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November 2013

We Serve



District Bulletin



District Governor
Ed Hashbarger

Club visitations have been going on since August. The 1stVDG, 2ndVDG and myself have visited 44 Lions Clubs thus far. During our visits, it has been noted that some Clubs seem to be doing extremely well with many activities going on and in between also having fun. A few Clubs are holding their own and trying to do different things – some are lacking the fun part – this is where the Tail-Twister comes in if they had one. A couple of Clubs are struggling – they are making their commitment in supporting the District goals – but are in need of new members. This is something we will be trying to help with. Our Global Membership Team has been informed of some and will be told about others – they will try and help as long as the Club works with them. As some of you know – this is not an overnight solution. We will be there.

October was a busy month with World Sight Day and the Rally-Hall of Fame. We had a volunteers out and about supporting World Sight Day – one was with Lion Brian at the VSP event at Atlanta Metro College.

See page 7. Also on page 7 was the support that LCIF gave to Newton County in regards to a large grant for \$75,000. Of course, the main event was having our own Past President Jim Ervin and wife Sharon attend our Rally-Hall of Fame. Many were inducted and President Jim gave a great rallying speech. Many came and Oconee Lions Club did an Outstanding job in making sure that everyone felt at home. I can't wait till next year to see what they will do. Check out pages 3 and 4.

We are coming up on the holidays now and things will be slowing down. Many of us have already had major projects going on and are starting to send funds to our 4 initiatives (Lighthouse, Camp, Leader Dog and LCIF). I know my club has sent in their funds to these 4 (I am the Treasurer and mailed the checks on 30 October). We now will be going over details on what we need to spend within our community and start writing those checks. So – I am hoping that a number of you also have sent yours or will be soon.

Relieving the Hunger Campaign will be coming up for December and January. Here again, my Club will be giving to our Norcross Co-op Ministry – I will be taking a check to them – one this month – one again in December and the last one in January.

By some chance – have you looked at your current Lion Magazine – check out pages 49 and 50. If you have something going on – send it to LCI. In fact there is Facebook, the Blog and many other links to go to in order to let others outside of Lionism know what you are doing – we have to try to get new members – if they see what you are doing – than there is a great chance they will be contacting you.

Please enjoy the upcoming Holidays and Tanx for everything you are doing.



You have to get the word out.

Communication is the KEY!

Make sure you pass the WORD.

Yours in Lionism,
Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 [StridesWalk](#) 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.

8-9 November 2012 Council of Governors' Meeting, Warner Robins, GA

Planning Ahead

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

Leos around the world celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to applaud Leos for their dedicated service in the community and recognize their commitment to the Leo Club Program.

Leos and Lions celebrate International Leo Day in many ways, from hosting social events, to organizing special service projects. This year, consider holding a new member induction event to welcome the newest Leo members into your club on December 5. However you celebrate, you can always share photos and stories of your International Leo Day event on the [Leo Club Program Facebook Fan Page](#)

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

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday

18-I District Convention 22 February



Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming Convention

Inform all of your members to mark their calendars 22 February meeting at:

Location –
Watkinsville, Georgia.

Training sessions to start at 9am = **Member Orientation** - see page 10

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

Convention will start at 12 noon = our guest speaker will be Donal W. Knipp and his wife, Betty from Auxvasse, Missouri

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Come one, **come all...**

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



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

District 18-I held its District Cabinet Meeting on October 26th, 2013 at the Watkinsville First United Methodist Church. The meeting attracted a large number of Lions from around the district. The 2013/2014 District Budget was discussed and approved. Our Tail Twister gave a humorous account of "You know your District Governor is...." and then collected over #100.00. The Tail Twister fines will go to the GA Lions Camp for the Blind.

Committee Reports were given for the Camp for the Blind, GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Leader Dog & LCIF. Lion Pam announced that the Atlanta Braves will again have a Lions Day. Mark your calendar for August 16th, 2014 and turn out at the Braves to support Leader Dog and the GA Lions.

Announcements included candidates for Officers for the 2014/2015 Lion Year: DG - Vicki Hubbard, 1st VDG - Ann Mundy, 2nd VDG - Bob Norton & Bill Graham.

DG Ed thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The Key Note Speaker for the 2013 GA Lions District 18-I was Past International President Jim Ervin. Past International Director, Myles Bannister introduced PIP Jim with some amusing stories and some details on the contributions PIP Jim has made, and is continuing to make, to Lions Clubs International.



President Jim gave a very inspirational talk on Lions service. One of his themes was expanding on a quote "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to

work hard at work worth doing." - Theodore Roosevelt.

This is an excellent thought and should inspire both existing and future Lions. Lions do work hard at doing work worth doing... and they do it in an unselfish manner. Lions care about their local community and about the larger community. One of our greatest opportunities, and challenges,

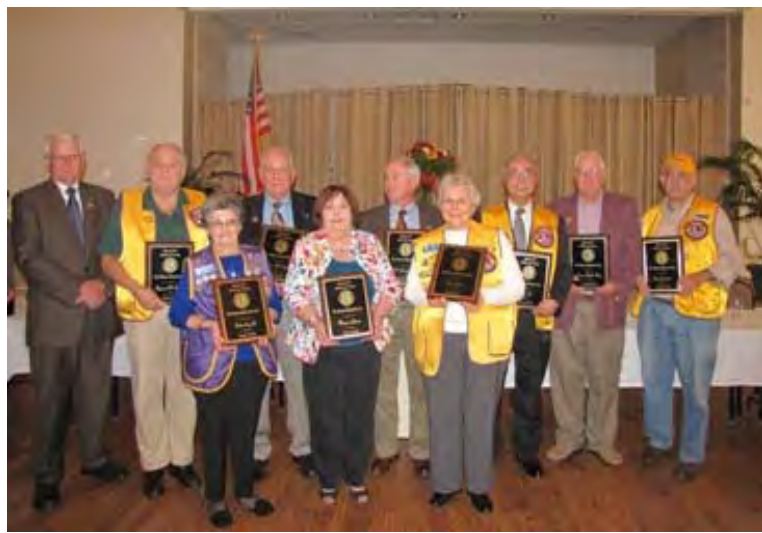


is to let other people know that Lions are working hard at work worth doing!"



District 18I presented "Hall of Fame" Pins and Award Plaques to eleven Lions for their outstanding service as Lions. In opening remarks, PCC Grace said that many outstanding candidates have been recommended for the award.

Eleven candidates were approved by the Hall of Fame Nominations Committee. She encouraged clubs to continue to submit candidates.



Lion Alex Wu – Chinese American Lions Club of Atlanta is what Lionism is all about, because he has the heart for volunteering without wanting any recognition at all.

Lion I. W. Cornwell – Conyers Lions Club he participates in all club activities and has exemplified leadership and service to Lionism.



Lion Melvin Harter – Covington Lions Club has served as Zone and Region Chair and Deputy District Governor and works diligently at all club fundraising and service events.

Lion Margaret Johnson has served faithfully for 32 years (20 years as club Secretary) and continues serving in all activities and events.





Lion Herman Hunt – Jefferson Lions Club has organized the club’s annual Car Show and is responsible for setting up special events.

Lion Raymond Baskette – LaVista Lions Club spends most of his time at the Lighthouse washing and sorting glasses.



Lion Judy Stamsen – Lawrenceville Lions Club is Secretary and is extremely active in District level affairs presenting programs.

Lion Larry Darnell – Oconee Lions Club is always eager to lend a helping hand and is a great example of what a servant’s heart looks like.



Lion Gerald Gutenstien – Towns County Lions Club devotes countless hours to club projects and exemplifies the mission statement of Lions Int’l.

Lion Dottie Reynolds – Winder Noon Lions Club is instrumental in the success of two major fundraisers for the club and continues to serve in all club activities.



Lion Jean Masters – Snellville Lions Club not present – has been active since 1986 and has held many offices within the club including President and continues to participate in all club fundraisers and service projects.



District 18-I Rally/Hall of Fame banquet held a Silent Auction on gift baskets and collected \$462.0 and directed the funds be sent to the Camp for the Blind on behalf of Lion Brian Donegan for his campaign.





Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out =

- [Lions News Network](#)
- [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#)

International President

Barry J. Palmer

First Vice President



We're Expecting You in Toronto!



Make plans now to attend the 97th International Convention in Toronto, Canada, on July 4-8, 2014. [Register](#) by January 10 to lock in your 5-day registration at the lowest fee of only \$110.00 USD and secure your hotel reservation while rooms are still available at our specially discounted Lions rates. While in Toronto, explore the famous 98-room castle Casa Loma, take your picture with the Stanley Cup at the Hockey Hall of Fame, or enjoy the day at Niagara Falls. Information on these local tours and more can be found [here](#). Toronto's great location makes it easy to add a [pre- or post-convention tour](#) to your schedule. Enjoy a specially discounted Lions package tour to top destinations like Montreal, Boston, New York and more. Book your pre- or post-convention tour package early to lock-in the best prices.

Help Your Hungry Neighbors



Provide welcomed relief to hungry people in your community, especially during December and January's [Relieving the Hunger](#) Global Service Action Campaign. Download helpful resources, including a club planning guide and food drive sample project sheet, as well as the valuable resource of partners, such as the [Global FoodBanking Network](#). In addition to December and January, please consider serving the needs of your hungry neighbors throughout the year. Be sure to [share your stories](#) that show the strength of your Lions' service!

December 5 is International Leo Day



The annual celebration of International Leo Day is an occasion to recognize Leos for their service in the community, strengthen the relationship between Leos and Lions, and encourage youth to explore the benefits of the Leo Club Program. If your Lions club doesn't already sponsor a Leo club, consider [starting an Alpha club today!](#) Already sponsor a Leo club? Collaborate with your Leos and strengthen the club's membership base by recruiting new members and hosting a Leo new member induction event on December 5. Throughout the day, Leos and their sponsoring Lions are encouraged to share photos and stories from their induction events on social media. Follow the International Leo Day celebration on the [Leo Facebook Page](#).

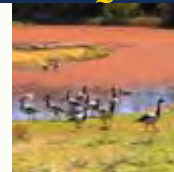
Create a Free Website for Your Club

A clean, professional website for your Lions club can help you effectively share your message to help recruit new members, as well as provide information on projects, events and meetings for your current members. [e-Clubhouse](#) is a free website resource provided by Lions Clubs International. With fill-in-the-blank fields and simple, Lions-branded templates, e-Clubhouse makes it easy for Lions to create and update their website. Features include a calendar of events, photo gallery, club projects page and more. [See Lions e-clubhouse websites](#) from around the world, and [submit an application](#) to get started today.



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



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

CONTESTS

2013-14 Peace Poster Contest

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Lions Clubs Blog

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

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

This month, I was able to celebrate World Sight Day in Australia, and I am proud of the sight-saving efforts continually put forth. But, I am also proud of Lions in other areas of service. More and more, Lions are becoming known as people who can provide basic assistance in the hours and days following a disaster, as well as relief and rebuilding in the months following.



As we come upon the one year anniversary of a superstorm that hit the United States, that and other disasters like the Japan tsunami and the Haiti earthquake are great examples of Lions' immediate response, compassion and support at work.

Two weeks ago, Lions responded immediately to a destructive cyclone in India. LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant to Multiple District 322. Lions will use some of the funds to purchase short term relief items including blankets, food, water, and medical supplies. The remaining financial support will be used for reconstruction efforts within areas that were completely destroyed. To assist with disasters like this, I encourage you to consider making a donation to the Foundation for disaster relief, which is Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.

In response to another recent tragedy, Lions in Kenya acted quickly when the horrific mall shooting occurred in Nairobi. Within an hour of the attack, Lions were volunteering at the M. P. Shah Hospital, where people who had been injured were provided with medical aid. And Lions' hard work did not go unnoticed - the President of Kenya visited the hospital and thanked the Lions for their support and being the first to respond.

It would be impossible to list all of the amazing Lions' disaster relief efforts from around the world – I see examples posted online every day. You are giving people hope following tragedy, and rebuilding communities together through your support, through your use of LCIF emergency grants and through your contributions to our Foundation. I thank every one of you for your dedication to helping others in times of need.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Grants Awarded

During the October 2013 Board of Directors meeting in Port Douglas, Australia, 51 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grants were awarded totaling US\$2,443,541. Among many projects, these grants support Lions' efforts to build playgrounds for children who are disabled; purchase ophthalmological equipment for local hospitals; conduct medical and dental missions; purchase low vision aids; and much more. Lions will touch the lives of an estimated 4.7 million people through these grants, assisting those in need both locally and globally.



United States, Georgia, District 18-I – A grant of US\$75,000 was given to Lions in District 18-I to expand a Miracle League Field to benefit local youth with mental and/or physical disabilities participating in baseball.

Donate a Photo

This October, Lions Clubs International has encouraged Lions to "Share the Vision" through a Global Service Action Campaign. In addition, LCIF partner Johnson & Johnson (J&J) launched its #EyePledge campaign, raising awareness of the importance of eye health through the use of photos and social media.

To further the impact of an #EyePledge, participants can use J&J's free Donate A Photo smart phone app to generate contributions to Sight for Kids, a partner program of LCIF and J&J. For every photo uploaded on behalf of Sight for Kids, J&J will donate \$1 to help provide eye exams to children.* Sight for Kids has provided free vision screenings to more than 17 million children since 2002.



VSP Vision Care



LCIF partners with VSP Vision Care, the largest not-for-profit vision benefits and services provider in the United States.

There was a campaign during the week of 9-13 October at Metro Atlanta College – they had 3 VSP mobile clinics to provide approximately 2,000 patients with comprehensive exams and glasses, if needed. A few Lions from the Atlanta Metro Lions Club were available along with Lions from Lawrenceville, Norcross and North Decatur.

Pictured below was Lion Brian Donegan from Lawrenceville Lions Club giving a message to the public thru Channel 46 – plus he had the advantage of meeting 3-time Gold Medalist Misty May-Treanor.



With the help of community volunteers and companies, Newton County's very first Miracle League complex will provide the opportunity for all children to play baseball regardless of their physical ability. Your contribution to the Miracle League Field project could make a difference in a child's life.

Dear Lions,

You are receiving this message because your respective Districts and/or Multi-Districts had a project on the agenda for LCIF Trustee Review during the October sessions in Australia. It is my great pleasure to announce the successful approval of the following projects:



13457/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	EXPAND MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD
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Editor's Note



SECRETARIES

Fellow Lions:

Congratulations to Milestone Chevron Recipients

Just received the Milestone Chevrons from LCI recognizing those Lions in District 18-I that are celebrating milestone anniversaries in their service as Lions. Each recipient will receive a personalized letter of congratulations from International President Barry Palmer and a chevron that can be attached to their Lion member pin that denotes the number of years of service. In our district this year there are 157 Lions that are being recognized for their 10 to 60 years of commitment not only in our district, but around the world. While I am not able to personally present each Lion their letter and chevron, Your Zone Chair will pass the Chevron's out to each of your Club President's for presentation. I do want to extend my congratulations to each of you for your dedication of service in the greatest organization in the world.

The deadline is 15 November 2013

- It's easy...Log onto irs.gov/eo
- Select "Annual reporting and filing"
- Select "Annual electronic notice (e-postcard)"
- Select "link," complete and file



Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Categories are:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

Special Theme: A dream for a healthy environment
 Clubs should select one winning photo and submit to PDG Debbie Cope (dcopegalion@bellsouth.net) by 1 December 2013.

For official rules, see:

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



Lions on the Web

Go to this web site:

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

Connect with Us Online



Save this on Your Smart Phone

Apple Devices:

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

Android Devices:

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

MEMBERSHIP



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

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



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

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



Dear Lion,

Building an excellent Lions club is a process. As a professional, I also had an opportunity to build a small business. Building a business is about offering something that people want or need. It's about developing a group of hardworking people who want to contribute to the growth and success of the business. It's about *continuously* looking for ways to improve. It's a lot like building an excellent club.

As I shared with you in July, the **Club Excellence Process (CEP)** is one of the most effective ways to keep your club on track for growth and success. CEP gives you the tools to strengthen your service, improve club effectiveness and enhance your membership experience.

And we've made it even easier to participate in this program by offering **two versions of CEP to choose from:**

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

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President
2013-2014

Register For CEP Today!

The [Club Excellence Process](#) will make your club stronger. I'm asking you to take CEP to your Lions and share with them how critical the program is to your continued success. Your club will be recognized with a banner patch when you complete CEP and submit a brief half-page report to LCI. And coming soon, your club will also receive special CEP recognition in the Find a Club section of the LCI website.

Share CEP at your next club meeting, and decide which version is right for your club!

Strong and successful clubs are in the best position to recruit and retain new members. The Club Excellence Process (CEP) helps clubs energize their service, enhance member satisfaction, and create goals that will keep them on track to growth and continued success in serving their communities. CEP is now offered in two versions so clubs can choose the version that's right for their members.

Clubs not only need CEP, they want it. More than 700 clubs have registered for CEP since July—double the number from the entire last year—and the CEP Web page had more than 15,000 visits in the first quarter. I believe that CEP is the most important resource we can offer our clubs—that's why I'm asking you to promote CEP to your clubs. Download the CEP overview, then share it with your leadership team and your clubs on upcoming visits!

"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."

During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger.

- Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.
- Visit [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you. If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available, you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

GLT UPDATE

We had a great training session on Certified Guiding Lions and CEP Overview at our Cabinet Meeting and Hall of Fame Celebration. As a result, we will soon be certifying 4 new Guiding Lions for our District. Thanks to those who have stepped up to help as Guiding Lions. LCI the Completion Verification Form and Tests for the following Lions from our District: to be Certified Guiding Lions

Bob Norton – Winder Noon Lions Club
Vicki Hubbard – Social Circle Lions Club
Gerald P. Gutenstein – Towns County Lions Club
Janice M. King – Towns County Lions Club

We also have one club that has signed up for the Club Excellence Process.

These Lions are willing to do whatever it takes to help the District and make their clubs stronger. I hope that more clubs will have the desire to make their clubs stronger. With stronger clubs, we can help more people.

If you want to increase your knowledge, there are always webinars and online courses to help you. Our members must know and understand what we do as Lions before they will work with a passion for helping others. Our next effort to inform our members will come on February 22nd as we hold Member Orientation Training in conjunction with our District Convention. This is your chance to encourage all your members, especially new members to come to this training.

If you need any help with any type training, please let me know. Thanks for all you do!

PCC Grace Clower

18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Course Category: Achieving Results

Find a course you want to take? Go to the [Course Registration Page](#).

<https://secure.starfieldtms.com/lci/TMS/Security/Login.aspx?Url=%2flicitms%2fDefault.aspx&culture=en-US>

Note: The Lions Learning Center (LLC) is a separate system from MyLCI. To create an account and log into the LLC you will use your Lions Member ID number and create your own Password.

Course	Description
Setting Goals	Many people do not achieve their goals because they do not establish effective goals. In this course, you will learn how to do just that. You will complete the process of defining goals, writing an action plan, and then managing your goals for the best results. By the end of the course you will be on the path to achievement.
Decision Making	Do you want to improve your decision making? This course presents the steps of decision-making, a range of decision making styles, and ways to increase group acceptance. In addition, several techniques are illustrated that you can use in making your decision, such as Pareto rule, force field analysis, decision tree, stepladder technique, and grid analysis comparison.
Managing Meetings	As you follow Lion David on a series of club visits, this course presents the three phases of good meeting management, effective meeting preparation procedures, and meeting facilitation. You learn how to manage group behavior and how to follow-up between meetings. You will use practical worksheets and checklists to achieve effective meeting management in your club.
Providing Community Service	Lions have a strong commitment to the community, and each club strives to provide meaningful service. In this course you will find tools and techniques to help you assess community needs, select worthwhile projects, plan projects for success, and promote your club's service to the community.



Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

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

Upcoming Webinars

Leadership Resources on the Web

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

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

Intended Audience:
All Lions

Global Membership Team: The Coordinator's Role in Forming New Clubs

Learn the GMT coordinators role and their responsibilities for new club development. This netcast is not just for multiple district and district GMT coordinators, but for the entire GMT team.

November 21, 2013 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (CST)

[Register](#)
<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/220509086>

Lions Course Categories

Category	Courses
<p>Leadership http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-leadership.php</p> <p>Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Lions Leadership • Writing your Personal Mission Statement • Creativity • Mentoring • Promoting Innovation • Managing Change • Servant Leadership
<p>Managing Others http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-managing.php</p> <p>Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching • Conflict Resolution • Delegation • Effective Teams • Member Motivation • Valuing Member Diversity • Team Motivation
<p>Achieving Results http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-results.php</p> <p>Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting Goals • Decision Making • Managing Meetings • Providing Community Service
<p>Communication http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/course-communication.php</p> <p>Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Listening • Public Relations • Public Speaking



Lions Clubs International

Just Ask!

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



On behalf of International President Barry Palmer, I am pleased to share with you that Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors has approved a special pilot program to waive the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages.

The *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program is being offered only in the United States. The program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2015.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members are honorably discharged from the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Below to learn more about this special program. You'll find a program fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release you can use to promote this program in your community's news outlets.

Veterans Day is November 11th, just two weeks from today. Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely,

Peter Lynch
Senior Executive Administrator
Lions Clubs International

Involve a veteran today and build a better world for people in need.

United States veterans believe in being part of something bigger than themselves. Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, can provide you with an opportunity to serve. With our 1.35 million members in 208 countries, Lions help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world.



U.S. veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members being honorably discharged from the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities. The *Involve a U.S. Veteran* Program provides qualifying veterans the opportunity to continue serving in a different way as Lions.

Benefits of Involving Veterans

Many veterans want to find a way to give back, and they have a lot to offer your Lions club, including:

- The ability to turn plans into action and get the job done
- Practical skills and leadership skills
- Innovative ideas
- Dedication, loyalty and commitment
- Understanding the importance of teamwork

How Serving with Lions Benefits Veterans

By providing opportunities for veterans, Lions can help get them involved in their communities. Consider adopting new projects in your community that appeal to veterans:

- Making and sending care packages overseas
- Organizing a book drive for military children with the USO
- Reading to patients at a local VA Hospital
- Donating backpacks and school supplies to military families
- Fundraising for wounded warriors

Your Community Needs You

Lions clubs work as a team to get things done, and we need veterans like you on our team. Serving your community can help make an impact in people's lives. As a member of your local Lion club you'll:

- Apply your leadership skills to implement service projects that make a difference in your community.
- Strengthen your ties to the community and broaden your support network.
- Work with leaders in your community who help each other and collectively help others.
- Gain exposure to an international network of people with common interests.



Lions Service

While Lions are well known for successful initiatives in vision health, our service is as diverse as our members. Lions volunteer for many different kinds of projects – working with local youths, caring for the environment and feeding the hungry.



Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Qualifications

Ask now! The program is available to the first 5,000 certified U.S. veterans and runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

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

Athens Campus Lions Club = 10-23-13 REGULAR MEETING NOTES: 7:00 Sanford Hall

Keep up with Lions emails for updates!

****GA/FL Tank top sales:**

- 192 sales before midnight on Thursday
- Ordered 100 extra tanks to sell next week at Tate. We are still doing card orders only, no cash!
- \$1300 dollars towards Camp Kesem if we can sell the extra 100 we ordered.
- Preorders are done but you can still order online and we will save one of the 100 extra tanks
- Show a receipt, they say S, M, L and you hand them the tank. If they forgot their receipt then you can look up their names on the iPad and check them off for picking it up.
- Sending out a google doc for next Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 10am-4 pm handing out tanks before GA/FL.
- We really need help for these tank tops sales. It is crucial!! We need someone there at all times. Even if you can only come for 10 or 15 minutes then it can help.

****Toys for Tots:**

- Getting big boxes from Toys for Tots, putting in fraternity and sorority houses and possibly in some school buildings/dorms/ North campus. This is coming up right after we get back from GA/FL. Pay attention to your emails and look for official updates around then.
- we will need people to volunteer to go by drop box places and pick up the toys that are donated. There will possibly be a google doc to sign up for this.
- trying to make this a big thing we do every year! This is the first year we are doing this though so we are trying to work out the kinks.
- big box with a hole to dump it in so that people can't mess with the toys. Seal them.
- possibly talking to teachers about giving extra credit to students who bring in toys. Don't be scared to ask your teachers! You would be surprised how many teachers are willing to help! (Ex. Dr. Morman helped us out by posting about our GA/FL tank tops on elc a few weeks ago) ** donated TOYS must be \$10 or more!!!*

****Other events and announcements:**

- first official Lions club Dodge ball game tonight. Ramsey at 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm (Double Header). Make sure you are wearing athletic clothing.
- Erik Krumins: handing out a survey to ask members why they enjoyed and things we need to improve on. Hoping to get information to help the future of the club!

Atlanta Chinese American Lions Club = Chinese-American Lions Club: - Attendance at District Meeting -
Watkinsville, GA Saturday, Oct. 26. - Monthly Health Clinic - Oct. 27 - 2 PM - 5 PM Sheltering Arms - Monthly Club
Meeting - Oct. 27 - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Sheltering Arms

Auburn-Carl Lions Club = Lions club helped the barrow county habitat for humanity hold a all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner along with their auction to raise money for a home that is being built for a wounded war veteran on Oct. 19, 2013 in Bethlehem, Ga.



Buford Lions Club = Lion Sue & Lion Earl attended Lions Club meeting in Panama City Florida. @ the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Misc Community Outreach by Members, Lion Bob attended BBA meeting to represent our Lions Club. Jean Kilgore also attended the BBA meeting along with Jackie Hutton

Commerce Lions Club = Lion Brian Donegan gave his program on “Keep the Campfires Burning” for the Camp for the Blind. A check was given in support of his campaign. Club helped in sponsoring needy families for Christmas with a gift of \$200. 3 Lions picked up trash on a 1/2 mile stretch of Woods Bridge Road amounting to 4 bags of trash. Lion Brad Johnson mentored a Commerce Middle School student each week. Lions Jack Legg and Bill Ives assisted in county recycling efforts.



Conyers Lions Club - The Conyers Lions Club met on 7 October and 21 October, both Mondays. On Saturday, 5 October, six club members worked with 118 children at the Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. At the same time, seven other members performed a vision screening for 32 adults and children. Several members set up a booth to sell cotton candy at the annual Olde Town Festival on Saturday, 26 October. At the first membership meeting, Lion Teresa Kelley won the pot (\$430) in the drawing. At the second meeting Lion Felton Floyd drew a Jack from a new deck. The Conyers Lions Club will host the 3rd Zone Meeting on Monday, 6 January 2014 at our regular membership meeting at 6:45pm at the Golden Corral on Hwy 138(near the exit with I-20). Lions John Martin and Charles Walton cleaned up and repaired the play ground at Crossroads UMC. Club members work with children on various projects at the Home Depot. Lion Mary Michael turn in 102 pairs of used glasses, 16 loose lenses and 11pieces. 8 club members cleaned glasses in the recycling process.

Covington Lions Club = Our Board Meeting was held on Monday, October 7th. Updates were: Lion Richard encouraged all Board members to complete their Member Questionnaire and return to Lion Ed Johnson.

- The \$75K Grant will be decided upon this Friday by the LCIF Board. Lion Richard reported that we have the funds to support our commitment for the Miracle Field Concession Stand and Restroom facility. Field grating has started. Opening ceremonies are planned for Spring 2014.
- Our Hall of Fame nominee, Lion Mel Harter, has been approved by District. Now we have to work to get him to Hall of Fame / District Rally on October 26 in Watkinsville! Lion Doreen presented two unique picture frames and “Bronze” Lion Statue bookends for the District Rally Silent Auction in Watkinsville. Bidding will start at \$50. Lion Jeff Sheffield donated 4 UGA Football tickets and a parking pass for the GA / Appalachian game on Saturday, November 9 at Sanford Stadium. Bidding will start at \$200. Covington Lions Club will have 2 Silent Auction entries. All proceeds will go to the Camp for the Blind.
- Lion Randy reported that everything is in order for our Thursday, October 10, Pancake Supper. Lion Earl’s nephew, Matt, will again supply a 100# bag of pancake mix. Holyfield sausage rounds, ice, paper products, OJ and milk will be picked up. Blueberries and chocolate chips will also be available for the pancakes. Lion Doreen wrote to the Hawaii Coffee Company and the president donated a case of 100% Hawaii Kona Coffee for our event. All Lions are asked to bring a gallon of Iced Tea and a Dessert. **Lion Doreen will release a newspaper article listing the above. Lion Doreen will prepare “Thank You” letters to Matt’s place of business and the Hawaii Coffee Company.**
- Lion Randy mentioned that Lisa’s aunt was hit by an automobile in New York – they plan to travel there and later this week Randy’s father’s funeral.
- We have not heard from the Covington Police on the Trunk or Treat Event on the Square.
- As a result of the Membership vote to send a donation to Camp Kudzu, the Board agreed on \$500. **Lion Richard will advise the Membership at our Thursday, October 24, meeting.**
- The Walmart Foundation awarded our Club \$500 through their Local Facility Giving Program. Their decision was based on “...believe your organization is doing important work to the communities you serve, and we are proud that we are able to support you in your efforts. Lion Doreen completed this Grant request in 2012 / 2013.
- Lion Earl and Doreen attended an eye screening class at the Lighthouse and brought one back. They spent 6 hours each doing eye screening at the Monastery Health Fair in Conyers on Saturday, October 5th. They conducted 33 eye screenings (28 adults and 5 children). Thirteen adults and 1 child failed the test. They were given paperwork to contact Peri Finch at the Lighthouse. In addition, Lion Doreen collected toiletries at the Health Fair (42 toothbrushes, floss, mouth wash, pencils, crayons and coupons). Miscellaneous toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.) collected from hotel stays were included. Lions Earl and Doreen took the above to the Covington Homeless Shelter.
- Lion Doreen mentioned that the 1st Covington Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th.
- Lion Richard mentioned that Lion Robert “Bob” Norton of Winder is a candidate for the 2nd Vice District Governor for District 18-I. He has an extensive background in Lionism and is **asking for our vote at the District Convention in Watkinsville on February 21 – 22, 2014.**

Our regularly scheduled Membership Meeting for Thursday, October 10, was superseded by our annual Pancake Supper fundraiser. Our next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 7 PM. Special Guest, Brian Donegan, will talk to us about “Keep the Campfires Burning”.

- December 7 (10:30 AM) - Covington Lions Christmas Parade plans are progressing. Online applications are available and phone contact with entries with no email address will be made.

• (emails, District /LCI eports) – 4 hours. TOTAL 473 hours

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Newton County – “Miracle Field” - 2 hours, Covington 1st United Methodist Church - 50 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Delivery - 2 hours, UMC Food Pantry – New Madrid, MO -6 hours, Transportation for the Blind - 4 hours, Newton Medical Center - 156 hours, Conyers Presbyterian - 74 hours, Meals on Wheels - 20 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop - 50 hours, Book Buddies - 14 hours, School – 2nd Grade Reading Program - 2 hours, Gideons - 10 hours, CV Lions Christmas Parade – Meetings - 16 hours, Knights of Columbus - 30 hours, Church Sunday School - 4 hours, CV Lions – Menu / Shopping / Cooking **Pancake Supper Fundraiser** - 20 hours, CV Chimney Park – Friends of Newton Parks - 6 hours, FFA Camp – MUD RUN - 10 hours, Homeless Shelter-Food- 10/10 leftovers - 1 hour, Monastery Health Fair – SA Oct. 5 - 12 hours, Newton Medical Auxiliary Health Fair - 18 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, Christmas Parade article, emails) - 8 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, District /LCI reports) - 6 hours,

TOTAL HOURS = 521 hours

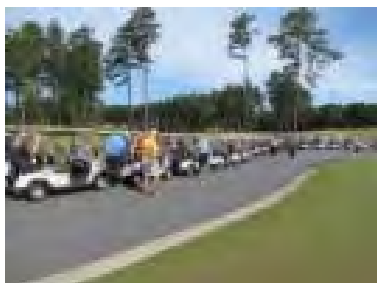


Dacula Lions Club = Working the Winn Fair this weekend. We will sell hamburgers and hotdogs. Come out and bring your families. It's always a great time and all proceeds go back into the community.



Dahlonega Lions Club = Provided ice cream for 165 children for Lumpkin County 3 middle schools. Two Lions Provided Pancakes to Senior Citizens at the Senior Center. Lion Bill Mundy vested the Colbert, Jefferson and Athens Heritage Lion clubs. 3 members from Dahlonega Lions club attended the District 18- I cabinet meeting/Hall of Fame Induction. Lion David Lancaster provided meals to several families in Lumpkin County.

Dawsonville Lions Club = The Dawsonville Lions Club held its 18th Annual John Gardner Charity Golf Tournament at Crystal Falls Golf Club on October 7, 2013. The tournament was highly successful as we raised more money than the last several years. There were 120 golfers (30 teams), which is the maximum, and many sponsors who supported the Lions. Most of the Dawsonville Lions and their spouses work the tournament. It was a great day for our club and for Lionism. Thanks for every ones efforts. Lion Pres. Katie Hulsebus presided over the meeting which reviewed our successful golf tournament and prepared for the upcoming Moonshine Festival. Dawsonville Lions had a booth at the Moonshine Festival and raffled an iPad and iPad Mini and sold brooms. Buying a booth at the Moonshine Festival donates \$125 to the KARE for kids of Dawsonville.



Decatur Lions Club = October 2013 Activities Report: Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 66 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 367 pair. Three (3) members worked a total of 60 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 237 man hours. Secretary Genie Massingale and Treasurer Ken Massingale attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration for the LaVista Lions Club. Secretary Genie Massingale and Treasurer Ken Massingale attended the District 18-I Cabinet Meeting, Rally and Hall of Fame meeting in Watkinsville, GA. Purchased, delivered and donated to the Methodist Children's Home: 1-1/2 bushels squash -\$18.00 2-1/4 bushels cucumbers-16.00 1/2 bushel tomatoes-12.00 = \$46.00

Lions Club of Eatonton = Held an Eye Screening at Putnam County Primary School on October 10th. The club screened over 200 second graders. Our "Lion" Jennifer was, as always, a great hit with the kids.



Lion Jennifer welcomes the kids



President June McLeroy readies a table for screening With help from Tim Davis.

On October 26th, Eatonton Lions had a booth in the Briar Patch Festival, selling their Tater Twirls, Popcorn, Baked Goods, coffee, hot chocolate, and brooms and mops. Proceeds used to help provide eye exams and glasses for the needy in our community



Evans Lions Club = Lions Club thanks Fatz Cafe for a successful pancake breakfast.



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



November 7th, 2013 (Thursday) Club Meeting at Be My Guest Catering (Noon) - **Toys for Tots Kickoff Event**. Toys for Tots is getting ready to kick off in November. We will be listing locations soon where you can drop off toys to help the Marines make children's dreams come true this Christmas.

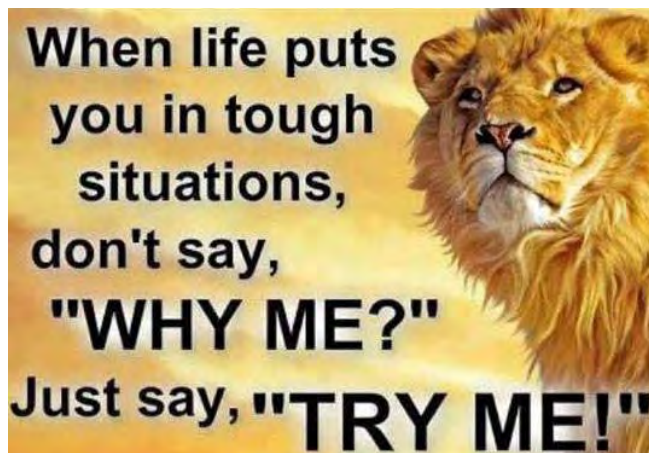
November 14th, 2013 (Thursday) "It's a Winesgiving" at Vineyard Wine Market (7pm) - 4414 Evans To Locks Road, Evans, GA 30809 - **Benefit Event for Hope for Sight**.

Forsyth County Lions Club = The Forsyth County Lions Club will be there. Please bring your kids to this event and stop by our booth to see how you, too, can become a Lion. The whole family will have fun while learning how to stay safe this Halloween during the fourth-annual Trunk or Treat Safety Event, sponsored by Forsyth County government. Set for Coal Mountain Park, 3560 Settingdown Road in Cumming, on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m., admission is one bag of candy per family. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to the family-friendly Trunk or Treat, which will feature a haunted maze, bean bag toss, face painting, clowns and other fun activities and games. There also will be information on costume safety, pedestrian safety, stranger danger, Stop-Drop-Roll demonstrations and more. "Trunk or Treat is a fun event, but is also an opportunity to share with families important safety information surrounding Halloween activities," Forsyth Fire Chief Danny Bowman said in the news release. "Forsyth County's public safety personnel pride themselves on providing engaging ways to promote safety to our community's youth." While safety remains the focus of the event, the Forsyth County Fire Department is also inviting local businesses and non-profit organizations to participate.

Grovetown Lions Club = Wow, what a turn out for the first night. Thank you all for your support. We had a great time.



Hartwell Lions Club = Club hosted 1st VDG Vickie Hubbard at their October 14th, 2013 meeting. 1st VDG Vickie gave the Lions a warm welcome from International President Barry Palmer & District Governor Ed Hashbarger. She thanked the Lions for all the great work they do locally and for supporting the District and State designated organizations of GA Lions Camp for the Blind, GA Lighthouse Foundations, Leader Dog and Lions Clubs International Foundation. These organizations truly help Lions in our Fight to Prevent Blindness and help us live our Motto of "We Serve". 1VDG Vickie told a story about a Nurse who is using a service dog from Leader Dog. The Hartwell Lions Club got a special treat, VDG Vicki brought her son, Mitch, to the meeting. Mitch is a Freshman at UGA. The Hartwell Lions then conducted a business meeting where they approved three people for eye glasses and did some initial planning for their upcoming Nut Fundraising Sale. Zone Chair Bill Graham also attended the meeting.



Jefferson Lions Club = Jefferson Lion President, Jerry Legg and Lions Herman and Dot Hunt attended the Zone Four Meeting hosted by the Winder Lions Club in Winder, Georgia on October 13, 2013. On October 26, 2013 Lions Jerry Legg, Dot Hunt, Herman Hunt, Edna Briggs, Don Lohmeier, Rita Gunter and Lion Mack Cates and wife of the Jefferson Lions Club attended the District 18-I 2nd Cabinet Meeting at the Watkinsville United Methodist Church in Watkinsville, Georgia. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Oconee Lions Club. The meeting was led by District Governor Ed Hashbarger. We received reports from the Lighthouse, Camp for the Blind, Leader Dogs, LCIF and a District Financial Report and right after the meeting we attended the District Rally/Hall of Fame. The Program was led by PCC Grace Clower. We received an inspiring message from PIP Jim Ervin. We were proud to have one of our Club members, Lion Herman "Buddy" Hunt to receive a 2013 Hall of Fame Award for the work that he has done with our Club and our community. There were 20 eyeglasses and one pair of sunglasses collected. The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order on Monday, October 14, 2013 by Lion President Jerry Legg. 2nd Vice District Governor, Ann Mundy was the guest speaker. She announced upcoming District Events and Programs. She encouraged each Lion to learn more about the history of the Lions Organization and the Key Points and Missions that the Lions Organization supports. VDG Mundy encouraged us as Lions to focus on community and service to the community and to reach higher and grow. On October 28, 2013 the Jefferson Lions Club held their Fall Picnic for members and their families. After a blessing by Lion Mack Cates, twenty four Lions and twelve guests enjoyed grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings prepared by Lions Mack Cates, Dot and "Buddy" Hunt, and Jimmy Mock. It was a night of good food and fellowship.

LaVista Lions Club = Our first meeting was held on October 8th. Ten members attended plus our Zone Chairperson Elbonie Hornbuckle. The meeting was basically a business meeting. We had an outstanding six-hour broom sale on October 12th, Ten members plus Bob Lansdell's grandson Harrison Anderson participated. Harrison is a recent graduate of Berry College. We will have two sales in November, combining the sale of brooms and pecans. Our pecans will arrive early next month. They are our biggest source of income. We'll sell over 1,000 bags of pecans. October 19th was our 60th anniversary celebration. We had 41 Lions and supporters at a dinner at The Colonnade Restaurant in Atlanta. Our speaker was former Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves. District Governor Lion Ed Hashbarger read proclamations from Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, and the House of Representatives. Lion DG Hashbarger also presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Bob Deryck. It was much deserved recognition for Lion Bob. The dinner culminated several months of dedicated work by Lions Ray Baskette, Charles Amason, Jim Horton and Howard Jones. Lion Ray Baskette was inducted into District 18-I's Hall of Fame at the October 19th Cabinet meeting in Watkinsville. Four club members, Lion Jim Horton, Lion Mike O'Connor, Helen Troha plus Lion Ray attended. On Halloween we shall host our Third Annual Hot Dog Luncheon for the residents of Christian Towers Retirement Home in Decatur. We expect to feed about 80 people. Ten club members and wives have signed up to participate. Lion Bob Deryck continues to tutor second graders in reading at Sagamore Hills Elementary School. Lion Bob contributed 22 hours in October. Lion Ray Rowell continues to contribute by building wheel chair ramps in North Georgia for the disabled. On November 12th we will host a zone meeting for Zone 9. This will be or only meeting in November.



Lawrenceville Lions Club = Thanks again for partnering with the Lawrenceville Lions Club to provide Vision Screening for the LHA and other community members. We had 2 members attend our 2nd Cabinet Meeting and Hall of Fame Dinner. We have Lion Brian Donegan, chairman of Keep The Campfires Burning for our Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind fundraising. He goes to other clubs in our district and tells of his 10 years of attending the camp as a youth. He is legally blind so Lion Pete Stamsen drives him to the meetings. We donated \$300.00 to Central Gwinnett Foundation Schools. We did 70 vision screenings at Lawrenceville housing Authority with 4 members assisting.



Loganville Legacy Lions Club = Board app though each club filled two requests for glasses through Walmart this month. meeting follows the same basic agenda, with decisions of the board conveyed to the attending membership, each meeting has its own flavor. at the Friday 9/13 meeting Truman Whiataker who is involved in a ministry on Swaziland attended and made a request for help in obtaining glasses for a school in Sawziland. we have agreed to help and the protocol to obtain glasses has been conveyed to him....also tony bell a local resident who plays Santa Claus attended and has been retained to be Santa at our holiday party.....our 9/17 evening meeting was attended by DG Ed..his primary focus was on the causes he feels are important to Lionism in his district; LIGTHOUSE,CAMP FOR THE BLIND,LEADER DOGS. he was impressed with the clubs bucket brigade results so far for LY2013-14 Ed also encouraged club attendance at the district rally and hall of fame event in Watkinsville 10/26..both meetings adjourned in a timely manner....focus now is to assure our plans are executed successfully and ask that all who can volunteer to help any way they can. thanks for all your support !

Proved donation of \$ 250.00 to Newtown lions in response to their request for additional funding to help meet community needs in the wake of last year's shooting tragedy.....president lynch presented schedule of upcoming events in Loganville Legacy will be participating in and the need for volunteers to insure each event is a success: golf tournament, heritage festival trick-or treat main street, Veterans Day ceremony at city hall. on 11/11,marshalling the Christmas parade. also reminded club that the holiday party will be 11/22 at Corinth Christian church with Ann Jones coordinating this event. John Morgan is beginning his work for January's father/daughter dance Ben Johnson reports that preparation for the golf tournament is going well = monies are coming in and appears all volunteer needs will be m. status meeting will be held at Monroe country club 10/1.... it was also noted that food stamps funds will be reduced an average of \$ 36.00 per individual as of f 11/1, thus putting additional strains on shepherds staff and we should redouble efforts to improve their supply for the coming holiday needs. ...our order for brooms to sell at the heritage festival has arrived and were displayed at the meeting.. bucket brigades will continue . it was also noted that legacy has become a mature club and will no longer have a guiding lion in attendance. plaque for their services have been given to Grace Clower and Sonny Medlin for their commitment and guidance through our growing process!

November

11/5 Board Meeting, 6:30PM, 11/8 General Meeting 11:30AM, 11/12 General Meeting 6:30PM
 Monday 11/11 Veteran's Day Ceremonies, Loganville City Hall
 Friday 11/22 LLLC Christmas Party, 7-10PM Corinth Christian Church, Hwy. 81, Loganville
 Bucket Brigades from 8AM-noon on the following Saturdays, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, & 11/23

December

12/3 Board Meeting, 6:30PM, 12/6 General Meeting 11:30AM (note that the only one general meeting in December is on 12/6)
 Saturday 12/7, Loganville Christmas Parade, 5:30PM

Heritage Festival 19Oct -Thanks to everyone who helped with the festival. Despite a wet start, crowds picked up as the weather improved. We generated \$80.00 from the sale of roasted peanuts, (w/purchase donation), and \$182.00 from broom sales for a total of \$262.00. As the day progressed, it was determined that raffling the grill in the damp cool weather was not very promising to attempt. As luck would have it, the Loganville Fire Department indicated that their grill had finally "gone south" therefore a consensus was reached and decision was made to donate the grill to the Fire Department. We trust this meets with everyone's approval as it made us feel really good to donate to those who risk their lives to save others every day.





10/14; 2 Lions provided transportation for 2 visually impaired lions, Brian Dunagan from Lawrenceville attended as an alumnus and Betsy Grevenchik, our clubs associate director from Social Circle representing both to the Camp and the Lighthouse to provide info to those golfers in attendance... Chuck Lynch, Club President, as he likes to do, gave Brian a chance to drive a golf cart, and Betsy, her daughter and James her dog were also treated to ride around the golf course. Thank you to all our sponsors, players, guests, and volunteers, your support will help serve many needs! A "BIG SHOUT OUT" of appreciation to our golf committee and the Monroe Lions Club. We had a great turnout and everyone had a really good time.

Loganville Legacy Lions combined with Monroe Lions Club to sponsor a joint golf tournament.. Attendance by 60 golfers was outstanding, especially considering competing tournaments in the area for various other causes. Lions volunteered a total of 119 service hours just to manage the tournament, not to mention many planning hours with both golf committees. a sponsors book acknowledging the numerous donors from both communities was compiled by Lion Mark Moore, a professional printer and hole signs were provided by Lion Gary Potter from Monroe, a professional sign maker. Final results of funds raised awaiting a post event review once all monies are in and bills paid. we had the honor of both DG ED AND GLD GRACE CLOWER MADE APPEARANCES DURING THE EVENT

Martin Lions Club = The Martin Lions Club hosted 1st VDG Vickie Hubbard at their October 3rd, 2013 meeting. 1st VDG Vickie gave the Lions a warm welcome from International President Barry Palmer & District Governor Ed Hashbarger. She thanked the Lions for all the great work they do locally and for supporting the District and State designated organizations of GA Lions Camp for the Blind, GA Lighthouse Foundations, Leader Dog and Lions Clubs International Foundation. These organizations truly help Lions in our Fight to Prevent Blindness and help us live our Motto of "We Serve". 1VDG Vickie told a story about a Nurse who is using a service dog from Leader Dog. 1stVDG Vickie also inducted two new members into the Martin Lions Club. The Martin Lions then conducted a business meeting including planning for their upcoming Chicken BBQ at the Martin Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26th, 2013. Zone Chair Bill and Lion Dale also attended the meeting. New Lions Harold & Hugh being inducted by 1st VDG Vickie with sponsor Lion Bob Stovall.



Norcross Lions Club = DG Ed Hashbarger, Lion Yoriko Hashbarger, and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the meeting and Hall of Fame induction luncheon. Also attending the meeting and luncheon were two students from Germany currently living with DG Ed and Lion Yoriko. The Norcross Lions Club sells hot dogs, chips, drinks and snow cones the first weekend in October at Thrasher Park during the Norcross Art Fest. Plans were made for club activities in November and December. Dinner was provided by the women of the club. PDG John Rudert worked 55 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians and working in the optis lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse.



Oconee Lions Club = This is one of our traditional fundraisers! We sold a variety of drinks, but our current major fundraiser is selling cotton candy with two machines. However, since it rained a bit in the morning, we could only handle cotton candy in the afternoon. This activity does require preparation and some other items after the Fall Festival is closed.

Oxford Lions Club = Lion Brian Donegan gave his program on “Keep the Campfires Burning” for the Camp for the Blind. A check was given in support of his campaign.



Toccoa Branch Lions Club = The Toccoa Lions Branch Club held its regular monthly meeting on October 17th, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall of the Toccoa Church for Christ. Lion President Kembra opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge. Bryan the Lion led the Lions in Prayer. Lion President Kembra review several of the upcoming club events such as the Falls Road Cleanup, the Christmas Parade and the Festival of Trees Contest. Lion Malory gave a brief update on the Christmas Party. Lion Bill gave a Membership Moments update. He emphasized the importance of both member retention as well as new member growth. Lion Bill covered the clubs plan for membership. This includes a membership meeting on March 13th, 2013. He passed out a letter requesting that each member, or family unit, provide the names of three to five names of people they believe will make good Lions. The Membership Committee will send these people a letter inviting them to the Membership Meeting. Lion Bill explained he was giving the Lions the letter now because there are not many meetings left before January 2014. He requested that Lions return the names to him as soon as they have them. The Lions then helped Lion Malory celebrate her birthday. This was quite a celebration with several birthday Cakes. The Lions definitely had their fill of cake. We all wish Lion Malory a Happy Birthday! Lion President Kembra then entered on a discussion of the Club Excellence Process. The Lions had a discussion on the need for focus and direction. A wide area of discussion ensued. Lion Kembra suggested that PCC Grace Clower make a presentation to the club on the Club Excellence Process. After some discussion, the group asked Lion President to contact PCC Grace. Lion Bill noted the several parts of the CEP Process had already been started. He indicated that he would call PCC Grace to give her a status on the club.



Lion Dale recently got a new iPad for her Mother's Day/Birthday/Christmas, etc. She is enjoying her new iPad, but, what to do with the old one? Lion Dale decided to give it to someone who could really use it such as Danny, a nice man who lives in her community. Danny has a job, has raised a family and is blind. He also belongs to the local Amateur Radio Club. Danny said he would like to give the iPad a try. He currently uses an iPod and he feels an iPad may allow him to do more activities. Most people do not realize that low vision & blind folks have to actually use a device for several weeks before they can determine if the device will work for them. This often results in the purchase of devices that do not provide the expected results for low vision/blind folks. Danny has already started using the iPad. He and Lion Bill are comparing notes on the best way for a low vision/blind person to effectively use the iPad.



Toccoa Lions Club = Bryan the Lion; Our Speaker, Sherry Beavers- Director of the Open Arms Clinic and a room shot. Toccoa Lions Club President Lion Bryan, speaking at the Oct 10, 2013 Noon Meeting

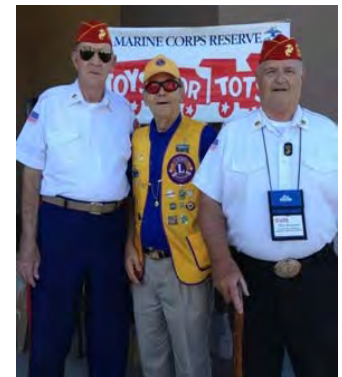


There was a light turnout for the Adopt-a-Road Project. Four bags of trash were collected. Peace posters will be judged at the Harvest Fest. A certificate has been received from Leader Dogs for the Blind for our efforts on their behalf. Members were reminded to turn in their Camp for the Blind Raffle Ticket money. The next meeting will have a patriotic theme with participation from the Jr. ROTC. Members were reminded to bring more canned goods for our Thanksgiving families. The Martin club's Chicken-Que is this Saturday. Lion Bill presented his membership moment. Tail Twister Henry Fields entertained the club with "airlines," jokes about airplanes and flying. He encouraged everyone to give extra for the Thanksgiving families. For his Tail Twisting efforts he collected \$135.00. Dr. Myers, president of Toccoa Falls College was the guest speaker. He listed important recognition given to the college including: U.S. News and World Report's one of the best colleges in the South, Princeton Review's one of the best in the Southeast (2 years), designation as a College of Distinction, and one of the top 20 Christian schools for online education. The college is enjoying its fourth largest enrollment (875). Two new programs are in the works: a nursing program and a program for sustainable development. He stressed that the motto means "developing Godly character with intellect" through four components: scripture, truth, wisdom, and service.



Lion Steve reported that the club would contribute to the four (4) State/District projects in December or January. This should give us plenty of time for the contributions to be counted. Lion Steve also reported that the new vision machine was purchased out of the Activities Budget. The Board has authorized Lion Steve to take the amount out of one of the Capital Saving accounts. The Vision Machine cost a little over \$2,000.00. Old Business included a report on the Club Yard Sale. It occurred over two week-ends because of inclement weather. The Yard Sale was a success and raised over \$500.00 for the Club. The 50/50 Drawing will be put off until after the first of the year because of conflicts. The Festival of Trees was discussed. The Falls Road Cleanup was discussed. A Cleanup will be schedule for October 19th, 2013. Fundraising is an issue. The Board decided not to have a Fall Pancake Breakfast. A Winter Pancake Breakfast will be scheduled in February or March. The Board discussed and approved a recommendation from the Toccoa Evening Branch Club to establish a Standing Fundraising Committee to annually look at our fund raising activities and make recommendation to the Board on needed changes. A special emphasis need to be to replace the support for the Open Arms Clinic. A wide ranging discussion followed. Under new business, Lion Bill announced that the Club would hold its third annual Diabetes Screening at Walmart on November 5th, 2013 from 2pm until 5pm. Heidi Wilkerson, Stephens County Hospital, will do the test. We also plan on doing a Vision Screening session at this event. November is Diabetes Awareness Month.

This year's Toys for Tots has begun collecting toys and money for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Last year over 2011 local children had a wonderful Christmas because of Toys for Tots. Don Alexander, a member of the Currahee Mountain Detachment of the Marine Corps League, is the local coordinator for Toys for Tots. According to Don, "last year we provided Christmas presents for 2011 children in the 6 counties covered by our area." Don also noted, "we have a comprehensive method, coordinated with other service organizations, to make sure we get presents to children in need." Lion Bill Graham, a member of the Toccoa Lions Club & the Currahee Mountain Detachment of the MCL, states, "Toys for Tots is a very worthwhile and needed community service project. To make it a success, we need the support of the community. We also need support from other community service organizations to help us with our collections. Helping other community service organizations with their project is a great way to show what a great organization Lions Clubs are. This is a double win. You help a great project and you attract potential Lions clubs members.



Towns County Lions Club = October 22, 2013 Lions Club Meeting

Tuesday night, October 22, 2013 was an eventful night for Towns County Lions as they voted for new Georgia Mountain Fair Board members, heard from guest speaker Brian Donegan and raised over \$1125 for the Georgia Camp for the Blind. Ballots for the Fair Board election were handed out as Lion members entered the meeting with voting being the first order of business. During the evening meal, provided by Daniel's Steak House, ballots were submitted for counting by the Nomination Committee. While the ballots were being tallied, Lions heard from Brian Donegan, 2nd Vice President of the Lawrenceville Lions Club and Chair of the "Keep the Camp Fires Burning" fundraiser for the Camp for the Blind. Donegan, who is legally blind and 31 years old, has participated in the Georgia Camp for the Blind since he was six years old. Growing up, he attended the camp every year and learned many life lessons. Although legally blind, he participated in horseback riding, canoeing, swimming and attended his first baseball game while at camp. He even went down a water slide. Donegan says that camp has helped him overcome many obstacles like fear of public speaking, fear of thunderstorms, and fear of crowds. He says, "The lessons learned at camp have been an integral part of making him into the man he is today." Being a representative of the Georgia Camp, he has traveled all over the country in support of similar camps in other states. One of Donegan's greatest moments was having the pleasure of introducing Governor Mike Huckabee in a meeting in Tennessee in 2010. Traveling with Donegan was his long time friend Laurie Parker, who is also legally blind. Parker says, "Going to camp every year is a re-charge for the blind as it helps us be strong and confident. We know we will always be different but at camp people know us and we are equal to everyone". In closing his presentation, Donegan said that all Lions Clubs in Georgia are being challenged to raise at least \$1,000 to assist the Georgia Camp for the Blind and, he challenged Towns County to do the same. With that said, everyone was asked to reach into his or her pocket and give to this worthy cause. After counting the money collected, it was announced that the Club had raised \$1125. Donated 95 pair of glasses, 4 lens, 5 glass cases, 7 hearing aids, and 4 cell phone to the Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind.

After three votes, the result of the Georgia Mountain Fair Board election was announced. Myers Banister was elected for a second 3-year term as President. Michael Annast was re-elected as Treasurer, and seven new board members were elected as follows: Ray Bogenchut - 1 year term, Janice Smith - 1 year term, Dr. Lanier Nicholson - 3 year term, Ernie Freda - 2 year term, James Webb - 3 year term, Matt Turpin - 3 year term, and Ellen Mitchell - 2 year term. President Julie Payne ended the meeting announcing that Lions still need to bring toys for our annual Give-A-Christmas program. Toys for 5-8 years old and especially boys are much needed. In addition, anyone wishing to donate items for our annual auction in November should bring them by the Fair office as soon as they can. We also welcomed five potential new members: Buck Windham, Ron and Ann Hillman, and Scott and Sonya Newton.



I have to tell you that last night's presentation was wonderful. I was very touched by the testimonials relating to the Camp. I wanted to cry.....I did laugh. Please thank Lion Brian and Laurie for me. I also have never seen our club moved as they were last night. I have not seen that much money collected by passing a collection "bucket" at any meeting and I've been involved for 5 years. Sometimes, I feel that our club is overwhelmed by the needs of the Georgia Mountain Fair as it does take a lot to keep it running and it seems that we tend to forget the bigger picture. Thank you for coming to Hiawassee to remind us. I spoke with Lion Laurie Main (the other LEO Club advisor) about having a presentation at one of our LEO Club meetings. She suggested that we do this after the first of the year. That will put the Camp in the thoughts of our membership as we are making our plans to go to the LEO Gathering for a work day at the Camp. I will keep your contact information and get back with you to schedule a convenient time. Again, thank you. Deborah Saylor



LEO Club Presentation and New Member Installation

The Lions Club meeting Tuesday night October 8, 2013, was a very special meeting as our very own LEO Club and their parents were present to hear LEO Club President Courtney Marshall share a PowerPoint presentation with the Lions on all the activities they have accomplished last year and have planned for this year. Then, State and District LEO Chair Steve Helwig gave a brief update on LEOs around the state and afterwards performed the ceremony of installing several new Members in the Towns County LEO Club. Marshal shared with the Lions that the LEO has been active running the lemonade booth during the Georgia Mountain Fair, assisting Lions with White Cane Days to raise money for the sight impaired, participating in the *Read Across America* program along with a book drive that collected over 1000 books for needy children. They also participated in the 401 Bridge project that raised money for a clean water project in Kenya, assisted with the Special Olympics with a Crazy Birds booth, conducted a recycling project, held a yard sale raising \$640 for the Towns County Food Pantry, and went to a work days at the Georgia Camp for the Blind in Waycross. Marshal said while they will continue to participate in many of these same projected for 2013-2104, some new projects like raising money for Pet Rescue facilities in the Towns County area and a Fall Ball to collect funds for the Food Pantry.

Steve Helwig, State and District LEO Chair, shared with the club that there are 39 existing LEO clubs in the state with four more currently pending approval. His goal for next year is 50 LEO Clubs in Georgia. Helwig said, "Of the 39 clubs in Georgia, Towns County is by far ahead of the others with activities and accomplishments." After encouraging the LEOs present to participate in the workdays at the Camp for the Blind in March, Helwig called all the new members present to come forward to officially be installed into the Towns County LEO Club. After pledging their faithfulness to the Club and community, seven new members received LEO Pins and a New Member Certificate.

To close out the meeting, President Julie Payne held a 50-50 drawing which was o=won by Lion Ralph Grady. Grady promptly donated the money to our Give-A-Christmas program. Payne announced our October 22nd meeting time will be used to elect new Fair Board Directors and our November 12th meeting will be our annual auction to raise money for Give-A-Christmas.

LEOs conducted a "Loose Change" at the Towns County High School. Each grade level competed to raise the money loose change that was collected in jars. The Senior class was the winner raising over \$80, while the total amount collected was \$136.58. These funds will be donated to Mountain Rescue, a local pet rescue shelter. The LEO club will add to the amount rounding it off at \$150. This amount will be presented to Mountain Rescue soon with a check presentation and newspaper article.

November 2013

November 10, 2013 - Canned Food Drive

November 15, 2013 - Free Food received will go to Towns Co. Food Pantry

November 23, 2013 - Proceeds from Ball benefit Towns County Food Pantry, Food Pantry Work Day

December 2013

December 01, 2013 - Candy Cane Drive

December 14, 2013 - Give-A-Christmas, 10:00 until Noon - Anderson Music Hall, Assist Lions Club with distribution of gifts

Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 2 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected: Activities/Community Service Activities** - In October, 6 Lions had 107 hours for community causes including assistance at local food and clothing banks, The Georgia Mountain Health Program, the American Legion, and visiting residents at the local nursing home and work with special needs individuals. This quarter the Club collected 95 cell phones, 353 pairs of glasses, 94 lenses, 20 lens shades, and 74 shades This quarter the Club collected 5 hearing aids. Farmer's Market -3 Saturdays in October - 12 Lions worked a total of 94 hours selling fried pies, sausage biscuits, cheese straws, hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community - Scout Troop 101 had several Scouts out to assist the Lions at the food booth. Sorghum Festival - 16 Lions and 10 friends had a total of 250 hours at the annual Sorghum Festival fund raiser the 2nd and 3rd weekends in October

Board Meeting:

The October Board of Directors meeting was held at the Cadence Bank meeting room on October 3, 2013 with President Mary Arnold presiding. Lion Bob Qualiteri has made several new boxes for used eyeglasses. There are boxes at 9 locations including United Community Bank, Ingles, Mountain View Funeral Home, First Methodist Church, Union County Library, Cochran's Funeral Home, Blairsville Optical, G&G's and John Mark Turners' Lion Carl Buser passed out a list of recommendations for the Christmas Party. Board voted to have it at G&G. Cost will be \$12 per person. Lion Mary discussed having a band at the party. She will check to see their availability and cost. Discussed t-shirts for volunteers. Motion by Lion Sam, second by Lion Betty to purchase them. Lion Mary reported that the Trash and Treasures Indoor Yard sale will on Feb 22. Civic Center is also reserved on the 21st for set up.

Programs:

October 10, 2013 - Lion Jim Wentworth introduced guest speaker Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris. Lamar has been commissioner since 2001 and is in his 4th term. His topic for the evening was the upcoming vote on the SPLOTS tax renewal. The current SPLOTS tax expires in March 2015 and the new one would begin April 2015. It is estimated that it would take in approximately \$19 million over 6 years. The city of Blairsville would receive \$1.5 million with the balance going to capital improvement project in the county. This includes roads and bridges, public safety, transfer station renovation, and county facilities and courthouse maintenance. Other projects would include a books-for-the-library, a splash park and amphitheater at Meeks Park, expansion of Meeks Park and the Farmers Market, and upgrades to the horse park. After his presentation, the Commissioner answered questions from club members. **October 24, 2013** - Lion Louise Little reported on the used eyeglass collection. This quarter the Club collected 95 cell phones, 353 pairs of glasses, 94 lenses, 20 lens shades, 74 shades, and 5 hearing aids. Lion Louise then introduced Lion Ted Parker visiting from the Millsboro Delaware Lions Club. He talked about projects at his club. Their main fundraiser is the sale of oyster fritters and crab cakes. Several Lions Club in the county help to provide vision prescreening of all pre-K students. Testing includes color vision, depth perception and other tests. Lion Betty Gurr then introduced tonight's Spotlight program on Lion Jim Wentworth who was completely surprised. Betty talked about Jim's time as a Lion. He has been a member since 1991 and has held many club offices (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) as well as District environmental chair for many years. His is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a member of the 18-D Hall of Fame. Jim's wife Cindy then told several humorous, embarrassing and mostly true stories about Jim.



WORKING LIONS - 434 hours
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 107 hours
 FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 51 hours
 Total: 592 hours
Submitted: 3 news article

White County Lions Club = The White County Lions Club met tonight and our guest Bill Mundy gave a report on what has been happening in the Zone. He accompanied his daughter Ann, who is Zone Chairperson, to several club meetings this month. We are still working on membership and are fortunate to welcome Mr. Bill Woods as a new member. Tommy Miller has been working on trying to secure hearing aids for a gentleman. After a brief discussion, since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Winder Noon Lions Club = 171 dictionaries were donated and distributed to the 3rd graders enrolled at County Line Elementary School in Barrow County. 70 pairs of glasses and 19 pairs of lenses were collected for recycling during the month of October 2013.



**We're Waiting =
have you ASKed?**

Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or
Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or





GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP June Phillips, PDG
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

THE LIGHTHOUSE CORNER

I'm delighted to report that our first three months of our fiscal year which started on July 1st was one of our best quarters in history. This is particularly important because these three months include a summer month (July), back to school month (Augusta) and a pretty fall month. In our surgical department Victoria processed 129 procedures for 83 people which compares to 111 cases for 71 people last year this time. One of the procedures was for a prosthetic eye. We never say much about prosthetic eyes but they are very costly and many people who lose an eye also lose their confidence. Most of our clients that lose an eye cannot afford to replace it because of the expense associated with making a prosthetic eye. One of my favorite client stories is from a man who lost an eye and then all of his confidence. After Victoria provided him with a new eye he had the confidence to leave his home and seek employment. Today, he is a division manager in the recycle center of a Fortune 500 company.

In our clinics we cared for 1,440 people who received 2,045 services (exams and eyewear) which was significantly above the 1,179 people who received 1,754 service in July, August and September of last year. September represented our second full year of having an eye care program for children. During this period we have cared for 863 kids and we should see another 750 in this new fiscal year. Last year we received \$6,000 from Lions Clubs designated for the Children's eye clinic at Emory. The other day I learned that the first time visit for children to Emory's Clinic carries a fee of \$600. It costs us \$78 to care for each child we see and that covers exams and eyewear. The Emory fee does not cover eyewear. Thus, \$6,000 which we forwarded to Emory covered 10 kids while this same amount would have helped over 75 kids. Lions all across Georgia should help children improve their sight here at the Lighthouse.

Anna Knippel, in charge of hearing, had a great quarter placing 701 new digital hearing aids for 374 people. Last year these two numbers were 510 for 276. A great start to what should be a wonderful year for hearing here at the GLLF.

In total we cared for 1,897 people with 2,875 units of care which was 21% higher than last year's first quarter. Also, we will place about 1,000 pairs of eyewear this year through our frame kit program while we placed 360 last year. We do not have the resources to keep up this pace without your financial support.

We Serve, (you can say that again!) Lion Jim Adams



Service Numbers

From July to Sept 2013

People having eye exams
129 were from 18-I

People have better vision after receiving a pair of glasses
479 were from 18-I

Eye surgeries were performed.
23 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
143 were from 18-I

Get involved!

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

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

16 August – Athens

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

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

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



Dear Lions,

**GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE
NEEDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Your Lighthouse is seeking committee members to serve to help us stay strong. Please look at the committee listing and find a place where you can serve. If interested, contact me at VP June Phillips, PDG, junelieu@aol.com for a more complete description of the committee and to submit your name as a volunteer.

Resource Development Committee: Develops fundraising ideas, skills and techniques to present to the board.

Finance/Audit/Investment Committee: Oversees-reviews monthly financial statements, investment s and annual audit.

Marketing and Communications: Provides promotional support for fund raising, programs, and mission of the Lighthouse.

Governance Committee: Charged with Board role/responsibilities, composition, knowledge, effectiveness and leadership.

Sight Services Committee: Development and implementation of our sight services mission.

Hearing Services Committee: Development and implementation of our hearing services mission.

Planned Giving Committee: Promote planned gifts to our Lions Legacy. Primary goal should be in the area of leaving a legacy to the Lighthouse through an estate plan.

Advisory Board: Assist Board and Director in advancing the mission of the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Must be nominated by the Governance Committee. If interested, please submit your name for consideration.

Community Development Committee: Works with planning/promoting special events.

Lighthouse Associate Directors: Club Presidents, if you haven't appointed your club's Associate Director, please do so. They are your liaison between the Lighthouse and your club.

Every day in the United States,
33 newborns
(1 in 1,000)
are born profoundly deaf

And **3** out of **1,000**
are born with partial hearing loss,

**Making hearing loss the #1
birth defect in America.**

-Auditory Verbal Center,
Lighthouse Partner

7 out of 10

clients had no other access in their area to affordable vision and hearing care.

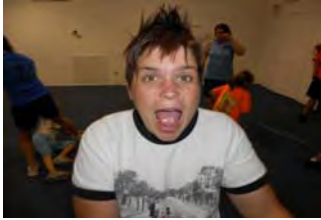
better vision. better hearing. better georgia.



Say hello to our newest AmeriCorps members, Stephanie and Stephanie! We are so excited to have them on board. They will be at our Chamblee clinic and on the road. Look for them at a clinic in your area!



Lions Camp for the Blind
Olin Newby, PDG
newby@wildblue.net



RENTAL Guidelines for User Groups/Licensee

What Lions should know

Pre-Orientation

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

Fellow Lions,

My name is Brian Donegan and I am the 2nd Vice President of The Lawrenceville Lions Club. I am also the "Keep The Campfires Burning" Chairman in District 18-I.

For the past several months I have had the privilege to travel around the district meeting with Lions Clubs and speaking on behalf of the Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind. I attended the Camp for 10 years as a child and I have been sharing my experiences with fellow Lions and challenging them to step up their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Camp.

In addition, I challenged myself to raise \$3,100 for the Camp by my 31st Birthday (which was September 19th). Thanks to the hard work of Lions Clubs I have talked to (or inspired), checks that have been sent to the Camp, and donations made online, not only did I reach the goal, I exceeded it! To this date, the total stands at over \$3,400! I have since raised the goal to \$10,000 by my next Birthday.



A third of that money was raised online via the following website that I set up: <http://www.crowdrise.com/KeepTheCampfiresBurning> Contributions have come from as far away as Iowa, Michigan, and New York!

While I have your attention I want to bring up something important. The Fundraising Committee for the Camp has set up a contest. Between now and April 30th, 2014, the camp in our district that sends the most money to the Camp (per capita) will be awarded a brick to be placed in the Camp's memorial garden on Lions Day 2014. The amount includes money raised by special fundraisers and annual contributions. There's nothing more exciting than a good ole fashioned competition - so get on out there and let's win one for the Camp!

ONE MORE THING - The Buford and Lawrenceville Clubs are partnering with Burger 21 near The Mall of Georgia to raise money for the camp on Saturday, December 21st - 10% of all sales at the restaurant will be donated to the Camp. It's the last Saturday before Christmas so while you get your shopping done, come by and have a delicious burger and help out the Camp at the same time!

Thank you to all the clubs who have invited me to speak to you. I appreciate the hospitality and the privilege to meet with many wonderful new friends. I would love to come speak to your club about the Camp, especially if I have not visited with y'all yet (but I don't mind return visits either). Feel free to contact me DoneganBrian1@gmail.com or 404-630-2910.

Thanks!

Lions Brian Donegan

NOTE: Following visits to the Oxford and Towns County Clubs the total now stands at \$4,690! Towns County passed a bucket around and \$1,125 was raised ON THE SPOT!

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind District Competition Kickoff Football has nothing on the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. During the GLCB Meeting in Macon on September 15th, the Hephzibah Lions Club kicked off the district competition with a donation from their Poker Run. The club in each district that donates the highest per capita to the Camp for the Blind will be the district winner. The total of all donations to the camp based on total club membership as of April 30 will determine the district winner. The four winners will receive an engraved brick for the GLCB Memorial Garden to be presented at Lions Day at the Camp in July. Camp donations must be received by April 30, so now is the time to start increasing your donations and let's see if your club will be a district winner. If you have any questions, please contact Dimple Forrest at 706-472-3862 or forrestfamily@windstream.net.

Fellow Lions,

As you must know by now I am the District 18- I Vice President for the Camp for the Blind for this year.

Since our last conversation we have had a District Meeting and a Finance and Executive Committee meeting. The Finance and Executive Committee met in Warner Robbins on October 5. We discussed the Camp's budget, and the Council of Governors requested that we come up with a realistic budget and not a padded one. We have come up with a realistic budget which means we have to cut things back and operate on money that is coming and not borrowing from the trust fund. We hope what we did will satisfy the Council of Governors. I feel we made the Camp operate realistically. We have a long way to go but if everyone will work together, we can make the Camp self-sufficient again. It is going to take the entire State of Georgia Lions working together. We need each and every Club to make a donation. It doesn't have to be a large donation but just what each club feels they can donate. Every penny will help.

I would encourage each club to conduct a special moneymaking project that would raise money for the Camp in addition to the clubs regular donation . This past summer District 18-I had 26campers coming from these counties: Barrow 1, Cherokee 4, Columbia 1, Dekalb 2, Elbert 1, Gilmer 1, Gwinnett 5, Habersham 1, Hall 3, McDuffie 1, Newton 1, Oconee 1, Pickens 1, Rabun 1 , Taliaferro 1, Wilkes 1.

This is a total of 27. I hope that you would contact these campers and invite them to your Lions Club to get a feel as to the importance of the Camp and the Blind youth in this State. Let me know what you find out.

Also, along that thought I am happy to report that a former camper – Lion Brian Donegan has visited many clubs in the District to speak on behalf of the Camp.

Also Brian and Lion Pete Stamsen are on the fundraising committee. If you have any thoughts as to how we might raise some money let them know . To date Brian has raised \$5690.00 for the Camp. GREAT JOB!! If you would like for Brian to come speak to your club contact Him at doneganbrianl@gmail.com

Also, the fund raising committee has set up a contest between now and April so the club that sends in the most money to the Camp (per capital) will be awarded a brick to be placed in the Camp's Memorial Gardens on Lion's Day 2014.

We have set as a goal of \$55,000 for District 18-I this year. We need your support. I will be glad to come to any club in the District to tell you about the Camp. Give me a call 706-678-7790 or email newby@wildblue.net

Each club needs to appoint an ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. Also each club is suppose to have tickets for the \$5000 raffle for the Camp. I encourage you to sell them and turn the money and ticket stubs to me as soon as possible.

Thanks for what you do in your community as a LION
PDG & Vice President Olin Newby



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

What happens at Leader Dogs for the Blind?

People come to Leader Dog from all over the world to learn skills that will enhance their mobility and in turn, their independence. We teach people how to [travel safely with a white cane](#) and/or with a [guide dog](#). We also teach people [how to use the Kaptan PLUS](#) (GPS navigational tool).

Leader Dogs

What kinds of dogs do you use?

Most Leader Dogs are Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers and German shepherds. Sometimes we are able to use dogs that are mixed breeds that have been donated by individuals, shelters or other service dog organizations.

How do you train the dogs?

Leader Dogs are educated in the same way as many pets: with lots of repetition and positive reinforcement. For the first year of their lives, they grow up in homes with [volunteer puppy raisers](#). The raisers teach them basic obedience and expose them to the world. Leader Dogs are in formal harness training for four months with a professional instructor at our campus in Rochester Hills. During this time, they learn guide dog skills, such as finding sidewalks and avoiding obstacles.

How does someone get a Leader Dog?

Leader Dog recipients must be at least 16 years old, legally blind, physically and emotionally capable of caring for a dog and must agree to use the dog in the intended manner. Leader Dog recipients must have safe traveling skills. If you meet the requirements and would like to apply, please [visit our Application page](#).

Do you only train dogs for people who are blind?

Yes. Leader Dogs are trained to guide people who are blind and visually impaired. You must be legally blind to be considered to receive a Leader Dog. We also train [guide dogs for people who are both blind and deaf](#), but the role of the dog is as a guide and not a hearing dog.

Is there a charge for the services?

There is no charge for any of our services, including the guide dog, equipment, transportation to and from our school and room and board for 26 days.

How does a dog know when to cross the street? Can they read traffic lights?

Leader Dogs don't know when to cross the street and they can't read traffic lights. They wait until their handler gives them the command to go forward. Then the dog decides whether or not it is truly safe to cross. If the Leader Dog doesn't see any approaching traffic, it will cross the street and stop at the curb. Then the dog's handler will tell it again which way to proceed.

How does a dog know where to go?

Leader Dogs rely on their handlers to know how to get to destinations. During a walk, the handler is constantly telling the dog to turn right, turn left or proceed forward. Sometimes when a team (guide dog and handler) has frequently walked to a certain destination, the dog will remember the route. However, it is always the handler's responsibility to become oriented to the environment.

What happens when a Leader Dog dies or gets too old to continue working?

When a Leader Dog is no longer able to work in a safe and responsible fashion, it is time for it to "retire." Some people will choose to keep the dog in their home as a pet, while others will place their dog with family or friends.

Can people take their Leader Dogs anywhere?

Just about! There are federal access laws that protect a guide dog user and his or her partner from discrimination. Any public place is accessible by a guide dog team.

How do you become a Leader Dog trainer?

A three-year apprentice program at Leader Dogs for the Blind is required to become an instructor. During this time, apprentices attend in-class lectures and receive hands-on training alongside a seasoned Leader Dog instructor.

Puppies and Breeding Program

Where do you get the dogs that become Leader Dogs?

Leader Dogs for the Blind has its own breeding program. Occasionally, Leader Dog will also accept puppies from breeders whose dogs conform to our rigorous health requirements. Leader Dog moms and dads live with [volunteer host families](#) in their homes. They are bred at the facility, then return to their homes where the mom whelps (births) her pups. At any given time there are approximately 70 Leader Dog moms and dads.

Where do the puppies grow up?

Future Leader Dogs (puppies) grow up in the homes of [volunteer puppy raisers](#). There are about 400 puppy raisers in 22 states and Canada. Volunteer raisers teach the puppies basic obedience, house manners and expose the puppies to the world. Puppies are returned to Leader Dog when they are 12 to 15 months old.

How can I become a puppy raiser or host a Leader Dog parent?

To volunteer as a [puppy raiser](#) or [breeding stock host family](#), you must complete an application and submit it. If you are accepted, it usually takes between six months to a year before you will receive a puppy. Leader Dog moms and dads are placed in homes based on the continuing needs of the program; it is difficult to estimate the waiting period.

Career Changed Dogs

What is a career changed dog?

When a dog is not able to serve as a Leader Dog, we refer to that dog as [career changed](#). Most times these are wonderful dogs that make terrific pets but are not well-suited to be guide dogs. Oftentimes these dogs are not able to pass the scrutiny of our medical exams or personality assessments. Some dogs just don't have the desire to work in this way or are too interested in squirrels, for example.

What happens to a dog that is career changed?

Some dogs will have the opportunity to be a service dog for a different kind of organization, such as police, customs and assistance dogs. Most [career changed dogs](#) are available for adoption by loving people.

Funding and Volunteering

Where does Leader Dog get its funding?

Our funding is largely attributed to three areas: [individual gifts](#), endowment interest and service organizations, such as [Lions Clubs](#). Much of the success of the Leader Dog program relies on the generosity and dedication of our generous donors. We receive no state, federal or United Way funding.

What type of volunteer opportunities do you offer?

We have [administrative needs, dog care needs](#) and the option to [house a puppy](#) or [breeding stock dog](#) in your home.

Other Programs

What other programs does the school offer?

Leader Dog offers a number of classes for people who are legally blind.

In the [Accelerated Mobility Program \(AMP\)](#), clients participate in a mobility course that is designed to accelerate the learning process with one-on-one instruction in cane travel. AMP offers opportunities for people to experience various travel environments.

Leader Dog provides a free [Kaptan Plus GPS device](#) to clients in our guide dog program who live in the United States and Canada. The Kaptan Plus is a simple to use, handheld personal navigation device that enhances travel by verbally announcing names of streets, intersections, route instructions and other clues.

For people who are both blind and deaf, Leader Dog offers a [specialized guide dog program](#) to fit their needs.

Kids N' Coins



Kids N' Coins is a popular outreach opportunity for schools and youth programs that teaches young students about Leader Dogs for the Blind and how we accomplish our mission to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. Kids N' Coins is a flexible program that can be as large or small as required by each school or program's needs. Curricula that educators have included Kids N' Coins in include: working animals, the human eye, disability awareness, everyday heroes, and community involvement and volunteerism. Kids can collect dimes and quarters in a coin-folder as a donation to Leader Dog.



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Learning Ally Releases Audiobook App for Android Devices



Learning Ally, a nonprofit organization serving 300,000 children and adults across the U.S. who have visual, learning and reading-based disabilities like dyslexia, has released its popular accessible audiobook playback software, known as [Learning Ally Audio](#), for Android OS smartphones and tablets.

Since its initial release in 2011 for Apple's iOS, the app has enabled thousands of users to access Learning Ally's digital library of 80,000 downloadable [human-narrated audiobooks](#) for school and home reading. The new Android version greatly increases the number of people with disabilities who can access Learning Ally's audiobook library with the freedom and portability of a mobile device. This is an important capability for the many students with print disabilities who use audiobooks to complete in-class reading and need to be able to access them anywhere, anytime.

"This app significantly rounds out our service offering as many Learning Ally members migrate to tablets and smartphones," says Andrew Friedman, the organization's President and CEO. "With the release of this new app, virtually all of our members can enjoy instant and convenient mainstream access to the audiobooks they need."

Currently in Beta release, the app is compatible with [Teacher Ally](#), Learning Ally's acclaimed classroom audiobook management tool. Teacher Ally enables teachers to maintain personal profiles and bookshelves for each student, track the titles and pages they are reading, and generate reports on their progress to share with parents.

"The release of our Android app continues the exciting revolution going on at Learning Ally," says Paul Edelblut, Learning Ally's Vice President of Programs and Services. "With the proliferation of tablets in education and Android devices at large, this app opens the door to many more schools to benefit from our Teacher Ally platform and the robust data it provides teachers to personalize [audiobook learning](#) for all students."

The new Android app maintains a similar look and feel of the iOS version, and allows users to:

- Listen to any of the 80,000+ audiobooks from Learning Ally's library on Google Nexus 7, Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 7.0, and Motorola DROID RAZR devices running Android OS 4.1 or higher.
- Download audiobooks from their Learning Ally Bookshelf directly to a mobile device.
- Navigate through audiobooks by page or chapter.
- Adjust the speed of audio playback.
- Automatically pick up playback where they last left off.
- Create and edit bookmarks to mark important passages.
 - Play [VOICEText](#) titles from Learning Ally's library, which display text with sentence-level highlighting synchronized with the human narrated audio.



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Picking Up Toys, Turning on Lights and Ending Sleepless Nights



The moment the Coleman family first held Wilona's leash felt unreal to them. But everything was very real. The amazing dog behavior, the tasks the dog performs, the love and the massive amounts of dog fur are all very real for Lucy and the whole family.

Lucy is a young girl with spina bifida and Wilona is her Canine Companions assistance dog.

Before applying for an assistance dog, Lucy's parents weren't sure exactly how having an assistance dog would help Lucy, but they knew in their hearts that it would make a difference.

After just a few days of having Wilona, Lucy's outbursts subsided and she slept through the night for the first time in her life.

Skilled companion dogs like Wilona help build independence for children with disabilities.

Videos

Watch our videos below and find more on YouTube. Subscribe, comment on your favorites and help spread the word!

www.youtube.com/CanineCompanions
<http://www.youtube.com/user/CanineCompanions>

Have a cool video on YouTube of your Canine Companions assistance dog or puppy? Email the link to marketing@cci.org.

To view Canine Companions videos, you'll need [QuickTime™](#) or [Windows™ Media](#). To make videos larger, click on the YouTube logo if applicable.



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The Health Insurance Marketplace & People with Diabetes



Starting on October 1, 2013, individuals and families have a new opportunity to buy health insurance through a Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace) available in every state.

Coverage purchased in the Marketplace will be effective as early as January 1, 2014. Starting in 2014, all new health insurance plans, whether sold inside or outside the Marketplace, cannot deny coverage, charge more, or refuse to cover treatments because you or someone in your family has diabetes. People who meet certain income requirements may also qualify for help paying their premiums and other costs for plans purchased in the Marketplace.

What is a Health Insurance Marketplace?

A Health Insurance Marketplace is a new way individuals, families, and small businesses can shop for – and compare – various private health insurance options all in one place. Plans offered in the Marketplace must meet certain requirements for benefits, consumer protections, and cost to the consumer.

Marketplace plans are separated into four different categories: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. These categories are based on an average of how much the plan pays for covered benefits. In general, moving from Bronze to Platinum, out of pocket costs get lower while premiums tend to get higher.

Who Can Buy Health Coverage in a Marketplace?

Generally, anyone who buys health insurance on their own can buy it through a Marketplace. However, only those who meet certain income requirements – and who do not qualify for affordable job-based health coverage or certain other types of coverage – are able to get financial help paying for a plan purchased in the Marketplace.

Can I Still Buy Health Insurance Outside of the Marketplace?

Yes. You can still buy health insurance directly from an insurance company outside the Marketplace, but those plans may not meet all of the same minimum requirements as plans sold through the Marketplace, and you will not be able to get financial help paying for health insurance you buy outside the Marketplace.

Do I Have to Have Health Insurance?

Starting in 2014, most individuals must have health insurance or pay a tax penalty in the following year, unless they qualify for an exemption. Plans purchased in the Marketplace will meet this requirement, and so will job-based coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, state Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP), TRICARE and the Veterans health care program. If you get insurance from another source make sure it meets minimum requirements to avoid the tax penalty.

What If I Already Have Health Insurance?

If you like your current insurance you can keep it, but check to make sure it meets minimum requirements to avoid the tax penalty.

The Marketplaces will be a new way to get health insurance, including insurance for people with diabetes who previously had trouble obtaining affordable health insurance that meets their needs. Contact your state's Marketplace to see what options are available to you.

What Benefits Will Be Covered In the Marketplace?

Health insurance sold in the Marketplace must at least cover a set of “essential health benefits.” This includes: doctor’s office visits; emergency room services and hospitalization; pregnancy and newborn care; mental health and substance use disorder services; prescription drugs; rehabilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive services; chronic disease management; and children’s health services (including oral and vision care).

TIP

The specific benefits covered and amount you pay for these services can vary by plan. When shopping for a health plan, it is important to ask if the plan covers the diabetes supplies, services, and prescription medications you need, and what it costs. If you want to keep your current health care providers, check to see if they participate in the plan.

Can I Be Denied Coverage or Charged More Because of My Diabetes? Are There Other Protections I Should Know About?

You cannot be denied coverage or charged more because you have a pre-existing condition such as diabetes. This is true for new plans sold inside and outside the Marketplace. Plans can only set higher premiums based on age, tobacco use, family size, and geography.

In addition, plans must limit how much you pay out-of-pocket for benefits and must provide certain health services aimed at preventing disease at no charge. Plans cannot set a dollar limit on the amount the insurance company will spend on “essential health benefits” either in a given year or during the entire time you’re enrolled in that plan.

However, plans can still impose other types of limits on benefits, such as number of doctor visits, number of prescription drugs, or days in the hospital. Visit www.healthcare.gov or see our fact sheet: “Health Insurance Update: Protections for People with Diabetes” to learn more about these protections.

How Does the Financial Help Work?

U.S. citizens and lawfully-present immigrants with certain household incomes may qualify for help paying premiums through a newly created tax credit, with the most help for those with the lowest incomes.

In addition, people with low incomes may also qualify for cost-sharing help to reduce out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles and co-pays, for essential health benefits.

Eligibility for Medicaid varies by state. Contact your state Marketplace for more details on how financial help works, and to learn if you are eligible for financial help or Medicaid.

The information below gives examples of two different family sizes and the household incomes which may qualify for financial help:

Who Is Eligible for Premium Help?	
Family Size	Household Income*
1	\$11,490 - \$45,960
4	\$23,550 - \$94,200

Who Is Eligible for Cost-Sharing Help?	
Family Size	Household Income*
1	\$11,490 - \$28,725
4	\$23,550 - \$58,875

**Note: The income amounts are based on 2013 numbers. They will likely be slightly higher for 2014 and may vary some depending on your state.*

TIP

If you take the tax credit, changes to your family size or income, a new job that offers health insurance could mean you are getting the wrong amount of tax credit. To be sure you get the right amount and won't have to repay any of the credit, it is important to call your state Marketplace when you have changes during the year.

How Can I Sign Up for Coverage in the Marketplace?

Individuals can shop for and enroll in health insurance through the Marketplace from **October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014**. The start of coverage under the plan depends on when you buy it, with January 1, 2014 as the earliest start date. After March 2014, the annual open enrollment period will run from October 15th through December 7th for coverage starting the following year. Through the Marketplace you can fill out an application either online, over the phone, or in person to find out whether you are eligible for financial help paying for private health insurance, or if you're eligible for coverage under your state's Medicaid or CHIP. Once your eligibility is determined, you can compare plans and buy one that meets your needs.

After March 31, 2014, you must wait until the next open enrollment period to buy insurance in the Marketplace unless you qualify for a special enrollment period because of a qualifying life event like a job loss, birth, or divorce. Plans sold outside the Marketplaces may be available year-round, but you will not be able to get help paying for your insurance. You can apply for Medicaid or CHIP at any time during the year.

What Do I Do If I Need Help Finding and Choosing a Health Plan?

There will be trained people called "Navigators" to help individuals understand their coverage options and the enrollment process. You can access this free individual assistance to help you choose a plan and enroll by contacting your state Marketplace.

Where Can I Get More Information About the Plans Available to Me?

- **Contact your state Health Insurance Marketplace. You can find contact information for the Marketplace in your state by visiting www.healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596 (24 hours a day/7 days a week).**
- **Assistance is available in multiple languages by calling 1-800-318-2596.**

- You can also read more about Marketplaces and health reform on www.healthcare.gov. To learn more about health reform and people with diabetes see our fact sheet: "Health Insurance Update: Protections for People with Diabetes" at www.diabetes.org/HealthInsuranceUpdate2014 or by calling 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383).

Resources for You



Everyday Wisdom Kit

The Everyday Wisdom™ Kit is a tool designed to help families of children with type 1 diabetes live with diabetes every day. It offers information, tools and even a game to help families start talking about diabetes.

Safe Diabetes Sitter

It's never easy leaving your child with a sitter, but when your child has diabetes, it can be even harder. Here's a tool that can help you make sure you leave your sitter with all the information they need to know.

[Order your free kit today](#)

<http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/everyday-wisdom-kit-jan-2013.html>

Special Notice

The Everyday Wisdom Kit is intended for families of children newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

These kits are available free of charge to help families adjust to life with type 1 diabetes.

If you do not have a child with type 1 diabetes, please refrain from ordering the kit.

The Everyday Wisdom™ Kit is a tool designed to help families of children with type 1 diabetes live with diabetes everyday.

When a child is diagnosed with a chronic disease like type 1 diabetes, everyday moments can become more of a challenge.

The Everyday Wisdom Kit helps families plan for everyday moments and events such as birthday parties, playing sports and getting behind the wheel.

The Kit comes in a reusable lunch bag and includes,

- A guide for parents
- A guide for the child with diabetes
- A guide for the teen with diabetes
- A guide for the sibling
- An interactive card game for the whole family
- An informational and inspirational DVD
- Juggling balls
- Emergency Contact Information refrigerator magnet
- Pocket-sized Carb Counting Tool
- Diabetes Dictionary

This interactive toolkit was designed for families of kids with newly diagnosed diabetes ages 8 and over. Thanks to an educational grant by Lilly, the Everyday Wisdom Kit is available for free.



Follow Your Dream Children's Video Project

All children deserve the ability to pursue their dreams, but the reality is that around 61 million primary school-age children around the world are not able to obtain an education. This month, Lions Clubs International is launching a video project to focus on the importance of child literacy around the globe.



Literacy and education play a huge role in children's ability to follow their dreams. Yet 61 million primary school age children around the world are not able to obtain an education. That's why Lions everywhere are so dedicated to increasing global literacy.

The [Follow Your Dream Children's Video Project](#) focuses on the importance of child literacy by asking children about their own dreams and thoughts on education. You can participate by taking a two-minute (max) video of a child and asking him or her the following questions:

- What is your dream for the future?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- Why is education important to you?
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Then, upload your video to YouTube and send the link, along with the Child Video Authorization Form, to programs@lionsclubs.org. Your video may be featured in a special Lions Clubs YouTube playlist and shared through our social media channels.

For more detailed guidelines, along with the authorization form, download the [Follow Your Dream Children's Video PDF](#).

- See more at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/follow-your-dream-childrens-video.pdf>

New Videos



NEW

[Lions and Bullying Prevention](#) 4:27 minutes

Bullying is a serious problem among youth, especially as the use of mobile devices and social media takes bullying outside of the classroom and into children's everyday lives. Learn how Lions engage youth through Leo clubs, Lions Quest, youth centers and more in order to help prevent bullying.



NEW

[Celebrating Sight for Kids](#) 4:17 minutes

Ten years ago, Lions and Johnson & Johnson partnered to launch Sight for Kids. Since then, 17 million schoolchildren have been screened throughout Asia, 163,000 have received eyeglasses, and 76,000 have been treated for various eye conditions. Watch the video to learn more.

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 take part in [Spotlight on Children](#), the international service project of Leo club. 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 service activities like these, Leo clubs bring hope and laughter to needy children around the globe.

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