:** Lion Jim Smith reported that he had collected \$1585 for Calendars but \$400 was still outstanding, and he asked that the remaining Calendar money be brought to the next Lions Club Meeting. **Vision Screening Training:** Lion Jimmy Mock reported that 7 Lions Club members participated at a Health Fair held at Jackson EMC on September 20, 2012. They provided Vision Screening to 70 individuals. The following Lions Club members participated in the Vision Screening project: Jimmy Mock, Gay Bradley, Mack Cates, Ronnie Moore, Nathalie Mize, Dwayne Ansley, and Jim Smith. **New Business: Membership Growth Meeting:** "Lions serve where we live, and we are ready whenever or however our community needs us. Join us in making our community and world a better place to live."

**Program** - 24Sep - A Membership Growth Meeting was presented by Lion Don Lord and Lion Edna Briggs. Club members were asked to invite family, friends, and anyone who may have an interest in our Club for dinner and a short meeting. There were four guests who attended. Four Lions Club members, Lisa Nilsen, Harold Fletcher, Dwayne Ansley, and Greg Broussard shared what the Lions Organization means to them. They spoke about the Lions' community volunteer work, sight conservation, vision screening, Georgia Lighthouse involvement with eye surgeries and new eyeglasses for the disabled, used eyeglass and hearing aid collections, youth projects, Camp for the Blind, Road Mile Cleanup, and scholarships. They also told about their lifelong friendships made through the local Lions Club and how the local clubs belong to the Lions International Organization which is the largest Service Organization in the World. They shared how the Lions Club gives one a connection to the community, Leadership skills, and by serving, they become an example to their children.

**Look Ahead Calendar:**

Monday, November 12, 2012 Camie Thomas

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

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Monday, December 10, 2012 Jimmy Mock

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 Lions/Rotary Christmas Banquet - JEMC Auditorium

Monday, January 14, 2013 Joe Dorough

Monday, January 28, 2013 Jim Smith

Wednesday, February 01, 2012 Zone 3 Meeting

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We will hold a Christmas Party for Creative Enterprises on November 10. We will participating in "A Day of Hope", on November 17th. This is a Community Outreach Organization. This is an opportunity to share what Lions do for the Lawrenceville Community. Members bring non-perishable food items to the meeting and give along with a monetary donation to the Lawrenceville Coop Ministry. We will be participating in the Annual Aurora Theater "Festival of Trees". We decorate the Lawrenceville Lions Tree with used eyeglasses. Pecan sales are off to a good start.

We did a vision screening at a community Safety Awareness Program and preformed 30 vision screenings

**Loganville Lions Club** = Saturday Oct. 20 we assisted the Walton County Special Olympics Committee "Touch a Truck" fundraiser at the Loganville Autumn Heritage Festival, all proceeds went to the special Olympics of Walton County, estimated proceeds to \$500 to \$600. Saturday October 27 from 4 to 6 pm we participate in the trick r treat on Main Street giving away approx. \$175.00 of candy to 2,000 children. Thanks- giving we will give away 20 meals to local needy widows and orphans. November 1 we will plant two Chinese Pichante trees at the new Walnut Grove City Library, participate in the "Grand Opening" and conclude with a family cookout.

**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** =: *Golf Tournament: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual \*LOGANVILLE LEGACY GOLF TOURNAMENT\** Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars! Each golfer who comes to our tournament will receive: \$70 Callaway Gift Card for discounts on any Callaway products - \$20 Gift Card from PGA Superstore - \$20 PGA Superstore Practice Bay Certificate.

**Board meeting** - The Loganville Lions Legacy golf tournament that was to be held October 12, 2012 was postponed until Friday, November 9, 2012 because there were two other local golf tournaments being held on that same day. So there is still time to sign up for the golf tournament. Several Loganville Legacy Lions Club members attended the Snellville anniversary party and presented them a plaque honoring their 60 years in existence. Wayne White and his bucket brigade held every Saturday is still going strong. We encourage everyone to come out and help. LLLC is planning to volunteer at this event. Please read and mark your calendars. If you remember, some of us volunteered at the FACES summer camp. We would like to continue to show our support.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Ribbon cutting at the new Walnut Grove library, 5:30PM

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> -Veterans Day Loganville City Hall at 11AM**

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Loganville Christmas Parade (need volunteers)

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Jingle Jog for Autism, 9-2 at LHS, need volunteers

We will be having bucket drives during the next month to raise money for "Shop With A Hero" ALSO, canned goods/non perishable items for Shepherd Staff. WE NEED YOUR HELP! **Here is more information concerning the Jingle Jog in December, it's a great family event. Georgia F.A.C.E.S. Website** <http://www.georgiafaces.info/home>

**Register NOW! 7th Annual Jingle Jog 5K and Reindeer Dash**

\*BUCKET BRIGADES WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS – Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us at our NEW LOCATION - LOGANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - for the JINGLE JOG FOR AUTISM 5K and REINDEER DASH. The course will be run on paved streets. All proceeds from this event will benefit F.A.C.E.S. (Families of Autism/Asperger's, Care, Educate and Support) to provide Summer Camp 2012 for children on the Autism Spectrum for ages 3-22 serving Walton and surrounding counties. PLEASE bring a NEW, UNwrapped toy for Faith In Serving Humanity (F.I.S.H.) to provide for needy children. Walkers, Baby Joggers & Strollers welcomed. Optional: dress in holiday gear: Costumes, hats, antlers, whatever you like, it's all about festive fun! Costumes must be safe if you run in them. Bring cash to buy all your Holiday Gifts in our Vendor area, all proceeds benefiting FACES Summer Camp for Autism. Registrants get long-sleeved shirt, Jingle Bells for shoes. Appearances from Santa, Mrs. Claus and whoever else decides to come to town! Booth vendors will have shopping available for all your holiday needs in Santa Playground. FREE crafts, face painting for kids. Church groups, youth groups, school groups/teams, family groups, EVERYONE is invited to participate! After registering you can be a fundraiser as well and have your own team. We encourage you to create your teams of family, friends, business' (co-workers), make signs, wear team shirts whatever you want to do!

**Hi Shepherd Staff Volunteers** - We are approaching that wonderful time of year again when we provide Shepherd Staff Clients with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets! We are in need of volunteers to help be the hands and feet of our ministry and prepare/distribute holiday baskets. Because of the overwhelming number of people who want to serve in this program, we will be assigning specific jobs to each of you prior to arrival on your designated service day. Please make sure and dress warmly (layers) and wear closed toed, comfortable shoes (sneakers). Below are the days/times that we need volunteers. Please respond to this email with the date(s) you would like to serve and how many will be in your party.

November 14th - Pack 10AM - Noon

November 15th - Distribution 12:30PM - 4PM November 19th - Pack 10AM - Noon November 20th –  
Distribution 12:30PM - 4PM

December 17th - Pack 10AM - Noon

December 18th - Distribution 12:30PM - 4PM December 19th - Pack 10AM - Noon December 20th -  
Distribution 12:30PM - 4PM

I also need volunteers for the following:

November 1st - Need volunteers with trucks or SUVs to meet at the Loganville Post Office for food drive pick up from 3:30PM - 6PM

Ongoing Dates - Need men and women volunteers at our Thrift Store for sorting, organizing and helping customers. We're open 10AM - 4:30PM Tuesdays - Saturdays.

**Martin Lions Club** = Saturday, the Martin Lions Club, held their Chicken Que fund raiser in conjunction with the Martin Festival. The Martin Lions raise funds for many Lions charities with this event. Pictured is club president Ralph Williams left, with Lions Jimmy Shore and Herman Mooney.



**Norcross Lions Club** = During the Norcross Art Fest, the Norcross Lions Club runs a food booth. We sell hot dogs, snow cones, water, and soda. We set up the food booth on Friday afternoon and operate it on Saturday and Sunday during the festival. Leslie Olson Spoke about the Horses for Heroes program she started. Wendy Thomas from the Share Initiative of Shepherd Center also spoke. They were accompanied by Juan Cruise. The horses provide recreation therapy and hippotherapy to wounded soldiers. New members Riva and Robert Goldstein have been on location to talk to the veterans. Riva will look into a new fundraiser for our club to do for this organization. Also present at the meeting was a student from Germany living with VDG Ed Hashbarger and his wife Lion Yoriko. PDG John Rudert made awards for the GA Lions Lighthouse fundraising walk/run. PDG John Rudert worked 80 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. She and her mother and sister enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.

**White County Lions Club** – Under *old business*: We still have some brooms left to sell, so if you or any of your friends need a broom Contact Howard, Chuck or Felicia if you need more information. *New Business*: It was voted to move the second meeting of the month to the third MONDAY the same time & place. The first Thursday of every month will stay the same, 7:00 at MaGooch's Restaurant. We will also meet the third Monday of every month, same time and place. We continue to try to build membership and do not want our second meeting to coincide with the Chamber's after hours meeting. This was done to avoid the conflict with the Chamber of Commerce “business after hours” meeting. Hopefully this will bring in new members who would not be available otherwise because of this conflict. *Program*: Our speaker for the evening was Bill House. Bill is a gold coin enthusiast and gave a very interesting presentation on gold mining in North Georgia. It all started in White County. He told us about the gold mining moving from White County to Dahlonega and the Templeton Reed gold coin mint in Gainesville. The mint in Dahlonega that started about the time of the Civil War and how it was taken over by the Confederacy. The rarity of those coins today. It was a thoroughly fascinating history. Our thanks to Mr. Bill House for a fine presentation. Howard, Betty Goetz and Chuck Goetz attended the Zone meeting in Clermont last month. It was an interesting experience to hear what the other clubs in the area are doing and we came away with some ideas for possible fund raisers. Hats off to the North Hall Lions Club for putting on a great meeting and feast. Our next meeting will be on OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> at Ma Gooches at 7:00 P.M. Our speaker will be Ann Mundy, our zone chairperson. Arrive at 6:30 if you would like to break bread with us. Please try to attend. It will be an interesting presentation and meeting.

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = 200 dictionaries were donated to the County Line Elementary School in Barrow County. 144 of these dictionaries were distributed to the 3rd graders currently enrolled at the school. The school will distribute the remaining dictionaries to 3rd graders who transfer to the school during the year. 61 pairs of glasses were collected for recycling during the month of October 2012.

## Toccoa Lions Club = Lions Work Together to Raise Funds for Sight Conservation

The Toccoa Lions worked Friday, October 12th in the evening doing food prep and dining room set up. Then the Lions returned at 6:00 am Saturday morning the 13th to serve nearly five hundred breakfasts from Toccoa Elementary School.



**Programs: October 11-** Lions Learn About Neighbor 4 Neighbors Food Pantry =Dr. Michael Maley speaking on behalf of Neighbors 4 Neighbors The purpose of Neighbors 4 Neighbors is to feed and comfort the hungry in our area. It was started by a youth group at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Toccoa in the late 90's. Then adults became involved and expanded the pantry operations. Clients are identified by social service agencies. They are open Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Most food comes from NE Georgia Food Bank. They give out some personal hygiene products as well. They will take food or monetary donations including home grown produce. A \$1.00 donation will buy five and a half pounds of food. The pantry has 350 to 400 persons served monthly. They are also involved with the Food 2 Kids program in the schools. The cost per child for that program is \$260 per year. The organization needs volunteers, food and supply sources, and a new physical plant. Their 2nd mobile pantry will be on November 13th with First United Methodist.

**October 25 - Canine Companions, Speaker - Judy Stamsen** talked about the training of companion dogs and related several stories of how the dogs have impacted the lives of those with disabilities. Companion dogs have been used very successfully with the blind, the deaf, those in wheelchairs, people with autism, and with disabled veterans. Applications for a Canine Companion can be made online. Lion June also related the story of someone who was going on a mission to Africa and was given 200 pairs of glasses by the Georgia Lighthouse to take with them.



**Toccoa Lions Honor PDG Willard Kimsey** = The Toccoa Lions honor Willard Kimsey presenting him with a wood engraving and a framed certificate naming him "member emeritus" of the club. On October 11th a delegation of Lions gathered at Heritage Care Center on Falls Road to make the presentation to their friend and fellow servant. Willard has been a Lion for over sixty years with the Toccoa Lions club. Willard is one of the best known people from Toccoa across the state in the Lions organization. Willard has served as president of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Chamblee. He served as president of the Georgia Lions Past District Governors Association. He served Northeast Georgia as District Governor. He twice served as president of the Toccoa Lions Club. He has served on numerous district and state committees involved in all aspects of Lions work.



We had an induction ceremony in Toccoa on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm. PCC Grace Clower inducted ten new Lions and transferred in Lion Kembra Landry from North Decatur Lions. Kembra "Kate" Landry is the new evening branch club president and Lion Neil Allen is the secretary-treasurer. Both of these Lions are in their mid twenties in age. The new branch club started with a formation meeting in September and plans on having a monthly meeting the third Thursday night of the month. The evening branch club has eleven energetic members and will be working with the rest of the members in the Toccoa Lions club in service and fund raising projects.



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



Towns County LEO Club is chartered



Guy Firor working the Gate at the GA Mountain Fair



Jason Smith from the EMC addresses 10/9/12 meeting

**2012 DAILY SCHEDULE**

**Friday, October 12**  
**12 Noon: Flower Show** - Opens and continues throughout the festival  
**Country Music Show**  
**2 PM:** Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band  
**3 PM & 6:30 PM:** Aaron Tippin  
**8:00 PM:** Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band and a host of single acts

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

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

**Monday, October 15**  
**Country Music Show**  
**2 PM & 7 PM:** The Grassroots and Wyatt Espalin & Treas Leave

**Tuesday, October 16**  
**Country Music Show**  
**2 PM & 7 PM:** John Corlie and Brandley

**Arts & Crafts**  
 Demonstrations daily with a variety of Juried Artists & Crafters.  
 10 AM - 8 PM | Mon. - Sat.  
 10 AM - 6 PM | Sunday

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

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

**Friday, October 19**  
**Georgia's Official State Fiddlers' Convention**  
**2 PM:** Red Roots  
**3:00 & 5:30:** The Quebe Sisters Band  
**7 PM:** Competition begins. Categories include beginning fiddler, harmonica, buck dancing, dulcimer, dobro and old-time banjo. Winners will be declared "Official Georgia State Champions." Featuring EMCEE, Barry Palmer

**Saturday, October 20**  
**Georgia's Official State Fiddlers' Convention**  
**10:30 AM:** Competition categories: senior fiddler, junior fiddler, bluegrass band, finger style guitar, banjo and mandolin.  
**7 PM:** Saturday finalists compete to be declared the "Official Georgia State Champion" in a category on Junior Georgia

**Pioneer Village**  
 Features an authentically recreated mountain town of yesteryear with a mercantile store, one-room school, log cabin, barn, corn crib and smokehouse.  
**Authentic Demonstrations**  
 Of the oft forgotten "arts" of Moonshine Stillin', Board Splittin', Black Smuthin', Quilting, Singin' and Pickin'.

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

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**GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUNDS**

**Fairgrounds.com**

**George Jones**  
 November 17, 2012  
**On Sale Now**  
**Level 1: \$45.00 + Handling**



**George Jones**  
 November 17, 2012  
**On Sale Now**  
**Level 1: \$45.00 + Handling**



**Oak Ridge Boys**  
 December 1, 2012  
 (On Sale October 5)  
 Tickets:  
 Level 1:  
 \$40.00 + Handlin

**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing:** Approved 3 applications for exams and glasses 1 **Membership:** Board approved membership application for Becky Mauney. **Activities:** **Board approved \$100 donation for** Union-Towns Volunteers for the Handicapped. Board voted to establish White Cane Goal for next year of \$6000. **Farmer's Market:** 4 Saturdays in October – 14 Lions and 1 friend worked a total of 113 hours selling hot dogs and hamburgers. **Sorghum Festival** – 18 Lions and 10 friends had a total of 261 hours at the annual Sorghum Festival fund raiser the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends in October. **Glasses Collected:** Lion Lisa reported that she collected 191 items (used eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc) at the Ms. Sorghum Beauty Pageant. Eye Glasses-180 pairs, Lens- 23, shades – 34 pair, Hearing aids- 4, Cell phones -4. **Programs: October 11** - Our guest speakers were Carol and Roger Rachid who discussed Operation Christmas Child of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse. They are year-round volunteers and work to get the youth and families involved. The program began in 1993 in the UK to help orphans of the Bosnia war. That year, 28,000 shoeboxes filled with gifts were collected. Last year, 8.5 million boxes were collected and shipped to children in 100 different countries. The program also distributes the Bible Teaching booklet "The Greatest Journey" and children have the opportunity to participate in a 12 week class at a local church. 1577 boxes were collected from Union County last year. For the last 2 years, have gotten the Union County Nursing Home involved. In 1 session, residents have an Arts and Craft day to make something for the boxes and have a second day to pack the boxes. They also have involved Brannan Lodge Senior Center and the Mountain Christian Academy. They discussed volunteer opportunities to help at the nursing home and other opportunities. After the boxes are filled they are shipped to Atlanta for processing. Following the program Lion Lisa presented a box of knitted hats from a resident of Brannan Lodge to go in the Christmas Child boxes. **October 25** - Our guest speaker was Susie Phillips, Chief Appraiser of the Union County Tax Assessor's Office. The assessor's office has 3 board members who must take 40 hours of appraisal courses every 2 years. They meet the last Wednesday of the month and the meetings are open to the public. On staff they have 4 appraisers, 1 clerk and a GIS mapper. There are 21,298 parcels in the county that are supposed to be reviewed every 3 years. All parcels can be reviewed on line at qpublic.net. Visiting Lion Ted Parker presented information on the Millsboro Delaware Lions Club. The club is nearly 75 years old. Its major fund raiser is the sale of oyster fritters and soft shell crab sandwiches. They provide 3 scholarships annually and have sponsored a local Boy Scout troop for over 60 years. They also operate a medical closet to loan out wheel chairs, walkers, etc. They also sponsor preschool eye exams and provide exams and glasses to local residents.



WORKING LIONS - 413 hours  
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS -  
 FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING  
 LIONS – 188 hours  
 Featured articles that appears in local  
 newspapers submitted by Union County  
 Lions **NEWS** Articles: 4 submitted.



## November 2012

**Loganville Legacy – 9Nov - Due to so many golf tournaments tomorrow we have decided to postpone the Loganville Legacy golf tournament until **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**.**

Please mark your calendars! Each golfer who comes to our tournament will receive:

\$70 Callaway Gift Card for discounts on any Callaway products.

\$20 Gift Card from PGA Superstore

\$20 PGA Superstore Practice Bay Certificate.



**Toccoa Lions Club – 3 & 4Nov - Toccoa Harvest Festival – Lions Rest Area, Health Screening, Food Concessions, Walking Sticks, Mops & Brooms sales – Kay Royal’s porch on Doyle Street**  
16<sup>th</sup> – TLC Diabetes, Vision & Hearing Screening – Wal-Mart  
30<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Trees Display – Historic Courthouse

## December 2012

Loganville Legacy – 1Dec – Loganville Christmas Parade.

Toccoa Lions Club 1<sup>st</sup> – Festival of Tress (continued) – Xmas Parade – Doyle Street 4:00 pm

17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Families – Service Work

~ **January 2013** ~

~ **February 2013** ~

### Toccoa Lions Club

15<sup>th</sup> – Georgia Arbor Day – Lions Tree Planting – Site TBA

23rd - Pancake Breakfast – Toccoa Elementary School – 7:00 am – 10:00 am (*Open Arms Clinic benefit*)

## April 2013

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – White Cane Days – Public Solicitations – Wal-Mart - Vision & Hearing Screening – Healthy Kids Day – YMCA – Date TBA - JR ROTC Cadet Awards Banquet – TBA

## May 2013 (*Recycle for Sight Month*)

17<sup>th</sup> – Lions Golf Outing – Site TBA

23rd - Club Little League Picnic – Site TBA - 6:00 pm

The MD 18-D Region One meeting was held at Fletcher's Restaurant, Hartwell, GA on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Zone One Chair Bill Graham & Hartwell Club President Mike Adams welcomed the Lions to the meeting. There were 42 people representing 9 Lion Clubs present. Zone Chair Bill thanked Lion Mike and the Hartwell Lions Club for hosting the Region Meeting. Lion Mazelle Andrews, Royston/Franklin Springs Lions Club lead the group in Prayer and Lion Mike Adams let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and did the table assignments.

After an excellent meal, District Governor Bill Holley was recognized. DG Bill told the group he had been talking to Lions all over the district. Many of them are experiencing hard times, just as much of the public. He said in every case, however, they are keeping up the faith and he encourages the group to continue the outstanding tradition of community service.

Zone One Chair, Bill Graham, spoke to the group about the common membership problem that most clubs are experiencing. Lion Bill indicated that we are not just experiencing a membership problem but we also need to attract younger members so we can cultivate the Lions that will lead the organization in 10 to 20 years. Lion Bill indicated that there are three excellent methods to attract these younger members.

First, he said, we need to start using the communications methods that younger people use. These include website, Facebook, Twitter, Texting, Facetime, Google Hangouts and similar products. I know this will not be easy for many of us but it is vital if we are going to attract younger members. A side benefit is that you will probably have to get help from a young person. This may allow you more time with your children or grandchildren.

Second, we need to focus on establishing LEO Clubs and Campus Clubs. Young folks need an opportunity to learn community service and there are no better vehicles than Lions Clubs. The District and LCI can provide ample help for Lions wishing to establish either type of club.

Finally, the Club Excellence Process is a tool Lions Clubs can use to revitalize their clubs.

Zone Chair Bill then introduced Past Council Chair Grace Clower. PCC Grace is the District's Global Leadership Team Representative for MD 18-D. Lion Bill presented PCC Grace a plaque for her outstanding service as GLD representative. PCC Grace made a presentation on the Thriving Club Process. She asked, and answered, the following questions. What is it? Why do it? Who participates? When & Where? How do you get it? The program can be summarized by four steps. Step 1: Why are we here? Step 2: What Makes an Excellence Club? Step 3: How Can We Determine Our Needs? Step 4: What Can we Do Next? PCC Grace indicated that any club interested in the Club Excellence Process should contact her.

Lion Bryson Tanner gave a brief on State Awards.

Zone One Chair Bill thanked everyone for attending and Lion President Mike closed the meeting.





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

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

**Mark Bradley, Region III Zone I Chairman - 706-654-5693- [marktireman@windstream.net](mailto:marktireman@windstream.net)**

Friday, February 1, 2012 – Zone Meeting

**Wayne White, Region III, Zone 2 Chairman – 770-875-6494 – [limaal30052@yahoo.com](mailto:limaal30052@yahoo.com)**

**Bill Graham, Region I Zone I Chairman - 706-779-6990 - [blueberryfarm@windstream.net](mailto:blueberryfarm@windstream.net)**

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7pm, Martin Lions Club, Martin Community Center. The topic will be the use of the internet for communications and training. The use of the District/State/LCI websites will be demonstrated and discussed including use of the LCI Training and webinars.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 7pm, Lavonia Lions Club, Lavonia Community Center, Lavonia, GA. Topic to be developed from issues and needs of Zone/District.

**Anne Mundy, Region II Zone II Chairman – 706-864-5899 – [annem@windstream.net](mailto:annem@windstream.net)**



**Did you submit yours?**  
 E-mail = [edmclionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmclionh@bellsouth.net) or  
 Go on-line = [www.edmclion.com/](http://www.edmclion.com/) or



GA. Lions Lighthouse  
 VP Lion John Rudert, PDG  
[JRudert@comcast.net](mailto:JRudert@comcast.net)

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

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

## Lions Club International Chairman crowns Lighthouse as model for Lions worldwide

On September 11th and 12th, Chairman of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), Wing-Kum Tam travelled from his home in Hong Kong with a full agenda; the first order of business being a visit to the Lighthouse Foundation.

While here, Tam met with the Lighthouse staff, the board of the directors, and volunteer doctors. His visit was filled with looking in on clinics, touring the optical lab, and even helping to make a pair of glasses. Tam's visit was due in part by the recent partnership forged between Lions Club International and Essilor with the Lighthouse to provide 10,000 uncut single vision lenses to our optical lab, which made over 5,000 pairs of glasses for uninsured Georgians last year.

"LCI is the world's largest service organization and has a network of 1.35 million men and women in more than 207 countries and geographical locations. We are honored that Chairman Tam chose to visit us on his trip to North America," said Lighthouse executive director Christina Lennon.



### Service Numbers

From July 2012 to 30 Sept

People having eye exams  
**71 were from 18-D**

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

Eye surgeries were performed.  
**5 were from 18-D**

Hearing aids through the dispensation  
**67 were from 18-D**

### Get involved!

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

<b>Saturday/ Sunday 13-14 Oct Athens</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 October Athens</b>
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Contact Judith at 800-718-7483 or [JKerr@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:JKerr@lionslighthouse.org) for more information about volunteer opportunities.

## Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

**18 D District Chair:**  
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274  
[eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)



## White Cane Helping the Eye Surgery Program

### White Cane FAQ

#### How do we submit our White Cane Chair and goal?

You can e-mail the name and contact information of your White Cane Chair, along with your club's White Cane goal to Sarah Liz at [SBuckley@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:SBuckley@lionslighthouse.org), or you can submit it online through the [White Cane Chair form](#).

#### What is the difference between regular club giving and White Cane giving?

When your club gives a “regular” contribution it goes into the Lighthouse’s general funds. From there it can be used for eye clinics, eye glasses, the hearing aid program, the eye surgery program, or administrative costs. Your Lighthouse operates at 6% overhead, so \$0.94 of every dollar donated goes directly to programs and services. When your club donates to White Cane, 100% of the donation is used for the eye surgery program to help save a Georgian’s sight. When you give to the Lighthouse, be sure the check is designated “White Cane” or “regular.” The designation will help ensure that your funds are used the way you intend.

#### Can my individual gifts count toward our White Cane total?

Yes, any individual contribution automatically counts toward your club. Just be sure to include your club’s name on the check, and whether you want the contribution to go toward White Cane or regular club giving.

#### Can we get posters or other printed materials from the Lighthouse for White Cane days or other events?

Yes, we have 3 posters per club that we would be happy to send to you for White Cane. We also have bookmarks, pamphlets, brochures, and a short video that help explain what your Lighthouse does throughout Georgia. To request any of those items, please contact Sarah Liz at 404.325.3630 ext.322 or by e-mail at [SBuckley@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:SBuckley@lionslighthouse.org).

#### How can we make sure our donation goes toward White Cane?

Checks we receive from Lions clubs are considered "regular" club gifts unless they are otherwise indicated. Ensure that your White Cane check gets credited the way you intend by writing "White Cane" in the "for" section of your check.

### Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events

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

**WALMART APPLICATIONS FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE:** Once you’re at the [Local Community Contribution](#) site, click on “Click here to apply for the Local Community Contribution program.”

#### A. You’ll be asked a series of questions:

- 1) Does your organization and proposed program benefit the communities within the service area of the facility to which you plan to apply? **Yes**
- 2) In which of the Wal-Mart Foundation's areas of focus does your proposed program fall? **Health and Wellness**
- 3) Please select the option that best describes your organization: **A. Tax exempt under Section 501 (c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code with a valid tax exempt number**
- 4) Are you applying for funding for one of the organizations listed? If so, please select the organization below. **None**
- 5) Are you applying for funding for any of the following? If so, please select all that apply. **None**
- 6) Do you plan to request less than \$250 from an individual facility? **No**

**B.** Then, you’ll receive a link to the Facility Giving Application. You’ll be asked to create a log-in—see at the top “First time user? Click here to create your password.”

**C.** Once you’ve created a log-in, you’ll be able to search for a Wal-Mart in your area under “LCC Facility Search”. Find your local Wal-Mart and click “Start >” under “Create Request”. This will start your application.

**D.** Select contacts for the Lighthouse. Either Jim or Michelle are acceptable contacts.

**E.** Organization Information:  
 1) **Legal and Payee Name:** Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation  
 2) **Address:** 5582 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30341  
 3) **Phone:** 404-325-3630  
 4) **Fax:** 404-636-5549  
 5) **Website:** [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org)

**F.** Community Served:  
 1) **Area served:** All counties  
 2) **Geography:** 25% rural, 75% urban  
 3) **Gender:** 40% male, 60% female  
 4) **Age group:** 100% All Ages  
 5) **Ethnic background:** 100% All

**G.** Program Information:  
**Grant type:** Local Community Contribution



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Ken Fuller**  
[hiawasseeken@yahoo.com](mailto:hiawasseeken@yahoo.com)



Dear Georgia Lions,

**CHRISTMAS CAMP** is coming up. We are currently registering campers for the weekend of November 30 – December 2, 2012. This Camp session is for all ages and we are expecting a big session. It will be a fun filled weekend of Christmas Fun!

One of the projects of the weekend will be a shopping trip to Wal-Mart. The campers will be given the names of children from the Waycross Angel Tree. They will then be going shopping to help those children have a Merry Christmas. If you would like to help with this project, please send the Camp a Wal-Mart Gift card in any amount or a check made out to the Camp and earmarked "Christmas Camp". You will not only be helping the Camp but giving to another during the holidays. We thank you so much!

**Christmas Camp 2012 = Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, 2012 = [Camper Applications](#)**

**Dates to Remember:**

- Winter Meeting of the Camp Warner Robins Feb 2 & 3, 2013
- Winter Work Weekend March 2013
- Spring Work Weekend April 2013
- Board of Directors Meeting - State Convention, Augusta, GA May 31-June 2, 2013

[Wish List](#)

Please contact the Camp to verify purchases or donations, make pick-up arrangements, or with any questions.  
 ~ **Please call Kristen Robinson for specific work projects.** ~

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**Ways to Donate**

**Century Club:** Funds contributed to the Century Club become part of the Georgia Lions' Camp Facility Expansion Fund. This is a development fund, which provides Lions, Lionesses, non-Lions, businesses and others with the opportunity to give a gift that assures the continued expansion of the Camp's facilities. You can join the Century Club simply by making a contribution of as little as \$100.00 per year. Please download this [Century Club Application](#) for more information. It is a PDF and you will need the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view it.

**General Donation:** Your gift is applied to both monthly and annual needs of the camp, routine maintenance and summer programming. This donation directly helps us to provide recreation, socialization, education and rehabilitation to visually impaired individuals of Georgia.

**Honorary Donation:** The funds obtained through the Honorary Fund are allocated to both the Trust Fund and the General Operating Account, while providing the contributor the opportunity to recognize a loved one.

**Memorial Donation:** The funds obtained through the Memorial Fund are allocated to both the Trust Fund and the General Operating Account, while providing the contributor the opportunity to recognize a loved one.

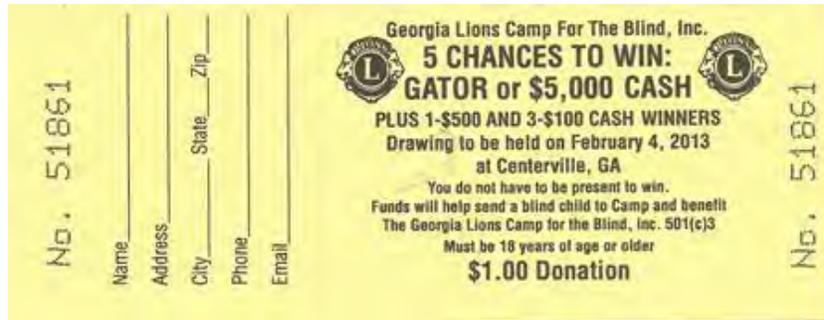
**Keep the Campfires Burning:** The month of September has been designated as the official month for clubs to fundraise and organize projects dedicated to "Keep the Campfires Burning " for the upcoming year. Your gift is applied to the seasonal needs of the Camp associated with our activities, camper sponsorships, summer employment, and program supplies. This donation ensures the continuation of our efforts to provide recreation, socialization, education, and rehabilitation to visually impaired children and adults. Donations should be marked "KTCB" to ensure proper club credit.

You can mail your check or money order to:  
 Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.  
 5626 Laura Walker Road  
 Waycross, GA 31503-6488

## Lions of Multiple District 18

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

Sell those raffle tickets!!! Get the word out to Lions and non-Lions alike. Promote our camp! The raffle drawing will be held February 4, 2013 at the spring meeting in Warner Robins. By this time, all clubs should have received their tickets, either by mail or in person by the district leadership team. Just a few reminders: (1) should a donor decide they want the tax de-duction, their check will need to be addressed to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Send it to the camp, via your club treasurer. (2) All cash donations can be accounted for and a single check from the club can be issued; again, make the check out to GLCB. (3) All ticket stubs must be either sent to me or to the camp. Any further questions, feel free to give me a call or send me an email.



## Memorial Gardens Brick Application form

Cost of each Brick: \$100

Sponsor or Applicants Address

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE( H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



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

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Please mail this form ,with attached check to :

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



Please mark your designation for the donation so that we might credit the appropriate account and send the names and addresses of the individuals who are to receive an acknowledgement letter.



### Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey

## Hero Dog Awards = Retired Leader Dog Tabitha is Guide Dog of the Year!

When Anne Drake began losing her vision, she was devastated. She was 46, and everything she had been doing independently all her life was suddenly threatened. The fear that grew out of the new darkness caused Anne to find inhibitions everywhere she turned, leading her to a life of increasing isolation. In losing her eyesight, she was losing herself.



Then, at her family's suggestion, Anne came to Leader Dogs for the Blind, and from the moment she met Tabitha, her life began to change. With the friendly German shepherd at her side, Anne's confidence and independence returned.

This spring, the American Humane Association sent out a call for nominations of dogs that have performed extraordinary acts of service to be named the 2012 American Hero Dogs.



In matching caps and gowns, Anne and Tabitha walked across a stage together to accept Anne's diploma for her master's degree in social work from Indiana University.

Out of all the submissions in the guide dogs category, one entry shone above the rest. That was the story of the faithful German shepherd named Tabitha. Though Tabitha was now retired after seven years of work, Anne wanted to recognize the profound impact that Tabitha had had on her life:

*Tabitha was my first guide dog; I obtained her from Leader Dogs for the Blind in 2004. Although now retired, she was and always will be my Hero Dog. Tabby Girl, as I called her, was the one that not only comforted me through the shock and depression of losing my sight, she welcomed me into a new life. By her love and skills, she showed me that life was still the same, I could still go and accomplish things, I just needed to go about some things a bit differently. It was with the new found courage that I gained from Tabby Girl's guidance that I continued to experience so much in life.*

*I completed both my undergraduate and graduate studies with her by my side. I overcame my fear of "the dark." I learned to trust myself once again, as well as others. There were so many things that she did over the years for me too numerous to mention in this short essay. Suffice it to say, Tabby Girl saved my life, not only physically, but emotionally, and mentally as well. Without Tabby Girl showing me the way to my new life, I really don't know where I would be right now. Tabby Girl will always be my Hero Dog.*

Anne's heartfelt nomination and her constant campaigning on behalf of her beloved Tabitha paid off when Tabitha was officially named a 2012 Hero Dog in the guide dogs category. This meant a \$5,000 gift to Anne's charity partner, Leader Dog, and that Tabitha and Anne flew to Hollywood in early October to accept Tabitha's award.

They didn't travel alone, however. Since her retirement, Tabitha has been reunited with her puppy raisers, Steve and Karin Pierce. She spends her days relaxing in the home in Ashland, WI where she lived her first year of life, practicing day after day the skills that would ultimately allow her to become Anne's hero dog. Even in retirement she is still making new friends, "working" as a greeter at the Pierces' store, Ashland Stove and Upholstery Works.

When Anne and Tabitha flew to Los Angeles to receive the Hero Dog Award, they were joined by Driver and Karin Pierce. They attended a star-studded ceremony hosted by actress Kristin Chenoweth and meet the judges, including Whoopi Goldberg, who helped to choose the overall Hero Dog of the year. The event will be broadcast November 8 on the Hallmark Channel. Please check your local listings for time.

There are many hero dogs out there. They come in all shapes and sizes, and their service takes different forms. Some are members of our military. Some aid in search and rescue. Some offer comfort to victims of trauma. And some, like Tabitha, give their eyes and hearts to lead someone through the dark. We could not be more proud to be a part of this special recognition of Tabitha's work, and we hope you will join us in offering our congratulations and thanks to her and all of our canine heroes.

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I'm standing here before you,  
No longer just a dog.  
For I've climbed the height of Heaven,  
And reached the heart of God.

I will never forsake you,  
I will never go astray.  
I will always love you,  
Until my dying day.

So many hands have touched me,  
And loved me along the way.  
Now they bow their head in tears,  
And slowly walk away.

I understand my true purpose,  
And the gift I want to give.  
I'll gladly take the challenge,  
So that you may freely live.

I won't ask for fields of clover,  
To romp, run and play.  
I'll go wherever you lead me,  
And do whatever you say.

For they understand their goal and purpose,  
And the gift they want to give.  
They love enough to let me go,  
So you can freely live.

I will be the eyes that guide you,  
I night time and in day.  
And when you close your eyes to rest,  
Beside you I will stay.

For I have climbed the height of Heaven,  
And reached the heart of God.  
And now I'm standing here before you,  
No longer just a dog.

For they too have climbed to Heaven,  
And reached the heat of God.  
They understand I'm here today.  
No longer just a dog.

Author Unknown

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### *T'was the Night Before Issue*

T'was the night before dog day and all through the dorm  
not a student was sleeping,  
in the lounge we did swarm.  
The trainers told us we should all go to bed,  
or their wrath we would bring down on our heads.

Then our harnesses and leashes we hung up with care,  
in hopes that St. Mick soon would be there.

We dreamed of forward, sit, heel, and come –  
so many commands—that we sure felt dumb!  
We dreamed of our trainers and all they had said,  
And visions of Leader Dogs danced in our heads.

There were Labs, Golden, Shepherds, and more,

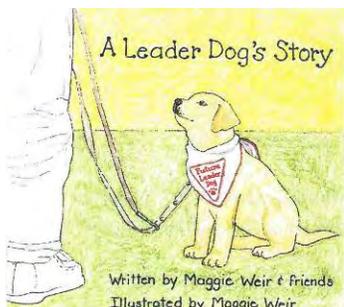
And we wondered which one would come through our door.

The next day after lunch we were sent on our way,  
to the rooms where we were all told to stay.  
Soon out in the hall there arose such a clatter,  
that we sprang from our beds to see what was the matter.

Then into my room came a lovely canine,  
And St. Mick told me that dog was mine.  
Then he stayed and described each great feature and I said:  
“There never was such a beautiful creature.”

As he left each room he said:  
“Be wise and be prudent—  
goodbye and good luck to each dog and student!”

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**A Leader Dog's Story – is a quick read book that was written by one of the counselors and friends and illustrated by the counselor. This could be a great tool for when reading to early elementary children as it could be read and showing pictures to the children.**

**The book is available through the gift shop for \$7.50 and can be ordered by phone. All profits from the sale of this book will go to Leader Dog.**

### **Mary Jane's Leader Dog Gift Shop**

The online page for Mary Jane's Gift Shop is temporarily closed for construction. In the meantime, call us Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. at 248-651-9011 or email us at [leaderdog@leaderdog.org](mailto:leaderdog@leaderdog.org).

Great for Christmas



From the desk of State Chair Lion Fred Smith  
[lionfredsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lionfredsmith@gmail.com)

## Audiobooks Help Kids Learn



(NAPSI)—With school back in session, there is good news for millions of students who have difficulty reading because of dyslexia or other learning disabilities. For these young people who struggle to understand the printed word, there is a proven alternative:

They can listen to their textbooks and enjoy academic success.

Studies have shown that audiobooks are remarkably effective for many students with reading-based disabilities. The benefits of auditory learning include increased comprehension, better grades, higher confidence and improved self-esteem. The leading resource for these students is Learning Ally, a nonprofit organization that offers the world's most advanced library of audio textbooks for at-home and in-the-classroom reading.

### Audiobook Apps Go Mainstream

Learning Ally offers instant access to more than 75,000 audio textbooks and popular literature titles—nearly everything required for kindergarten through high school and beyond. The audiobooks can be easily loaded to devices that kids use in everyday life—like iPhone, iPad and iPod touch, as well as their laptops.

Educators applaud the independence that new mainstream technology gives to their students. “Kids with learning differences want to be part of the crowd, and they don’t want to be dependent on having mom or dad read their books to them,” says Ruth W., an educational therapist in California. “Now they can just put their earbuds on, read with Learning Ally’s free audio app on their iPhone, and blend in with their friends—which, especially in the teen years, is a huge consideration.”

### Proven Help for Dyslexia

With the help of Learning Ally audiobooks, thousands of young people across the U.S. are enjoying newfound success in the classroom. Dyslexic student Kara S. has come a long way from the “slow reading table” she was forced to sit at in elementary school. She recently graduated from the University of San Francisco with a double major in physics and math.

“Parental support could only go so far,” Kara says. “I needed something more.” She credits her membership with Learning Ally as the key to igniting her passion for learning and increasing her confidence as a reader and student.

### Membership Advantages

Students who qualify for membership with Learning Ally enjoy unlimited access to audiobooks from major publishers. The books are read by human narrators who include teachers, doctors, scientists and specialists in every subject—people who can explain every picture, diagram and chart. Students enjoy free software and flexibility to play their books on multiple devices. And a new feature for on-screen highlighting of text in select books will be released this fall.



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair  
[eskiermom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiermom@bellsouth.net)

## Melanie and Phoebe visit Sesame Street



Did you see Sesame Street last Friday? If you did, then you saw Canine Companions graduate Melanie and her assistance dog Phoebe.

Melanie and Skilled Companion Phoebe joined Canine Companions dog Hercules in helping Muppet Brandeis find his calling as an assistance dog.

“I’m so proud to have been on Sesame Street and I think it’s really great that Sesame Street did this episode. Now the little kids who watch Sesame Street will know how to act around assistance dogs. Instead of just screaming look at the doggie with the girl in wheelchair, they’ll know that the dog is working,” Melanie shares. The episode, “Brandeis is Looking for a Job,” will be airing again on November 12 and November 30, so set your DVR(s) ahead of time to make sure you don’t miss it!

Don't miss Sesame Street Episode 43, featuring Canine Companions dog Hercules. Hercules helps new Muppet character Brandeis find his calling as an assistance dog. The episode airs October 12, November 12 and November 30.



Here's the episode summary: Brandeis, a yellow Labrador retriever, is looking for a job on Sesame Street. First, Leela hires him to fold laundry in the Laundromat, but Brandeis has a lot of trouble folding the clothing with his paws. Next, Chris hires him to sweep the floor, but he has trouble holding the broom.

Brandeis is sad, but just then, Elmo notices that Gina is working with a dog. She explains that she is training Hercules to be a service dog. A service dog works with people who need special kinds of help. Gina says that it takes a lot of intelligence and training for this career, and Brandeis is up for the challenge! He begins training right away, learning how to do things like opening drawers, turning on lights and picking up and bringing things.

After many weeks of training, Brandeis officially becomes a service dog! He is very excited and nervous about meeting the person he will be helping. Liliana, who is in a wheelchair, is nervous about meeting Brandeis, too. Liliana’s book bag slides off her lap, and Brandeis quickly fetches it for her. She laughs happily and thanks Brandeis. She then asks for a glass of milk, and Brandeis motions her to follow him into Hooper’s store and opens the door for her. Liliana praises him for his hard work. Gina and Elmo agree that that Brandeis found the perfect job!



Lion  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

## LCIF: Diabetes Awareness in November

November is **Diabetes Awareness month** and Lions across the world, with the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), will be helping their local communities by providing diabetes education and screening programs. Some of these Lions have been active for months, including the Lions of District 24A in Virginia, USA.

Over the October 20-21st weekend, the Lions of District 24A worked with the Fairfax County Health Department to provide diabetes preventive health screenings. Paula Paige, a counselor for those receiving the screenings, said "Thank You [Lions], I am so grateful. Know that regarding this project of Diabetes Awareness and the various services the Lion's provide, I am willing and ready to support you."

Through a grant from LCIF of US\$72,000, the Lions of District 24A, together with the American Diabetes Association (ADA), established a **Lions Diabetes Detection and Education Program** in Virginia's northern Fairfax County. The pilot program focuses on providing training to select Lions to become **Diabetes Ambassadors**. These Ambassadors function as trained lay-personnel for targeted diabetes and diabetic retinopathy mobile screenings; they provide patient follow-up management and serve as educators of diabetes self-management classes. The project aims to reduce diabetes complications through targeted health screenings and education programs. More than **3,000** individuals will be served by this grant.

James Copeland, Director of Community Health Development and Preparedness at the Fairfax County Health Department, said over the weekend, "The partnership between the Lions Clubs, ADA and the Fairfax County Health Department is an example of organizations that recognize they have shared interests and goals and the way to achieve these goals is by working together." Together, Lions, the ADA and LCIF are working to limit the impact of diabetes in northern Virginia. Worldwide, LCIF has awarded recent diabetes education and awareness grants to Districts 103SW and

103CE in France, 112A in Belgium, and District 354B in Korea.

According to the World Health Organization, diabetes currently affects **346 million people worldwide**, and the numbers continue to rise. There are 25.8 million individuals with diabetes in the United States alone. Diabetes can damage the heart, eyes, and kidneys and the overall risk of dying is at least double the risk of peers without diabetes.

Diabetes programs are funded through the LCIF **Humanitarian Needs** area of giving. This month, consider joining the Lions around the world in their fight against diabetes by making a donation to **Humanitarian Needs**. For more information about the impact of LCIF diabetes grants or LCIF Areas of Giving, please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).



## American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure



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

**Atlanta, GA**

**May 19, 2013**



2011-12 "Children Know Peace"

Trisha Co Reyes 13 years old Philippines

Sponsored by Manila Centennial Lions Club

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

Essay Contest Guidelines

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

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

View past grand prize winning essays:

Life-Changing Services and Opportunities for Youth: Around the world, if we see a need, we fill that need. In 46,000 communities in more than 200 countries, Lions implement targeted, creative projects to meet the specific needs of millions of local children – whether they're at risk for hearing or vision loss or can't afford to have their bikes repaired. Our programs make growing up safer and healthier. Through Services for Children, we meet education and health needs. Through Lions Quest, we bring crucial life skills to more than 12 million children in classrooms around the world. We also respond to issues that cry out for solutions and support – by bringing potable water to far-flung villages, building a home for street children in Sri Lanka. And, through a number of other programs uniquely suited to match local challenges in communities around the world. We bring young people together. Our LEO Clubs provide youth volunteer opportunities that inspire and support leadership in young people ages 12 and up by giving them the chance to learn, grow and serve by participating in community service projects. We enhance their lives. Every year, thousands of young people travel around the world to learn about cultures, customs and friendship through our Youth Camp and Exchange program. And we help them share a message of peace. For decades, the Peace Poster Contest has helped more than four million young people express their creativity, their aspirations and their hopes for the world.

"Imagine Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

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



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Dear Lions,

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest is "Imagine Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

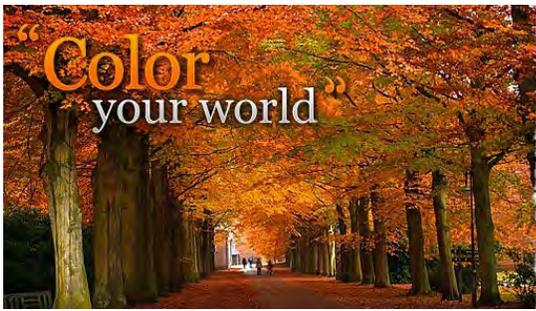
Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program.



WAYS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN'S (AND OUR OWN) RESOURCEFULNESS AND CREATIVITY

Value varying ideas and opinions: Encourage brainstorming by saying: "Well, that sure is one way of looking at it," or "What a good idea. I've never thought of that before. Let's try it!"

Encourage exploration: Make specific, motivating comments, such as: "How interesting; you created a secret passage-way with the blocks," or "The way you mixed different greens for leaves makes your tree look very real."



Dear Lions Club Members,

The Lions Club's Mission of community service, good citizenship, and promoting the welfare of the community is a very noble one. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Foresters project is a great opportunity to visibly demonstrate your mission. The trees that will be planted will promote the welfare of the community because they will beautify the locale as well as help meet basic air quality standards. You will serve the community by teaching children to be good stewards and good citizens. With your support, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Foresters USA can help with your mission by providing trees for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders to take home and plant on Arbor Day. These tree packages could have your message attached to them.

Georgia's Arbor Day is February 22, 2013. The deadline for participation is January 15, 2013. There are approximately 130,000 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Georgia. We can provide you with the approximate number of students at public and private schools in your area.

**A Remarkable Idea, Arbor Day at School.  
In the beginning . . . and almost the end**

In 1885 the National Education Association called for observation of Arbor Day in all of the nation's schools on the official Arbor Day of their own State. It was a resounding endorsement of J. Sterling Morton's founding of Arbor Day. When the Nebraskan was later asked about the holiday he remarked, "All other holidays repose upon the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future." School observations grew by leaps and bounds. Over the years, millions of children received and planted millions of seedlings . . . millions of seedlings that grew into millions of mature trees. Together, those trees make up a unique forest. A forest planted by generations of America's children. Somehow the School Arbor Day tradition began to fade away and now only relatively few kids get a tree to take home and plant it on their State's Arbor Day.

**It's time to reverse the decline.**

***Now in the era of global warming and air pollution, tree planting is even more important than ever.***

Trees take carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) out of the atmosphere to help reduce warming and help clean the air we breathe. Planting trees is a simple, inexpensive and easy way to address the problem.

The Fourth Grade Foresters Project has four major goals:

1. To revitalize observation of Arbor Day in America's schools on the official Arbor Day proclaimed in their own state.
2. To send every fourth grader home with a tree of their own to plant and care for.

3. To support employment of workers with disabilities. (*Each tree is individually packaged for distribution by workers with disabilities.*)

4. To bring schools, community service organizations, businesses, and private individuals together to have direct positive impact on the urban forests of their communities.

In its first six years, the Fourth Grade Foresters USA and nearly 1900 sponsors provided more than 391,000 trees to fourth graders in 39 states. Lions Club's alone contributed 26,000 trees from 228 clubs. For more information visit:

[www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com](http://www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com).

Also go to this web site: <http://www.arborday.org/>

**How Lions Clubs Can Help**

If a Lions Club becomes a sponsor of the Fourth Grade Foresters they will:

1. Build a new connection with the community by making it possible for trees to be planted and cared for in your local Urban Forest . . . the trees surrounding the homes of your citizens.
2. Share the message and vision of the Club directly with local families.
3. Help kids learn that they make a difference in their community and have a direct impact on the environment.
4. Help local Fourth Grade Foresters set an example for the entire community. The trees they plant will become a forest that will benefit the environment and generations to come. There is absolutely no cost to the student, the teachers, the schools, or the school district. The individually packaged 12" – 18" trees are available for \$1.59 per tree. Every tree is, packaged by workers with disabilities.

The cost to provide a tree to a Fourth Grader includes:

- \***An individually packaged 12" to 18" evergreen tree recommended for growth in your state.**
- \***A bag tag attached to each tree featuring planting and care instructions and you attach any information about the Club you wish to include.**
- \***You will be provided with media kits to send information to local media.**

Fourth Grade Foresters USA is not a nonprofit organization but rather a catalyst for direct sponsorship of the project in local communities and at the grass roots level. Your sponsorship takes center stage as a community service and public relations outreach while we provide trees, packaging, and logistics. Our role is that of a service resource for the program. In providing those services we hire workers with disabilities to prepare and package all of the trees given to fourth graders. As leaders in this program the Society will set an inspiring example to organizations across the state and nation and will be known by their good work at home and afar.

Sincerely,

Sarah Henne, Fourth Grade Foresters Project Coordinator  
(402) 475-5631



## Lions Quest Prepares for Largest-Ever Training and Implementation

More than 12,000 Wood County, W. Va., students from 21 schools are set to benefit from Lions Quest. The district-wide implementation of Lions Quest is part of a two-year partnership between Wood County Schools and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The two-year implementation is being funded by LCIF and the [NoVo Foundation](#), which awarded LCIF a \$100,000 grant to support its [Clinton Global Initiative](#) commitment to expand Lions Quest across one U.S. school district. Wood County Schools was selected as LCIF's district partner after a nationwide search.



"There is no greater service than nurturing youth and guiding young people toward healthy, responsible lives, which is the goal of Lions Quest. We believe that the partnership with Wood County Schools can serve as a model for what can be achieved when schools, local communities, and philanthropic and service organizations work together toward that end," said Wing-Kun Tam, LCIF Chairperson.

To prepare educators to implement the program, over 280 teachers will receive Lions Quest training on Oct. 26, and 700 more will attend an orientation on the program. Participating Wood County Schools will begin implementing Lions Quest in early November.

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### Numbers of Note

- [16.1 million](#) children under the age of 18 lived in poverty in 2011
- [8-point](#) difference in IQ scores between adolescents who use marijuana and those who don't
- 2012 SAT reading scores are at a [40-year low](#)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/sat-reading-scores-hit-a-four-decade-low/2012/09/24/7ec9cb1e-0643-11e2-aff-d6c7f20a83bf\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/sat-reading-scores-hit-a-four-decade-low/2012/09/24/7ec9cb1e-0643-11e2-aff-d6c7f20a83bf_story.html)

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### Lions Quest Connects with Common Core Standards

High-quality SEL programs don't take time away from academics, they enhance them. According to a [CASEL meta-study](#), high-quality SEL programs like Lions Quest produced an 11% increase in standardized achievement test scores in math and reading, among other positive outcomes. It makes sense. When behavioral issues decrease, instructional time increases and students are



more focused and better able to learn.

Educators and administrators are increasingly concerned with meeting Common Core Standards. The next time you visit a local school, [download the Lions Quest K-12 Common Core correlation guide](#) and take a copy with you.

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Take a moment to recognize the importance of afterschool programs in your community [Lights On Afterschool](#). Find planning kits, event ideas, and register your event = <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm>

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Liberty Day is a program for our youth. It is a way to strengthen citizenship in our youth through a program based on the Constitution of the United States.

This is a program started by the Lions Clubs of Denver. Georgia adopted this program in the late 1990s. Liberty Day programs can be held anytime through the year. There are several ways a Lions Club can sponsor a Liberty Day program.

The first way is through a school program. Lions Clubs should arrange a speaker who would be interesting to the students. Once you have your speaker, you can receive permission of the school system to sponsor a Liberty Day event to a class or a group of students. Grades 8th and up is ideal for this program. Then order the number of Liberty Day booklets you need from our State Liberty Day Chairman. The cost is \$.60 each and includes shipping. Also work with the teacher(s) so that they reinforce what the speaker has said through an essay or other classroom work.

Another project is with the Boy Scout troop. Boy Scouts must earn the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge as a requirement for rank promotion. A third project is when a group of youth work a project in a public place to promote the Constitution. There are a series of questions that they can use. They would ask an adult the question -- whether it is right or wrong, the adult receives either a flag pin or flag sticker. The booklets are used to coach the youth on the Constitution so that they are more confident in asking the questions as they know the answers themselves. They should work under the guidance of adults and in a place that has given permission for them to be there.

Our State Liberty Chairman is Lion Mark Bradley ([marktireman@windstream.net](mailto:marktireman@windstream.net)).

The booklets can be ordered through Lion Mark. QUIZ..... WHAT ARE THREE WAYS CITIZENS OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY CAN PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC/CIVIC LIFE?

STAYING INFORMED, VOTING, VOLUNTEERING, AND COMMUNICATING WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

# LIONS OF GEORGIA

2013 MD 18 CONVENTION

Augusta, GA

May 31 – June 2, 2013

## HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# M/JF Luncheon tickets	Lion (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, 2012	\$95.00	Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012	\$105.00
Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013	\$125.00	After April 30, 2013	\$140.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	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:

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

### MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

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