



GROW THE PRIDE



A Note from DG Vicki Hubbard

Our 2nd Cabinet meeting and Hall of Fame Ceremony was GREAT; we welcomed 114 Lions and guests from 32 clubs. 1st VDG Lion Anne Mundy and GLT Lion Pete Stamsen started the morning bright and early with Certified Guiding Lions Training and CEP Training. As we entered into our 2nd Cabinet meeting for the year, we heard from a lot of Lions. We heard from our four initiatives, PDG Lion Ed Hashbarger updated us on LCIF, PDG Lion June Phillips gave us some service numbers from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Lion Bill Graham shared with us on Leader Dogs and had material that he shared with the Zone Chairs and CC Lion Olin Newby updated us on the Camp and the Executive Director position. PDG Lion Dick Smith gave us insight as to what is going on with our membership in District 18-I. I am proud to say that we started the Lions year in July with 1422 members in District 18-I and now we have 1438 members. We also have a new Lions Club in District 18-I, the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus club, which chartered with 26 members. Their 1st Vice President, Marcelo Clavarino spoke about their club during the Cabinet meeting. It is so good to hear what all they have going on for service projects and activities. They are planning their Charter night on Friday, November 14 at the college, the cost is \$15. Our famous Mr. Lion Tail Twister for District 18-I Lion Bill Mundy was having loads of fun with the Lions. He brought gifts for our International Director Kembra Smith that she actually used and enjoyed at the head table. He also had a member from each zone and the head tables participate in a balloon busting contest, with Zone Chair Wayne White being the winner.

The Cabinet meeting was followed by a FANTASTIC lunch and then onto our Hall of Fame Ceremony. We had 14 Lions inducted into the District 18-I Hall of Fame all pictured on pages 4 and 5. PID Beverly Roberts was our Guest Speaker for the HOF ceremony and she did a fantastic job. I would like to personally thank her for joining us in District I and sharing with us. I would also like to personally give a BIG THANK YOU to the Oconee Lions Club. They were responsible for the venue and the food and as always they did a great job and it all came out perfectly!!!

So where has the District Governor been and where am I going next? In October I made six official visits and visited the Gainesville Lion Club for their 80th anniversary dinner. I made official visits to Dawsonville, Dahlonega, Loganville Legacy (twice), Athens, Conyers and Lawrenceville. Whew, a total of 585 miles!! The Dawsonville club is very active in their community; they planned a special meeting night at the Chestatee Golf Club and had a very good group of Lions for the meeting that night. The Dahlonega club is a busy club. I was thrilled to hear of all the activities that they participate in throughout their community. The Loganville Legacy club was busy preparing for a booth at their local Fall Festival and also participating in a "Trunk or Treat" for Halloween. The Athens club is partnering with a book program and their local schools. The Conyers club is staying busy with participating in a Fall Festival, planting a fall garden, and partnering with the local Boys and Girls club with the Peace Poster program. The Lawrenceville club is the sponsor of the new Georgia Gwinnett College Lions club and their own Lion Pete is one of the Certified Guiding Lions. As we move into November and December, I will be attending the Council meeting in Warner Robins and also the Joint Meeting of the GA Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions Camp on Nov 7 & 8. I will also be at the Charter night for the Monsignor Donovan Leo Club in Athens on Nov 13th and the Charter night for the GGC Lions club in Lawrenceville on Nov 14th. I will also be making an official visit to the Decatur Lions Club on Nov 18th.

Club Secretaries—Remember to report your Monthly Membership Report through MYLCI or by paper form if you don't have access to the Internet. Also, please remember to include your service activities that your clubs have participated in and provided. There is also a place to indicate if those activities are part of the Centennial Service Challenge of serving 100 million people by Dec 2017. So if your club has had a service activity which has involved - Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting Our Environment, please record it correctly at MYLCI. Our Service activities for District 18-I are outstanding so far for the 2014-2015 Lion's year. The numbers reported are (355) activities, with (13,535) Lions Hours and (27,385) people served. For our Centennial Service challenge the numbers are as follows: we have had 16 participating club Engaging Our Youth with 44 activities, 974 Lion Hours and 3415 people served. We have had 16 participating clubs Sharing the Vision, with 68 activities, 1650 Lion Hours and 5195 people served. We have had 13 participating clubs Relieving the Hunger, with 34 activities, 585 Lion Hours and 3897 people served. and we have had 8 participating clubs Protecting Our Environment, with 21 activities, 242 Lion Hours and 1189 people served.

Congratulations are in store for the Atlanta Chinese American Lions Club (3), the Covington Lions Club (2), The Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club (26), the Lawrenceville Lions Club (2), the Washington Lions Club (1) and the Winder Noon Club (1) for each having new members for the month of October. Don't forget the 5 or more new member challenge. **JUST ASK!!**.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Lion Vicki – DG – District 18-I

If you or your clubs need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of your District Governor's Team.

District Governor Vicki Hubbard Club Visitation Dates:

Decatur Lions Club – November 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM
Thomson Camellia City Lions Club – February 9, 2015

2nd Vice District Governor's Club Visitation Dates:

November	Nov. 3	Carnesville lions club	7pm
	Nov. 4	Monroe Lions Club	11:30am
	Nov. 6	Buford Lions Club	1:00pm
	Nov. 11	Thomson Lions Club	7pm

Atlanta India – TBA

Please save the date! We hope many of you will take advantage of this event—**Friday, November 14, 2014, 7 PM, at the Heritage Hall – Building L – Georgia Gwinnett College at 1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. Dinner is \$15 per person** payable to: The Lawrenceville Lions Club – RSVP by November 10 and mailed to Lion Pete Stamsen, 2343 Cedar Valley Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. Also, Lion Pete says any club wishing to make a **monetary gift** to our new club, make checks payable to the Lawrenceville Lions Club, **marked for the GGC Campus Lions Club**.

Please share this advance information with your club members so they will save the date and join us in welcoming our newest Club. The cost is \$15 per person. It will be held at the Georgia Gwinnett College, 1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30043. At the college, directional signs will lead you to the event room.

Hello Lions,

We completed our August Centennial Service Challenge “Engaging our Youth”. Our October Centennial Service Challenge is “Sharing the Vision”. However, please remember these timetables are not set in stone – it can be done at any time during our fiscal year. And, having your club secretary report each entry in the Service Activity Report at the end of each month will add to our District and International goal. Go to MyLCI at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> and review questions about service activity reporting.

There are 4 goals: August was “Engaging our Youth”; October is “Sharing the Vision”; December and January, 2015 are “Relieving the Hunger” and April is “Protecting our Environment”. We are looking at 25 million people worldwide for each of our goals reported; thus, 100 million people by June, 2017.

The 2017 goal is 100 people by June, 2017 when Lions will celebrate their 100th Anniversary – lots of plans are work-in-progress for this exciting year. And, our work-in-progress started in July of this year. So, when you go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/global-service-action-campaigns/sharing-the-vision.phpp> ? There will be several options that you can look at, including the following

- Call to Action Flyer – you will get an overview of the “Sharing the Vision” Global Service Action Campaign and ideas to jumpstart your club project.
- Planning Guide – this is a step-by-step approach to organize your own “Sharing the Vision” project.
- Project Ideas – review ideas that you and your club can use—opportunities are endless.
- Press Release – send a press release to your local media to help publicize your “Sharing the Vision” project.

Our Centennial Service Activity Campaign also includes membership growth. Please don't forget the ‘ASK ONE’ Campaign as you go about your day. Together – we can do this in our communities to encourage our youth, lend a hand to those who are visually impaired, make sure that the needy are fed and protect our environment for generations to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Projects and activities can include:

- Strides events
- Diabetes screenings
- Vision screenings
- Distribution of educational materials
- Support of diabetes camps and foundations

Access the 25 Project ideas for Diabetes Awareness and Action for additional ways to participate.

NOV = JOINT MEETING of

*Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
and Camp for the Blind, Warner Robins, Ga.*

Planning Ahead

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

International Leo Day – On December 5, Leos around the world celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to commemorate the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957, to applaud Leos for their dedicated service in the community, and to 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

Relieve the Hunger to benefit 25 million people and be part of the [Centennial Service Challenge](#)!

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. Access the [recorded webinars](#) which featured experts from these two partner organizations.
- Consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

Share Your Success

You can help spread the word! Encourage your Lions club officers to report service activities through MyLCI, the online membership and activity reporting system. For more information, visit MyLCI at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> and review frequently asked questions about service activity reporting. Lions clubs that participate and report activities through MyLCI's online service activity report will be awarded a special banner patch in recognition of their contribution to service.

District 18-I held its District Cabinet Meeting on October 25th, 2014 at the Watkinsville First United Methodist Church. The meeting attracted a large number of Lions from around the district. Our Tail Twister gave a humorous balloon busting antic and then collected over \$100.00.

Committee Reports were given for the Camp for the Blind, GA, Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Leader Dog & LCIF. Announcements included candidates for Officers for the 2015/2016 Lion Year: DG – Ann Mundy, 1st VDG – Bob Norton, 2nd VDG – Mark Bradley.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

International Essay Contest

Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

DG Vicki presented a few awards:

- Certificate of Appreciation to ZC Wayne Turnbull of the Oconee Lions Club.
- Certificate of Appreciation to the new Georgia Gwinnett Campus Lions Club as of October 25, 2014.
- “Thinking outside the Box” award to Lion Ed Johnson, Covington Lions Club President, for coordinating the Member Orientation on Saturday, November 1, 10 AM, at their clubhouse. She encouraged all to attend.
- “Many Hats” award to PCC Grace Clower for her exemplary leadership.

DG Vicki thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting. The Key Note Speaker for the 2014 GA Lions District 18-I was Past International Director Beverly Roberts.



PID Beverly presented Presidential Leadership Medals to Lions Bill Graham and Earl Stallworth.



District 18I presented "Hall of Fame" Pins and Award Plaques to fourteen Lions for their outstanding service as Lions. In opening remarks, CC Olin Newby said that many outstanding candidates have been recommended for the award. Fourteen candidates were approved by the Hall of Fame Nominations

Committee. He encouraged clubs to continue to submit candidates.



Lion Benjamin Bao – Chinese American Lions Club of Atlanta is an extremely dedicated individual who reaches outside the Asian community to spread the word on Lionism.



Lions Harold and Ruth Cannon - Comer Lions Club are prime examples of what family dedication and work ethic is all about within Lionism.



Lion Mary Michael - Conyers Lions Club has served her community in Lionism for over 20 years while also being a retired Army Nurse who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.



Lion Marvin Armistead - Conyers Lions Club is a dedicated and faithful Lion with over 50 years of Lion service to his community.



Lion Jim Kinney - Dahlonga Lions Club has provided exemplary leadership with his club and is a prime example who demonstrates giving back to the community thru Lions services.



Lion Katie Hulsebus - Dawsonville Lions Club an active Lion for 11 years she is always at Lions events from sunrise to sunset and sets the example on what Lions do within the community.



Lion Pat Wylie - Thomson Camellia City Lions Club has been interested in Lionism for not only what they do within the community but also what Lions do around the world – she passes that info on to new members who join our family.



Lion “Mack” Cates - Jefferson Lions Club is a great asset to Lions and a devoted person to God, Family, Country and Community and has truly lived up to the Lions motto “We Serve.”



Lion Raymond Mattison - Winder Noon Lions Club who has shown his leadership and dedication in all activities within his community.



Lion Howard Jones - LaVista Lions Club is a dedicated Lions who “gets the job done” and epitomizes the adage “his actions speak louder than his words.”



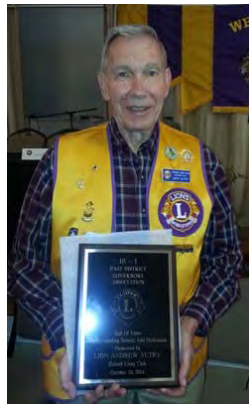
Tail Twister, Lion Bill Mundy, did a fantastic job of recognizing PID Dr. Beverly Roberts and ID Kembra Smith with inexpensive, but memorable gifts. He called our Zone Chairs to the front for a “balloon” contest. ZC Wayne Wright won. Other pictures at the Hall of Fame Luncheon =



Lion Darrell Risser - Loganville Legacy Lions Club has proven to be an asset to his club since transferring from out of state by showing others what community service is all about.



Lion Andrew Autry - Oxford Lions Club exemplifies the Lion spirit of service in all that he does for the past 55 years + within his community.





GA. Lions Lighthouse
 VP June Phillips, PDG
junelieu@aol.com

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010f>



Fellow Lions,

YTD we are about \$15,000 behind in club giving compared to September 2013. I am not quite sure what might be happening, but if you recall we projected an increase in giving this year to the Lighthouse given the stabilization of staffing and anticipated growth in service. I have asked you to invite me or any of our staff to clubs for a visit. If you are going to your cabinet meetings, or visiting in the district, please ask for everyone to remember the Lighthouse and to consider a year end gift.

On November 12th we will host the **Gold Dome Charity Golf Challenge**. Beneficiaries of this event are the Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Charitable Care Network. The golf tournament will give golfers an opportunity to play golf with their state legislators and to support two very much needed statewide organizations. If you are able, please have your club sponsor a hole, or send a team to play. We still need sponsors, golf items for bags, and teams. Please pass along to all of our clubs in Georgia. This is a great way to get the word out about Lionism and to potentially cultivate new members. Maybe even consider bringing new prospective members to the tournament. If you are able in any way to participate, please let me know.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 8th joint meeting. If you have not registered, please do so. We will have some very exciting news coming from the Lighthouse! Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Executive Director. I am very blessed to serve with a very talented and dedicated team. We truly have something very special here in Georgia.

All the best,

Roberta Green
 Executive Director
 Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Check this out = Trick or Treat?! <https://vimeo.com/110490804#embed>



Service Numbers
From June to Sept
2014

People having eye exams
138 were from 18-I

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

Eye surgeries were performed.
15 were from 18-I

Hearing aids through the dispensation
?? 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:

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:
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Gold Dome Charity Challenge Golf Tournament

The Gold Dome Charity Challenge Golf Tournament is scheduled to tee-off Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at [Summer Grove Golf Club](#)!

During this day of friendly charitable competition, sponsoring professionals will spend the day teeing it up for 18 holes alongside Georgia's own legislative leadership.

In support of charitable healthcare for under-served Georgians, endorsing the event are Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, House Speaker David Ralston, House Majority Leader Larry O'Neal, Senate President Pro Tempore David Shafer, and Commissioner Tim Echols.

All proceeds from the Gold Dome Charity Challenge Golf Tournament will benefit the [Georgia Charitable Care Network](#) and the [Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation](#), and their efforts to provide quality healthcare services for uninsured Georgians.

Corporate and private sponsorship are available for both teams and individuals. Spots are limited! Register online [here](#) or download the registration packet below.

To learn more about the tournament, sponsorship opportunities, or to register by phone, please contact Donna Looper (770.738.4651) or Kembra Landry (770.738.4676). PDF registration forms are also available [here](#).

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The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. and the Georgia charitable care network are both 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. All donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Mark your calendars! Upcoming Lighthouse Events

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FALL COMMUNITY SCREENING OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings Lions across the great state of Georgia! We are receiving numerous requests for GLLF representatives to volunteer at local community health fairs and events over the next few months. Before we add these events to our calendar, we want to make sure we have proper staffing and an adequate number of volunteers at each event. Below is a list of events during the months of September and October. If you would like to volunteer as an individual or group, please contact Marsha Marshall, Outreach Director, at mmarshall@lionslighthouse.org or Michael Zelin, Outreach Coordinator, at mzelin@lionslighthouse.org.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Staff

Main Line: 404-325-3630

Executive Director

Roberta Green, ext. 301

Vision Services - Questions, Patient Care, Clinics =

CFO and Vision Program Director

Shamae Crosswhite, ext. 302

Hearing Services - Questions, Patient Care

Hearing Services Manager

Anna Knippel, ext. 305

Eye Surgery Services - Questions, Patient Care

Eye Surgery Director –

Victoria Jordan, ext. 303

Volunteer Services - Questions, Scheduling

Outreach Director -

Marsha Marshall, ext. 345

Development Opportunities - Fundraising, Club Giving, Donations

Chief Development Officer –

Kembra Landry, ext. 322

Marketing Opportunities - Club Materials, Promotions, Website, Social Media

Marketing Director –

Alison Kuhlke, ext. 306

Recycling Center - Questions, Drop-off/Pick-up

404-844-0121



GOLD DOME CHARITY CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

YOU ARE PERSONALLY INVITED BY

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CASEY CAGLE
SECRETARY OF STATE BRIAN KEMP
HOUSE SPEAKER DAVID RALSTON
HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER LARRY O'NEAL
SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE DAVID SHAFER
COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS

Wednesday November 12, 2014
Summer Grove Golf Club

335 Summergrove Pkwy,
Newnan, GA 30285

Tee off at 10am

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD DOME SPONSOR \$10,000

- † Two golf foursomes, and an opportunity to play with legislative leadership
- † Opportunity to give brief remarks
- † Logo on sponsor board

TITLE SPONSOR \$5,000

- † One golf foursome, and an opportunity to play with legislative leadership
- † Logo on sponsor board

TEAM SPONSOR \$600

- † One golf foursome

PLAYER SPONSOR \$175

- † One player spot in a foursome

NON-PLAYING SPONSORSHIPS

Golf Cart Sponsor
\$2,000

Box Lunch Sponsor
\$1,500

Beverage Cart Sponsor
\$1,000

Prize Sponsor
\$1,000

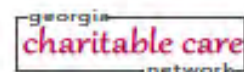
Golf Balls Sponsor
\$500

Hole Sponsor
\$250



To learn more about the tournament, sponsorship opportunities, or to register by phone, call Donna Looper 770.738.4651 or Kembra Landry 770.738.4676. Register online at: charitablecarenetwork.org | lionslighthouse.org

TO BENEFIT





GOLD DOME CHARITY CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT

SPONSOR INFORMATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL _____

ORGANIZATION CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE GOLD DOME CHARITY CHALLENGE AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Dome Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Box Lunch Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Cart Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Player Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Prize Sponsor |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Balls Sponsor |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsor |

PAYMENT INFORMATION

NAME ON CARD _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

BILLING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EXPIRATION DATE CVI

PLEASE FAX COMPLETED FORM TO :
404.636.5549
ATTN: Gold Dome Charity Challenge

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH CHECK TO :
5582 Peachtree Road | Chamblee, GA 30341
ATTN: Gold Dome Charity Challenge

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or Kembra Landry 770.738.4676.

REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
www.charitablecarenetwork.org
www.lionslighthouse.org

By submitting this form, you are committing to participate as a sponsor in the Gold Dome Charity Challenge.

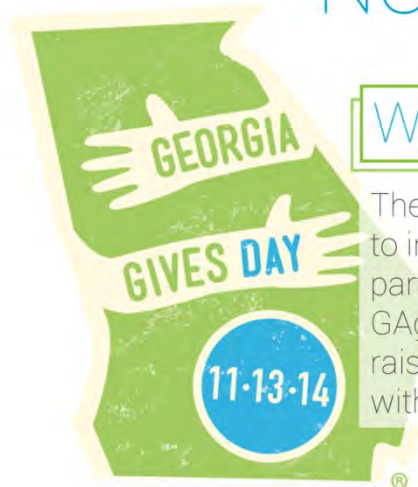




Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Better Vision. Better Hearing. **Better Georgia.**

COUNTDOWN TO NOVEMBER 13



What it is

The mission of Georgia Gives Day is to inspire individuals to donate to participating nonprofits through GAgivesday.org with the goal of raising as much money as possible within a 24-hour period.

How it works

Georgia Gives Day connects hundreds of non-profits across the state and their supporters on one website, connecting and inspiring non-profits, individuals, and the people they impact.

Donating is simple

Visit: www.GaGivesDay.org

Search: Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Join us in creating a better Georgia.

#GAGivesDay

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

https://www.gagivesday.org/c/GGD/a/lionslighthouse?utm_source=GA+Gives+Day+2014+%231&utm_campaign=GA+Gives+Day+14&utm_medium=email



Lions Camp for the Blind
Olin Newby, PDG
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Camp Fund Raiser

My name is Brian Donegan. I'm the President of the Lawrenceville lions Club but I am also a former camper of the Georgia Lions Camp. I attended for 10 summers and without the lessons I learned and the experiences I had, I would not be the successful person I am today.

I am social media coordinator for Country Music Nation - The world's largest and most passionate community of Country music fans (we just passed the 3 Million likes mark on Facebook last week).

We have partnered with a company called Republic to design and sell our first official T-shirt. We will be selling the shirt for the next three weeks and 100% of the profit will be contributed to the camp to "Keep the Campfires Burning"

So if you are a Country music fan or want to help the Camp please visit <https://represent.com/cmn> (See below) and tell your friends.

Thank you very much!

*-Brian Donegan
 President, Lawrenceville Lions Club*



Official Country Music Nation Charity Tee

Style



\$19.99

Show off your country pride with the first ever official (super soft, 100% cotton, US-made) Country Music Nation T-shirt!

****100% of proceeds will benefit the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind**

Style



\$15.99

God bless y'all and have a fantastic day!" -Brian Donegan



About The Cause: Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind

It is the mission of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

CAMP OBJECTIVES:

- to foster the desire for participation in all camp activities
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- to develop in campers, a sense of responsibility and respect for others
- to provide the opportunity to develop a more positive attitude toward their disability
- to enable the camper to learn to accept ways of competing and cooperating with others
- to stimulate in campers greater independence, self reliance, resourcefulness, and initiative
- to help the camper learn new skills and to explore one's individual abilities
- to encourage participation in, and shared responsibilities of a democratic society
- to provide opportunities for understanding and appreciation through an awareness of the natural surrounding

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The LRPC is seeking input from the Lions of Georgia in preparation for developing a Long Range Plan for the Georgia Lions Camp. Please send your suggestions, comments, opinions, and recommendations to Dave Forrest – Chair of the LRPC. We, the committee, are considering the future years of 1, 3, 5, and 10 as our targets. Please consider the present condition of the camp and expand your thoughts. Thank you for your input in the future planning of the Georgia Lions Camp.

Dave Forrest, LRPC Chair Email: forrestfamily@winstream.net Phone: 706-472-3862



Lions CARS n' CRAFTS Day: From the beginning we knew this event as a first time one would be more about public relations in the community and within Lions of Georgia rather than a major fundraising event. After the termination of the Camp Director and Secretary, personnel issues from counselors in July, it became even more apparent on several levels that the PR component would be a priority. At the end of the day Saturday, that was a success. For example,

One very large family including extended family of a first-time summer camper came for the event. Leos and Lions were so excited to get to see Dawson again, but he was more excited than all of us combined. He is planning to attend Christmas Camp, and his mother is planning to volunteer. She volunteered at the car show on Saturday.

A gentleman heard our public service announcement on the radio and drove 70 miles to come see the Camp. He'd been to the Camp as a child with his parents who were Lions at work days in the early days of the Camp. They are deceased now, and he plans to buy a Memorial Garden Brick in their memory.

One vendor came to the event to find out more about our "residential school for the blind." This was a recurring misnomer repeated by several guests for the day as well. We were able to provide accurate information about our camp sessions.

Two Lions who had never been to the Camp came as car exhibitors. Both shared that they are now hooked and love Camp just as much as the rest of us do.

We have several volunteers who were not Lions by membership put in a lot of long, hard hours. Lions who were there stepped up and did the same; we had over 35 Lions and LEOs working at one time or the other during the weekend for the event. This show of unity and common good was uplifting. The Moultrie Lions Club will have two new members as a result. Another, non-Lion from the Tri-City Clubs said the same. "I'm ready to join now."

We were on a talk show on Friday morning, and I received numerous phone calls Friday evening and Saturday through lunch time from potential vendors and exhibitors.

Several blind Lions were in attendance with spectators, vendors, and exhibitors getting to talk with them about Lionism and the Camp. Several times throughout the day, I heard tidbits of conversations that included President Scott Eisenheart's mantra of "Camp is for the Camper."

We grossed approximately \$1,800.00 between the gate fee, vendor fee, and meal sales. Final details will follow on November 8th with a report to the Camp Fundraising Committee.

Words are inadequate to express how much I appreciate all of the planning, help, and collaborating that was generously provided by Lions. I would love to give some examples, but would not do the persons involved justice. Just know, "I thank you, and you, and you..."

In service, Brenda Arnold



Setting our sights on the future



A Day at Leader Dogs for the Blind

Did you ever wonder what happens at Leader Dog on a daily basis? The short answer is—a lot! Just look at a few of the things that happened around campus on Friday, May 30.



Residential Custodian Angela passes the emergency phone and pager to Residential Assistant Kim in the morning along with updating her on any happenings with the clients in class.



Dog Care Supervisor Sue checks the pills and dosages for any dogs needing medication.



Carol in puppy care takes Murphy (a dog in training who had double elbow surgery) out to “park” and stretch his legs. Puppy care takes care of puppies, breeding stock dogs and other dogs (retired, career changed, etc.) who need special attention and care.

Jenny and other guide dog mobility instructors (GDMI's) load dogs in basic training on the truck to take them to downtown Rochester for training. Each dog must sit before entering the vehicle.



In our kitchen, Cook Stella makes rice crispy treats for an afternoon snack for clients.

Puppy Care Volunteers Eric Malloy and Dennis Chrzan check the food chart before preparing the puppies' first meal of the day. Volunteers also clean puppy runs, wash dishes and toys, do laundry and walk breeding stock dogs.



Maureen, Mike and Roxane of the facilities team clean up the kennel lobby prior to opening to the public.



Amanda Smith (guest O&M specialist from Topeka, KS) chats with Erica, manager of extended services, before going downtown to learn about guide dogs and GPS while Erica headed up to her office to work on her budget.



Some of our staff at Leader Dog also volunteer their time in other departments. Jennifer works in dog care and also volunteers once a week in client services. Here she heads to client services with her newly adopted career changed dog, Feather.



Volunteer Master Gardener Liz Berkheiser tends to our flower beds around campus.



GDMI Randy walks alongside a client and his new Leader Dog for their first traffic-checks, which are controlled practice runs where a vehicle pulls out in front of the client and Leader Dog team, and the Leader Dog must exercise intelligent disobedience to stop the team from getting too close to the vehicle. Vehicles are typically driven by GDMI's.



Beth, Carla and Kathleen of the Lions engagement team discuss Lions summer visits, which are special weekend events where Lions club leaders are invited to the Leader Dog campus to learn more about what goes on here. Beth's dog, Kipper, takes a nap on the floor.

Facilities team members Dave and Arnold unload a gardening cart from the downtown facility. The downtown building is a jumping off point and resting place for clients and dogs when they are practicing in the busy Rochester downtown area.



Dr. Wilson evaluates a puppy before taking her over to Pawsitive Steps Rehab for some therapy during her lunch break.

GDMI's Debbie and Jill take Pro Seminar guests (O&M specialists on campus to learn about guide dogs and GPS) on a blindfold walk to experience traveling with a Leader Dog.



Future Leader Dog Kellen rests in a little nook at the reception desk and practices being calm in a work environment.

Food Services Aide Reyna makes sure the clients get what they need as they gather in the dining room for three meals a day during their stay. Today, clients were served tuna salad with fruit and French bread for lunch.



Puppy Raiser Hannah picks up her first Future Leader Dog.



Dear Lions,

With [World Sight Day](#) taking place earlier this month, I was thinking about the amazing accomplishments that Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) have been able to achieve together. The theme of World Sight Day this year was "**No More Preventable Blindness**," which is something we have been working towards for years by fighting diseases through [SightFirst](#) and working with partners to make a difference.

Our [Sight for Kids](#) partnership with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies (JJVCC) is a great example of what can be achieved. The Sight for Kids program has **screened the vision of more than 20 million schoolchildren** in Asia Pacific who might not have received a vision screening otherwise. And, the partnership program provides glasses and follow-up care as needed, all for free to students in need.

I am proud to share with you that [we have expanded Sight for Kids beyond Asia Pacific into Kenya and Turkey](#). You can [watch a new video online](#) to learn more about Sight for Kids and about our expansion into these two new countries. Our partnership program really works, and I am very happy about this expansion.



I want to encourage you to continue sight-saving efforts through your club, your district, and beyond. Every project helps reduce preventable blindness and save sight, just like [every donation](#) to LCIF can help make a difference.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Recognizes Top Contributors in 2013-2014

Each year, Lions Clubs International Foundation recognizes the Lions districts and clubs that were top contributors in financial support of the Foundation. It is through this kind of generosity that LCIF can save and preserve sight, provide disaster relief, support youth and meet humanitarian needs in local communities and around the world. You can [view this year's list online](#).



The LCIF recognition categories include the top five districts in each constitutional area based on total giving; the top five districts in each constitutional area based on per member average; the top five clubs in each constitutional area based on total giving; the districts in which 100 percent of clubs donated to LCIF; and more. **Thank you and congratulations!**

LCIF Awards Humanitarian Grants

More than US\$4.4 million was awarded in [Lions Clubs International Foundation grants](#) during the October 2014



Board of Trustees meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA. With these funds, 56 grants will support life-changing projects around the world. Lions will expand an orphanage in South Africa, support volunteer emergency services in the United Kingdom, provide children's vision screening equipment in the United States, MD300 Taiwan and Japan, equip a home for the elderly in Portugal, fund a food program for women in Burkina Faso, and much more. Lions will help millions of people worldwide through these grants, which were made possible through your support. Thank you for [your contributions to LCIF!](#)

Grants Approved at the October 2014 International Board of Directors Meeting: 56 Grants Approved
Totaling US\$4,404,033

United States, Georgia, Multiple District 18 – A grant of US\$75,000 was given to Lions in Multiple District 18 to provide diagnostic equipment and vision screening accessories to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. More than 7,500 people will benefit each year.



Dear Lion,

When I was growing up, I hoped that one day I could change the world. As Lions, we can actually say we are. We help children and neighbors who need us, and we strengthen communities and change lives in the process. Your club does so much for your community, so make sure you let your community know what a difference you're making.

Getting media coverage for your club is a great way to celebrate your achievements and increase your visibility. The [club press release page](#) provides easily customized press releases for a fast, effective way to promote your club. Whether you're looking to promote service projects, fundraising events, club milestones or create your own press release, you'll find what you need to help get the word out to your community.

Keep in mind that the more people know about the great things you do, the more likely they are to join your club. The **press release for recruiting new members** is a great way to invite your community to join you. Download it today, and use it to promote membership growth in October and throughout the year! Check the highlighted example =

Together in service,

Joe Preston

EVERY CLUB NEEDS A PLAN: What we accomplish today, and what we accomplish in the future depends upon building and strengthening our membership. Survey after survey, and study after study have indicated people are volunteering now more than ever. But they have options for volunteering. In other word, the competition for volunteer time is keen. People who volunteer or join a club want to be assured that 'their time is being used to make a significant impact' - locally, globally, or both. Meaningful and impactful service projects will keep members motivated and will feed their altruistic spirit. They are a great way to show our pride in serving others and involve new members. So I'm challenging every club this year to come up with both a Membership Development and Leadership Development Plan—one that is unique to your club and your community.

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE BY STRENGTHENING YOUR CLUB

Each new Lion brings fresh ideas, passion and a hands-on attitude to clubs — helping to improve service and make a greater impact in the community. There are 1.35 million Lions worldwide. Imagine the difference we could make around the world if every Lion asked one person to join his or her club!

“ASK ONE”: My membership initiative this year adheres to that principle. I call it “ASK ONE.” Just imagine if each and every Lions member—all 1.35 million—asked just one person to join their club. It’s that simple—and Lions already have great tools to help them invite new members, such as the ‘Just Ask’ brochure, or you may want to develop your own strategy, tailored to use with people you know. **All it takes is just one person.** Download our [Just Ask! Member Recruiting Guide](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf> to help you get started, or visit our [Invite Members page](#) for tips on who to invite and how to welcome new members into your club.

Ask One!



Don't miss out on the opportunity to earn your Membership Growth Award!



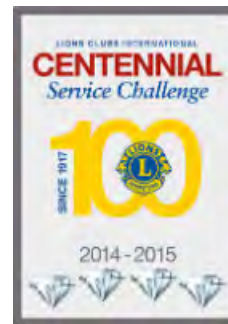
Lions who sponsor a member in April 2015 will earn a special **Gold Pin**. When your club adds new members in April 2015, you'll receive a special **Banner Patch** to recognize your commitment to strengthening your club.



Relieving the Hunger

Lions Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and wellbeing of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration, Lions are encouraged to serve 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in the Global Service Action Campaigns.



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 links to [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.

Getting Started:

The steps outlined below will help you complete a "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign project.

Step 1: Create a Planning Committee

The "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign is an opportunity for Lions to bring together communities and connect through a common goal... to provide food and nourishment ... to hungry children and adults. Creating a planning committee will help drive the success of your campaign project. Together, the committee can share the work and help motivate your members to participate. You might want to consider asking food pantries, schools, hospitals and supermarkets to get involved, and designate a chair to lead the committee's efforts.

Step 2: Pick Your Project

Choose a service project that helps meet a community need and reflects the interests of club members. When developing your project, make sure it is a hands-on, highly visible activity that Lions can easily get involved with. Perhaps your club already has a hunger project that could be expanded to increase public awareness and engage other community members. Or, choose from this list of ideas:

- Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry.
- Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly citizens.
- Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need.
- Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Help plant a community garden.



To ensure the success of your project, be sure to set specific goals that you would like to accomplish by the project's conclusion. Some examples include:

- Prepare and distribute 200 food baskets for families in need.
- Identify three families in need and deliver weekly food provisions during the month of December.
- Partner with a local soup kitchen to prepare and serve meals for homeless people one day in January.

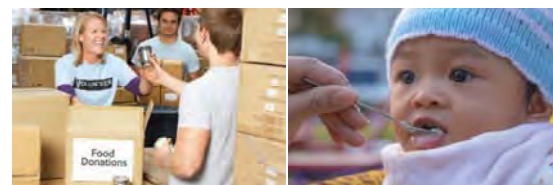
Step 3: Publicize Your Project

Give your club the recognition it deserves! Tell the local community about upcoming club events to promote your service project. Consider:

- Posting flyers
- Contacting local radio or public access television stations
- Sending press releases to community newspapers
- Posting project information on your club or district's Web site or other social networking sites such as Facebook
- Inviting local media

Step 4: Implement Your Project

Involve your club members! Invite family members, friends co-workers to help which can also generate new and membership interest. On the day of the project, make sure someone is ready to answer questions from volunteer: elected officials, special guests, local media and other members of the community. Because your project reflects awareness of hunger in your community, consider choosing members of your planning committee to serve as a spokespersons for highlighting the project and its importance to the community.



Step 5: Report Your Activity

Report your service activities through MyLCI's Online Service Activity Report. For more information, visit MyLCI at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> and review frequently asked questions about service activity reporting.

Step 6: Celebrate Your Success

Remember to share your project's accomplishments with the people who helped make the project a success. Distribute a news release to local media and send a newsletter to community members who supported your project. Be sure to send thank you letters to those who participated. You may also want to present certificates of appreciation. Hosting a volunteer and partner awards ceremony is also a nice way to recognize everyone's contributions. And, don't forget to share your success with your Lions family – post photos on the Lions Facebook Fan Page.

Resources

A number of resources such as a project idea sheet and a call to action flyer are available to assist you in completing a Lions Global Service Action Campaign project. For materials and campaign updates, go to the Member Center of the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org. To learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge and participate in this exciting initiative, visit www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge.

"Almost 1 billion people across the globe will go to bed *hungry tonight*, 200 million of them children." – (USAID)

KidSight USA to Protect Children's Vision



I'd like to invite you to be part of a new national initiative by U.S. Lions clubs to protect the vision of America's children. If you could save a child's sight with the press of a button, wouldn't you?

That's the idea behind [Lions KidSight USA](#), a new national initiative announced by Lions in the United States. Lions KidSight USA was launched to help ensure that children between the ages of six months and six years receive vision screening and professional follow-up care when needed.

To accomplish this, KidSight USA will work with new and existing screening programs to get more handheld screening devices into the hands of Lions—and more kids in front of them.

"KidSight USA is an important national initiative that will help families protect the eye health of their children," said International President Joe Preston. "It builds on our proud history of saving sight and our belief that all children deserve to see the world clearly. With the help of Lions, we hope they will."

Lions KidSight USA wants to reach kids early because some vision problems can become permanent by age seven. But vision issues can be easily detected with hand-held screening devices that even generate the results on-site. With only a few minutes of training, Lions and volunteers can learn to screen the vision of a child.



Lions in the U.S. currently screen more than 500,000 kids per year through state and local programs often known as "KidSight." Lions KidSight USA wants to expand the number of screening programs so Lions can change the lives of even more children around the country.

To learn more about this initiative or how you can become a vision screener, visit the [Lions KidSight USA webpage](#). And share the [KidSight USA flyer](#) with your club today!

Fellow Lions

Lions Clubs International recently announced the **KidSight USA Program**. The details of how the program will be implemented have not been worked out yet. This is not a project of the GA Lions Lighthouse. MD-18 Lions will be responsible for the program, and the Lighthouse will be working with the Council of Governors to implement the program.

There are two companies who have contributed large sums of money to LCI to help fund this program. They are Welch-Allyn and Plusoptix. Welch-Allyn has a product called the SPOT vision screener, and Plusoptix has a Plusoptix vision screener. We want all Lions Clubs to understand that neither MD-18 nor the Lighthouse endorse one of these products over the other.

In all probability, the Lighthouse will write a grant to obtain equipment to be used statewide. As we said earlier, this program is still in the planning stages. We want to implement the program as soon as possible, but we want to be sure we have all the pertinent information before we proceed. We would encourage all clubs to wait for further information on the implementation of the program before purchasing equipment and starting the new KidSight USA Program in your area.

It is our goal to screen as many children, (ages 6 months to 6 years) as possible in MD-18. We want to fully support this new and exciting program. If you have questions, please contact Council Chair Olin Newby or Lighthouse Chair Grace Clower.

Thanks for all you do!



OUR CHILDREN Are Counting on Us

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. That's why Lions KidSight USA was established.

Lions KidSight USA is a new national program that brings Lions together to ensure that our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. But to do this, we need your help.

Support Lions KidSight USA

- **We're 6 to 6** – we provide vision screening to children 6 months to 6 years of age.
- **We're national** – we're creating a coordinated national coalition of new and experienced Lions vision screeners.
- **We're needed** – vision problems undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent.



■ And we're waiting for you to join us!

Change a Life by Becoming a Vision Screener

Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. With just minutes of training, any Lion can screen the vision of a child. Just push a few buttons and the screening devices used in KidSight USA do all the work for you.

Start Planning Your Vision Screening Program Today

Visit www.e-district.org/sites/kidsightusa to learn more about becoming a vision screener and how your club can get involved in Lions KidSight USA!

www.e-district.org/sites/kidsightusa



Dear Lion,

Thank you for joining us on this journey to Lions Clubs International's Centennial in 2017. As we approach 100 years of service as an association, Lions around the world are celebrating by coming together to meet our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. Every club can play a part in this historic event that will showcase the strength of Lions and the power of service to the world.

To honor the legacy of our founder, we're kicking off the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January to celebrate the birthday of Melvin Jones. Lions all over the world will be participating, and we want you to be a part of it! It's a great way to get involved in the Centennial celebration and show your friends and family what it means to be a Lion.

Visit the [Lions Worldwide Week of Service website](http://lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php) = <http://lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php> and start planning your project today. Remember, when Lions join together in service, we can change the world!

Together in service,

Joe Preston
Your International President



Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January (Jan. 10 - 16)



The Lions Worldwide Week of Service kicks off January 10, 2015, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Centennial Service Challenge event! The Worldwide Week of Service is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

[Download Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaZAIrRJ1Fw) = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaZAIrRJ1Fw>

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

Here's how your club can take part in this special service event:

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10-16.
2. **Share your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
3. **Report your project** – Report your service on the [MyLCI](#) Service Activity Report to earn a [Centennial Banner Patch](#) for your club.

Celebrate Your Service

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!

Start Planning Today



[Download the event flyer](#) and share it with your club, then start planning your service project. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January!

Worldwide Week of Service Resources

- [Worldwide Week of Service Club Flyer](http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf) = <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf>
- [Centennial Service Challenge Brochure](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad465.pdf) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad465.pdf>

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.



2014-2015 Webinars Schedule

To convert the times below to your location visit the [Time Zone Converter](#).

Webinar Description

Dates/Times

Harmony in the Pride

Understanding generational differences can assist with both member recruitment and retention. This presentation explores diverse motivations among Lions and how each constituency can find and value varying perspectives to “strengthen the pride.”

- [Friday, 11/7/14, 7:00pm, C](#)



Intended Audience: All Lions

GLT UPDATE

Happy Fall Everyone. Fall is certainly in the air and Thanksgiving is close at hand. This is of course, time for giving thanks. Thanks for living in a wonderful country. Thanks that I have a supportive wife & family. Thankful that I can worship God and certainly, I am thankful that I am a Lion. I am also very thankful that I have been asked to provide Member Orientation, CEP & Guiding Lion training for Clubs in District 18-I. Not only am I providing pertinent training to Lions, but I also get to fellowship with and

I truly enjoy the training that I am asked to provide. Leadership is essential in any organization, and that certainly includes service organizations. Lions International is the largest Service Organization in the World, but they didn't get there without providing excellent training to their members. As the GLT Coordinator for District 18-I, I have had the privilege to provide training for Clubs and individuals and it is always a pleasure to see many New Faces along with those I have known for many years. Strong leadership is the basis of a strong, active Club, Zone, District and Multi-District.

Please do not forget the New Member Orientation co-hosted by Covington and Lawrenceville Lions Clubs – to be held in the Covington Lions Clubhouse starting at 10am until noon on 1 November.

Webinars are a great way to increase your knowledge of Lionism. This can be done in the privacy of your own home. So, what are Webinars? Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. To register and login, participants are directed to an Internet address. Current Webinars include, *Effective Club Meetings, Harmony in the Pride, Project Management, Minding Your Members—Leading Strong Teams* among others. You choose the Webinar, you can also choose the date & time.

The next training event will be held at the District Convention on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Foundry Park Inn, Athens, GA. That training is a Member Orientation and will begin at 9 AM. Please encourage all of your new Lions and those that just want to refresh their knowledge of Lions to attend this orientation.

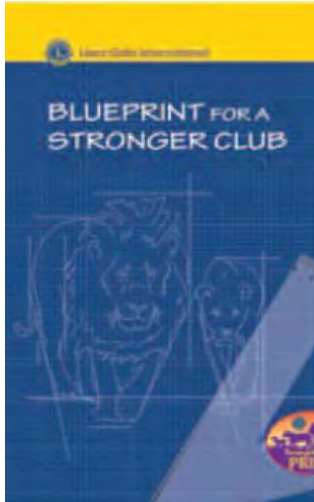
Wishing y'all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Pete Stamsen
District 18-I GLT Coordinator



Membership = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index.php>

Blueprint For A Stronger Club



The key to strengthening your club is to create a strong plan for the future. The new **Blueprint for a Stronger Club** can help you develop a plan for your club in three simple steps:

1. Assess your club
2. Establish goals
3. Identify the steps to achieve goals

Help your club stay on track for a successful year. When you submit your Blueprint Goals, your club will be recognized with a special Presidential Certificate.

The most effective Lions clubs regularly identify ways to expand their service impact, develop leaders and meet club members' needs and expectations. Like any worthwhile project, it is important to develop and implement a plan, or "blueprint," to guide your actions.

LCI offers tools to help you develop your club's blueprint, with emphasis on strengthening club operations, service leadership development and membership.

Create Your Club's Blueprint

1. Download the [Blueprint for a Stronger Club Guide](#) for step-by-step assistance with assessing your club, establishing goals and developing your blueprint.
2. Identify your goals, challenges and possible solutions with the [Planning Process Worksheet](#).
3. Create your action plan based on input from club members using our [Action Plan Worksheet](#).
4. [Submit your goals](#) and receive a certificate of recognition.
- 5.

Outstanding and unique plans will be shared with clubs around the world! Send questions to englishlanguage@lionsclubs.org.

NEW!

Ask One buttons are now available! Click on the image to order your supply!



ASK 1 BUTTON 10/PACK S271

- [E-mail this product to a friend](#)

As worn by IP Preston himself, this 2" wide by 1.5" high button with pin back fastener is a reminder to yourself and your fellow Lions to "Ask 1" person to join your club. Add to the level of service you can provide to your community and Strengthen the Pride! Sold in packages of 10.

Price: \$7.95

Death of a Lions Club by Ron Zeppieri, PCC, District N GMT Coordinator

It doesn't happen overnight. It happens slowly and somewhat imperceptibly, and if nothing is done in a timely manner, a once thriving Lions Club just fades away and is lost to their community.

It takes a minimum of 20 members to start a new Lions Club. That's what we're working on right now in St Marys. According to the August membership report, District N has 36 of our 67 Lions Clubs with membership below 20. (over 50%). Worse yet, 20% of our Clubs are below 10 members!! They are in the critical stage of dying clubs.

Let's assume for example that the Midcity Lions Club has been serving Midcity for over 50 years with a robust membership. For some reason, club members begin to ignore all Lions zone, district, state and international events. They restrict themselves just to their club. No Lions attend any training sessions and they begin to lose touch with the world of Lionism. They consider club visits by their zone chairman or governor as a bother rather than an opportunity. The members get complacent.

Members drop in all clubs, but Midcity makes no effort to bring in new members to replace those dropped members and their membership gradually dwindles. Their leadership becomes stagnant because no one will volunteer for office. Now with stagnant and untrained leadership, members become bored and dissatisfied and drop at an increasing rate. Before anyone realizes it, the 50 members are now down below 20. And the club notices but doesn't really think it's a serious problem.

Many of their traditional service and fund raising projects are discontinued because of a lack of willing workers. So more members drop. Now they find themselves not only with stagnant, untrained leaders, but with only 10 members or fewer. Now the club is in its final "death spiral." - They don't have enough members to do much of anything. And since they don't do anything, they can't attract any new members. The Midcity Lions Club is doomed and is soon lost not only to our Lions organization, but lost to those people in need in Midcity.

Everyone – put your head up and look around you. Does this scenario describe YOUR Lions Club? If so, it's time for you to take some drastic action. The District has experienced Lions who will help you help yourselves to rejuvenate your club. Save your club. Don't abandon needed service to your town.

Good Luck to you all. - Ron Zeppieri, PCC, District N GMT Coordinator "A failure to plan is plan to fail"

The Extension and Membership Division invites you to attend our free monthly webinars!

Webinars are recorded and posted on the LCI [website](#).

Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.



Save the Date! **Space is limited so register today!**

Show Your Lions Pride with Awards and Recognition

Lions Clubs International offers many awards to recognize Lions, clubs and district for outstanding efforts. This webinar will review ways to earn recognition in areas of membership growth, years of service, member satisfaction and more!

Register ►

Thursday, 29 January 2015 3pm-4pm

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/707964718>

Membership Tools

Lions Clubs International offers a number of easy to use tools to help you grow your club, keep members satisfied and achieve excellence. Use these tools to guide yourself along the path to success.

Just Ask! Guide - The concept is simple! Use the **Just Ask! Guide** to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf>

Membership Satisfaction - To ensure your Lions club remains healthy and vital, you need to consider what members expect from their experiences in your club. The **Membership Satisfaction Guide** will help to ensure your members are getting what they need. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me301.pdf>



From the desk of State
Chair Lion Tom Williams
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Using Audiobooks for Learning

As a student progresses in school, keeping up with increasing amounts of reading can be a challenge. Audiobooks can help students who read slowly due to dyslexia or another learning disability by allowing them to focus on the meaning of what they're reading rather than decoding the letters.



Tip #1: When reading takes too long, use audiobooks to save time on homework.

"I use audiobooks from [Learning Ally's library](#) for all my reading in school. It saves me so much time. If I didn't use them, I'd have to spend hours more on homework every night. My advice is, make sure you stay on top of your reading assignments. Request your books ahead of time, make sure you have them downloaded when you need them, and take good notes while you're listening." —

Keith Amundsen, 19, student



Tip #2: Help your child become comfortable learning through listening.

"I would sit my kids down while I was cooking dinner, but instead of having the television on, I'd have an audiobook on so they could listen together. This was a way to get them comfortable with the medium of using audiobooks when they were little." —

Shelley Dannenberg, Dyslexia and Reading Specialist



Tip #3: Have audiobooks listed as an accommodation on your child's 504 plan or IEP.

"Once you have audiobooks listed as an approved accommodation, make sure your child's teachers are able to give advanced notice of reading assignments so you can have the books downloaded, and get everyone comfortable with your child having their listening device out during class."



Tip #4: Cover material multiple times to build fluency.

"Have your child listen to in-class reading the night before, and then read along again with the class the next day. Hearing material multiple times builds fluency, reinforces key concepts, and will allow your child to comprehend more of what they're reading."



Tip #5: Listen to audiobooks on a portable device so your kids can take them anywhere.

"I love that I can listen to my books on my iPhone. It used to be a little embarrassing having a huge CD player sitting out on my desk during class. People would ask why I had it, but nobody even notices when I have my iPhone out. Learning Ally audiobooks make me feel like a normal kid, and I can read all the same books as my friends." —

Skye Malik, 16, student



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Ask Anna: Advice for the Furry and Forlorn



Novelist Dean Koontz and his dog Anna share good advice and humor for the benefit of Canine Companions

Dog confidante and advisor, Anna Koontz, golden retriever and dog companion to #1 New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz debuts

her talent as advice columnist to her species in her seminal work [Ask Anna: Advice for the Furry and Forlorn](#). Anna helps all sorts of dogs with all sorts of problems, questions and, well, issues. With her superior intellect, sharp wit, a warm and fuzzy heart, Anna assists dogs in finding their inner canine. Some of her best advice: take time daily for ball-chasing and belly rubs – the keys (along with sausages) to true canine joy.

Learn about the problems that plague Anna's clients and be inspired by how she counsels them:

- A Dachshund who feels height-challenged when cavorting with her Great Dane and Wolfhound neighbors
- A Newfoundland wondering about his "blended" family: his sister is a Chihuahua
- The trouble with birds...
- Issues of self-esteem: Am I cute enough? Is my tongue too long?
- Coexistence with cats...that inferior species which some humans (mistakenly) prefer

And delight in Dean's just slightly skewed (or maybe not really) perspective on the importance of dogs throughout history. Without their help and advice, we humans would be in even worse trouble than we are today. They're heaven-sent (what is dog spelled backwards ?!)

Special offer – Contact our Southwest Region to reserve an autographed copy of *Ask Anna*! \$25 per book including tax, shipping and handling. Call (760) 901-4300 with your credit card ready. Offer valid **Wednesday, October 8th, 9am-4pm Pacific Time only**. Please allow 4-6 weeks for shipping and handling. Maximum two books per address.

In the Southern California area this weekend? Join us for a special book-signing engagement with Dean Koontz at our Southwest Training Center Saturday, October 11.

Learn more =

http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.5493107/k.72A1D/ean_Koontz_Book_Signing.htm?msource=xhq14koontz

Welcome to Step Out in Turner Field!



Join us on Saturday
 November 8th at
 Turner Field to
 Stop Diabetes!

We Step Out to do our part to Stop Diabetes! Participants are changing the future and making a positive impact in the lives of those who are affected by diabetes.

Step Out participants are committed to walk and raise money in this inspirational event not because 26 million people in the United States have diabetes, but because they walk among us in our lives and at the event.

Once you register, you'll be given your very own web page and will have access to lots of tools to help you fundraise your Step Out Center. You'll be able to customize the page with your reason for walking, send emails to ask others to join you or donate, and even download Facebook and smart phone apps. And of course, your Step Out Specialists (ADA staff) will be here to help all along the way!

11/8/2014 *Step Out With Us!*
 755 Hank Aaron Dr SE Atlanta, GA 30315
Need more info?
 Your Event Coordinator: Tiffany Kirkland
 Email: tkirkland@diabetes.org
 Phone: 404.320.7100 ext 3096
 Please mail checks to our local office:
 American Diabetes Association
 ATTN: Step Out
 233 Peachtree Road NE
 Suite 2225
 Atlanta, GA 30303

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is the ADA's signature fundraising walk. The event has been taking place for more than 20 years and has raised more than \$175,000,000 to Stop Diabetes! Walk day is a huge celebration of the fundraising efforts YOU put into this event. Step Out is filled with music, food, kid's activities, local entertainment and most importantly, the company of hundreds of people who truly understand the impact of diabetes.

Check in: 8:00 a.m. Walk start time: 10:00 a.m.
 Join us as we finish the walk on the baseball field!

Legal Advocacy Update

New Childcare Position Statement

In September, the American Diabetes Association published

a new position statement on [Care of Young Children with Diabetes in the Child Care Setting](#). The statement primarily focuses on type 1 diabetes and covers the legal protections for young children with diabetes. To safely care for them, childcare providers need:



- Appropriate training
- Access to resources
- A system of communication between themselves, parents/guardians, and the child's diabetes provider

The Association has a [wealth of information](#) and materials available to help you get care for your child.

Parents or guardians, if you're having difficulty with care, or have an issue with a childcare provider, share this statement with your childcare provider. You can also call 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383) for more information and to speak with one of our Legal Advocates.

Diabetes and School Attendance

Students with diabetes may miss more days of school than students without. Here's a new fact sheet that provides information on the accommodations students with diabetes have under federal law and tips on how to plan and communicate with school staff.

Welcome to Austin's Step Out Page

I WALK BECAUSE...



My name is Austin. I was diagnosed with Diabetes (type 1) during the summer of 2009. This year I am walking in the Step Out walk with my family and friends as an

opportunity to change the future and make a positive impact in the lives of those who are affected by diabetes. I am committed to walk and raise money in this inspirational event because 26 million people in the United States have diabetes, because I personally know some of them, and I want to do something about it.

I invite you to join me in my quest to prevent and cure diabetes once and for all. Chances are, you also know someone who has been affected by diabetes and you already know how important it is to stop this disease. By making a donation on my behalf, you will be helping the Association provide community-based education programs, protect the rights of people with diabetes and fund critical research for a cure.

With your help, we will fight for a future where my family and I don't have to deal with low blood sugars that make me lose consciousness or be hospitalized. A future where I can know that I won't lose my eyesight or a limb due to poorly regulated blood sugars. A future knowing I will be there for my kids.

To help support my efforts, please click on the Donate button above.

I truly appreciate your support. Together we can Stop Diabetes!



What does it mean to be a part of Leo club?

Not only does 'LEO' stand for Leadership Experience Opportunity, but its members also represent 'LEO.'

Dear Lion Thomas Davis:
Congratulations on the formation and sponsorship of the Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School Leo Club! Thanks to the concern and commitment of Lions throughout the world, Leo clubs have provided young people the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and experience the rewards of community service for over 50 years. Because of this opportunity, both the Leos and the people they serve will benefit.

As the Leo club advisor, you should have already received a shipment with a kit that contains detailed information to assist your new Leo club officers, a second kit that includes information for your Lions club concerning its responsibilities as a Leo club sponsor, and Leo lapel pins for all charter members of your new Leo club.

With warm regards,
Emily Burnett
Youth Programs Department



WAYS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN & YOUTH TO HAVE A LOVE FOR LEARNING

9. PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH FREE TIME:

Children need plenty of free time to discover and explore. Don't jam pack schedules with tasks and activities. Give children time for free play, day dreaming, and roaming around in the back yard.

10. START SOONER, RATHER THAN

LATER: Fostering independence in children is very important for their brain development and how they feel about learning. Sometimes, activities seem too difficult for children only because they have encountered them before. Let children do things you know they can accomplish makes them feel more in control of their world, which in turn inspires them toward bigger and better exploits.



Athlete of the Month: Joey Franken

September's Athlete of the Month is Joey Franken with Forsyth County Special Olympics.

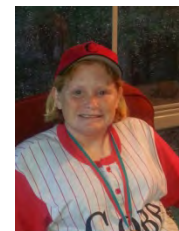
In addition to being a great athlete while playing softball and basketball among many other sports, Joey demonstrated his love for Special Olympics by fundraising for the Over the Edge fundraiser. That meant also rappelling 20 stories in support of all his fellow athletes! We're looking forward to seeing Joey and his Forsyth team play softball at State Fall Games.



Congrats, Joey!

Equestrian Athlete Plays Softball at State Fall Games in Gainesville; While Some Compete at the State Horse Show Next Month

Cobb County Athlete Beth Bridgers will switch from holding a horse's bridle at the State Horse Show to swinging a bat at State Fall Games this year; which are both being held in Gainesville October 10th-12th.



"I'm excited," Beth said. "I get a hit in about every inning. The coach didn't know I hit that well!" Beth said and laughed. Not everyone knows she already has a history with softball as a youngster.

Soon, however, she will once again prepare to return to showing horses after Fall Games.

At Fall Games, Beth will join an anticipated 1,500 athletes and unified partners from across the state as they compete in bocce, cycling, golf and softball with competition being at North Hall Park, Laurel Park and Chicopee Woods Golf Course. The State Horse Show also being held that weekend will be at Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center. That weekend, both State Games will feature an Opening Ceremony Friday night with competition continuing Saturday and Sunday morning. Athletes will also receive health screenings Saturday at both events.



Thank you to the following sponsors of State Fall Games: Appalachian Tech Services, Belk, Bennett Thrasher Foundation, Woodward Management, Knights of Columbus-Georgia Chapter, Northeast Georgia Inc., Teradata, Lakeshore Mall, Franca Orefice, North Georgia EMC, Controlled Products, Allied World Assurance, Mar-Jac Poultry, Jaemor Farms, and Shaw Industries.

Thank you to the following sponsors of the State Horse Show: Hall County Farm Bureau, Allied World Assurance, Georgia Farm Bureau, The Pritchett Family, and the Georgia Quarter Horse Association.

**Georgia Gives Back Day
November 13th**

Special Olympics Georgia aims to raise as much money as possible in 24 hours through Georgia Gives Day: November 13th. Georgia Gives is a statewide initiative that focuses the attention of the public on the work and worth of nonprofits. [Click here](#) for more information.





Where in the World

International President

Joseph Prestor



Fight Hunger in Your Community



Hunger affects rural, urban and suburban areas of every nation and every community. Your club can help those who don't have enough to eat by participating in the [Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign](#) during December and January, or at any time throughout the year. Projects include volunteering at a local food bank, delivering food baskets to people in need or sponsoring a food drive for a local pantry. Get started now! [Find a food bank at the Global FoodBanking Network](#). Be sure to report your project on [MyLCI](#) to qualify for the [Centennial Service Challenge](#), and help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by 2017.

Achieve Club Excellence with CEP



The Club Excellence Process is a fun, interactive workshop that brings members together and helps strengthen service, improve club effectiveness and enhance your membership experience. In

order to make it easier for your club to participate, [we offer two versions of CEP](#). Your club can choose between CEP Pro, in which a trained Lion facilitator guides members through the workshop, and CEP Lite, with a member of your own club leading the workshop. Help your club achieve excellence and [register today!](#)

Get Involved in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest

Show your pride and commitment to preserving the environment by taking part in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest. Categories include Animal Life, Plant Life, Landscapes and Weather. Clubs are encouraged to hold a local Photo Contest and submit the Best of Show photo to their district office. Lions Districts must send their winning photo to their Multiple Districts by January 15, 2015. Winners in each category are chosen at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Learn more about the [annual Environmental Photo Contest](#) and [how Lions club members can enter](#).

Celebrate International Leo Day in December



On December 5, we celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to commemorate the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957 and applaud Leos for their dedicated service in their communities. If your Lions club isn't involved in the Leo Club Program, [consider sponsoring an Alpha Leo club today!](#) Leo clubs offer young people an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills and gain experience as project organizers and motivators. Join Leos and fellow Lions around the world as they celebrate International Leo Day next month.

2015 International Convention in Hawaii

Aloha Lions! The [98th Lions Clubs International Convention](#) is in the

beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26-30, 2015.



Over 100 beaches surround Honolulu – more than any other city on the earth. Don't delay; [register today for the convention](#) to receive the \$110 early registration fee. You can also [book your hotel room with LCI](#) and stay with your delegation.

We look forward to seeing you in Honolulu. Mahalo!



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions trained a dog guide to assist a woman with epilepsy.

CONTESTS

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Submit Best of Show photo to your District Office. Due 15 January

HIGHLIGHTS

[Ask One](#)

Get the tools to invite new members!

[Lions Blog](#)

Stay up-to-date on Lions programs and stories from around the world.

EVENTS

[World Diabetes Day](#)

Celebrated worldwide on 14 November.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Editor's Note



Fellow Lions,

LionNet is a voluntary cooperation network of Internet services of the [Lions Clubs International](#). A great number of Lions clubs, districts and multi-districts have opened their own services on the Internet using World Wide Web.

Without proper coordination and cooperation these would be just isolated islands on the Internet. LionNet is a voluntary network of these web services, bringing cross-linking, structure and hierarchy to the Lions net.

The goals of LionNet:

- to create a well cross-linked network of Lions services throughout the world
- to save work and coordinate efforts of Lions webmasters through cooperation
- to create a well-defined structure to the Lions net, which helps users to navigate in it
- to create bridges between Lions members in different countries, to promote contacts, discussions and cooperation between clubs, districts and Lions countries
- to create a truly international, yet manageable infrastructure to the Lions Internet services

The LionNet structure is comprised of "nodes" beginning at the national level and branching out to the state or provincial area. The national nodes list and link to the state/provincial nodes for that country. The state/provincial nodes link to local and district Lions web pages. Nodes are managed by NodeMasters who are encouraged to add their own creativity and local flavor to their pages.

The LionNet NodeMasters also maintain active contact with local Lions district officers and promote the use of the Internet as a tool for Lionism by giving lectures, writing articles in local Lions magazines and visiting club and district meetings. All LionNet node masters keep frequent contact with each other with the help of electronic mail.

The slogan of the LionNet is *"On the Net We Serve"*.

Two of the 6 Administrators

David Skillin

Joined LionNet: January 2008
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Webmaster, [Brandon Lions Club](#), Florida, USA
LionWAP/e-Clubhouse Administrator

Dan Uitti

Joined LionNet: April 1998
Email dan@lionnet.com
PDG, Node master [LionNet Connecticut](#)
Administrator for USA



Computer Geeks

Fellow Lions:

Get with the Computer Science Teacher in your local High School. Ask them to point out 2 (two) computer geeks who might want extra credit for community service. As you know – some students need community service to help when they apply for college.

Offer these students to come to each of your meetings and make sure you feed them. In return, ask them to keep you Facebook or LionNet info UP TO DATE. They also can put things on the following =



Besides mentoring these students they might also be mentoring you. They have many ideas – all you have to do is LISTEN.

Now how many of you will take the challenge and get some geeks to HELP YOU?

Is your Facebook page UP TO DATE?

Athens Campus	Chinese-American
Clarkesville	Clermont North Hall
Comer	Covington
Dacula	Evans
Forsyth County	Grovetown
Lawrenceville	Loganville Legacy
Monroe	Snellville
Social Circle	Toccoa
Towns County	West Jackson
White County	Winder Noon

Is your LionsNet site up to date? If not – get with the Administrator noted.

Athens	Buford	Clermont North Hall	Covington	Dahlonega	Dawsonville
Forsyth County	Grovetown	Lavonia	Lawrenceville	Loganville	Madison
North Decatur	Oconee	Oxford	Snellville	Toccoa	Towns County
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Show your club's presence in your community with Lions Highway Signs and let the community know where and when to find you with lettered panels, available in various sizes!

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US \$34.70 (D93B)

8" x 24", Double-Faced, Reflective, 3 Lines
US \$56.10 (D94A)

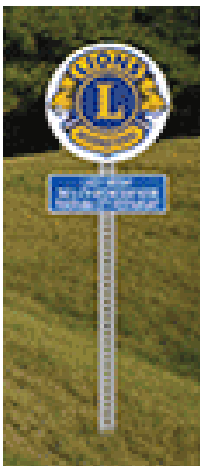
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A Great Fund Raiser...

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Here's what your fellow Lions have to say:

"Broom and Mop Sales have been a mainstay of our Lions fund raising activities for over 50 years. They are a useful product used by every household and many businesses. Many of our customers wait all year for our annual Broom and Mop Sale to make their broom and mop purchases. To these loyal customers, Lions Clubs Brooms and Mops have become the symbol of a quality product sold to support a worthy community project."

Lion Bob Watson
District 18E
Columbus, Georgia

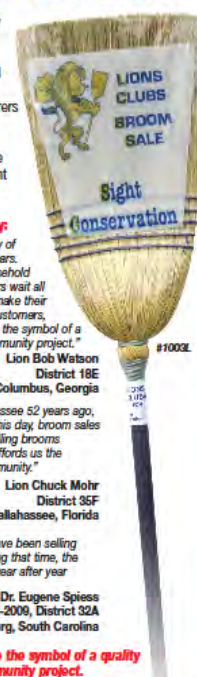
"When I was initiated into the Lions of Tallahassee 52 years ago, broom sales were our major fund raiser. To this day, broom sales still remain one of our major fund raisers. Selling brooms produces many dollars for our projects and affords us the opportunity to be seen and heard in the community."

Lion Chuck Mohr
District 35F
Tallahassee, Florida

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

Dr. Eugene Spiess
DC 2008-2009, District 32A
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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CLUB REPORTS



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

Athens Lions Club =

ATHENS LIONS CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY:

Lions and Leos-please join us as we celebrate 90 years of service!

Athens Lions Club 90th Anniversary celebration
Saturday, January 24, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Athens
Dress: Semi-formal Cost: \$25.00/person
Guest speaker: TBD

RSVP by 1/10/15 to club President Richard Cronic
1951 Broad Street, Athens , GA 30666-1711
706 614-1158

Athens Classic City Lions Club = Appointed Brenda Smith as liaison to Lighthouse. Three members served 95 meals to homeless at Our Daily Bread (outreach ministry. 14 volunteer hours. Tom Davis reported on the new LEO club at Monsinger Donovan private school that we are sponsoring. Club made \$100 donation to buy supplies. Guest speaker was Exec. Director of Extra Special People. Club voted to contribute \$300 to ESP. Inducted Mr. Ira Leonard III as new member. Audit committee was appointed and will report at next meeting. Received report from Jerry Davis on progress of the Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 25. We will offer a \$1.00 discount on ticket to anyone attending Hall of Fame Banquet and will deliver to site in Watkinsville. Annual budget will be established at next meeting.

Chinese American Leo Club 10/4/14 - LEO's volunteered at the Taste of Chamblee to help with anything from selling food and drinks to tickets and pumpkins! In addition, we spread awareness about the 2N2 safe driving program from State Farm to help avoid reckless driving in the community. 9/13/14 - LEO hosts a leadership workshop with speakers from representatives from the Police Department to leaders in the business world. We learned many different lessons from how to wisely manage our futures to the importance of avoiding reckless driving.



Clayton Lions Club =



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = North Hall Lions Club had its bi-annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on October 11th, it was a lot of fun with the community and fellow lions coming out to supporting the project and we appreciate the support. We are at the end of the football season and the parking projects at the Gainesville High Football Games has been a very good project, so far. We will donate some of the money to the Gainesville Park and Rec Youth Program. The Clermont Days Festival was a Great Day had a lot of work to do but was fun for the whole family, the North Hall Lions Club Cupcake Challenge 1K and 5K was a huge success. Next event that the Lions usually participate is the Christmas Parade in Clermont, Nov. 29th free popcorn, balloons look for more details later. On November 11 the group Stewards of the Mountain, will be putting on a program "IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ELDERS". Come and hear the stories of Native Americans elders, to learn their wisdom, knowledge of tribal history and their living close relationship with the earth. Clermont Chattahoochee Center 639 Main St. Clermont at 7:00pm.



Conyers Lions Club = October 4: At the Home Depot Kids Workshop, Lions Lynn Magnuson, Thomas Linek and Dan Estep assisted 154 kids in building an EMS truck. At the Monastery of the Holy Spirit Annual Fall Festival and Health Fair, Lions Lynn Magnuson, Nancy Morton-Linek, Charles Walton, Scott Michael, Dan Estep and Thomas Linek conducted 151 vision screenings—double last year’s screening. Screening equipment was loaned to the Conyers Lions Club by the Monroe Lions Club and the Bridgewater Family Practice (Dr. Mike Manning.) The Monastery Health Fair is a great venue for providing free health screenings to our local community. Conyers Lions Club looks forward to an even larger health fair next year. **Oct 6:** At the Clubs first meeting of the month, guest speaker Susan Morgan, Rockdale County Senior Service Division Manager, spoke about the services provided to the communities seniors, senior center membership, daily Meals on Wheels, respite services, and a new program for grandparents raising grandchildren. The meeting was attended by 17 Lions and 2 guests. **Oct 10 and 24:** 9 Lions participated in 2 Road Blocks to collect donations for the Clubs charities. The Club collected over \$1000 on Oct 10 and \$1400 on Oct 24 in donations for LCIF, Leader Dog, Camp for the Blind, GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation and Reading Ally charities. **Oct 11:** Lion Mary Michael participated in Rockdale County’s *Rivers Alive!*, Georgia’s Annual Waterway Cleanup program. *Rivers Alive!* is a great program for clubs needing to participate in an environmental program. Keeping the state’s waterways and storm drains clean benefits all Georgians. Go to the *Rivers Alive!* website for more information on how your club can help. **Oct 15:** Lions Rob Kelley and Nancy Morton-Linek assisted a Rockdale County resident needing assistance for a vision exam, eyeglasses and possible surgery. Lion Nancy Morton-Linek visited the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta—Barksdale Club and presented information about the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest to 19 students eligible to participate. Posters will be judged from October 31 to November 3. The winners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, will be announced on November 7, at the Boys and Girls Club. The first place winner will compete at the District level. **Oct 20:** The second club meeting of the month was attended by 14 lions and 2 guests for the District Governor’s official visit. PDG Ben Poole introduced DG Vicki Hubbard where she provided an informative “State of the District” address. In addition,, she presented 9 Ways to support IP Preston’s “Strengthen the Pride” program. After the presentation, DG Vicki met with members of the board of directors to discuss programs and concerns for “growing and strengthening the Conyers pride”—A great address and discussion, DG Vicki! **Oct 25:** At Conyers Annual Old Town Fall Festival, 14 Lions participated in one of the Club’s annual fundraisers, operating a booth selling cotton candy and popcorn. Lions Mary Michael and Marvin Armistead were inducted in District 18-I Hall of Fame for their distinguished service to our community and LCI. **Oct 28:** 5 Lions volunteered at the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation where 4 Lions washed and sorted over 400 pairs of eyeglasses and 1 Lion read and labeled 80 pairs of eyeglass prescriptions. **October:** Lions participated in the following community programs: 22 Meals on wheels delivered; 30 hours volunteered at the PAR Garden; 60 lbs. of canned goods and 150 lbs. of fresh produce delivered to Rockdale Emergency Relief; over 1200 lbs. of aluminum cans and scrap metal recycled; and 33 pairs of eyeglasses donated to Lighthouse. **We Remember:** It is with a heavy heart to announce the passing of Lion Dan Estep on October 30. Lion Dan was very active in the club for over 13 years. He was currently the Membership chairman and the 3rd Vice President. Keep the family in your prayers. **Club’s Service Activities:** 16 service activities reported. Share the Vision-15 Lions, 49 hours, 275 served; Engage our Youth-4 Lions, 13 hours, 173 served; Relieve the Hunger-5 Lions, 39 hours, 232 served; and Protect the Environment-2 Lions, 6 hours, 129 served. Conyers Club 2014-2015 Total: 52 activities; 628 Lions hours; \$3334 raised; \$130 donated; and 3386 served.



• **Covington Lions Club =**

- Christmas Parade – December 6, 2014 beginning at 10 am
- Twilights at Chimney Park – December 7, 2014 from 5-7:30 pm
- We will have club members helping with the annual Covington Police Fuzz Run on September 13, and with Change the World Day on October 25
- Our program for the first meeting of the month was Arvo Bowen, who is retired from the police and federal services and currently teaches firearms safety. He presented an interesting program where his main point was to keep ourselves safe if there was ever a confrontation, and the best way to do this is to get away safely. He discussed current gun laws and stressed ways that each of us can lessen our chances of being a victim.
- Our second meeting of the month included Mike McInnis as our guest. He is a retired Secret Service agent and gave us a history of the secret service and told us several interesting experiences he had during his tenure with that organization.
- Several of our members were able to help with the annual Taste of Chamblee event and reported that as usual they had a wonderful time for a great cause.
- We have 5 new members so far this year to continue our membership drive and hope to welcome more.
- We participated in two separate eye screening events, the first at the Newton Medical Center Auxiliary's Bill Taylor golf tournament, and the second at Covington First United Methodist Church's Change the World day. Between the two events we did over 30 vision screenings.
- We had a number of members attend the 2nd District Cabinet meeting and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.
- Our generous Lions collected approximately 25 pounds of candy and donated it to the local law enforcement Scare on the Square event. Several Lions also attended the event to help hand out candy to the trick or treaters.
- We are excited about the upcoming events we will be involved in -
 - New Lion orientation – November 1, 2014, beginning at 10 am – open to all members of District I. Cohosted by the Covington and Lawrenceville Lions clubs.
 - Christmas Parade – December 6, 2014 beginning at 10 am
 - Twilights at Chimney Park – December 7, 2014 from 5-7:30 pm
 - Our club's Christmas party and meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11
- Once again our Covington Lions had almost 1000 hours of volunteer work in and around our community.



Dawsonville Lions Club = The Dawsonville Lions Club aided the Humane Society with their first annual Pups in the Park dog show fundraiser. DG Vickie Hubbard came all the way from Social Circle, GA to speak to us. Strengthen the pride: Because we are a family of Lions. Through service. The international goal is to serve 100 million people by 2017. Through membership. Have each club member ask one potential member. By partnering with other clubs, such as Rotary and Civitan. With creativity. Use your e-club website. With great leadership. By giving. The Melvin Jones Fellows support LCIF. By taking the service challenge. By thinking outside of the box. What is your Mark going to be? Lion Margaret gave DG Vicki a donation from the club to the Georgia Camp for the Blind. Lion Don Cargill lead the board and regular meetings. We discussed the upcoming Moonshine festival, the Golf Tournament results and the Hall of Fame day.



Decatur Lions Club = Collected 189 pair of used eye glasses. Purchased and delivered the following to the Methodist Children's Home: 20 pints strawberries, ½ bushel of yellow squash, ½ bushel zucchini squash, ½ bushel cucumbers, ½ bushel of tomatoes = Total cost \$45.00. President PDG Ken Massingale and Secretary Genie Massingale attended the 2nd Cabinet Meeting and the Hall of Fame Luncheon for District 18-I in Watkinsville, Georgia. The October meeting is our annual Halloween Social.

Eatonton Lions Club = The Lions Club of Eatonton held an Eye Screening at Putnam County Primary School on October 9th. Some 225 Second Grade Students were screened. Those Lions participating in the event were: June McLeroy, Club President; Shirley Brock, Club Treasurer; Linda Selby, Club Secretary; and Judy Lawrence, the Club's newest Lion member. One is our Eye Screening, which we conducted on October 9th. The Lions Club of Eatonton hosted a booth during the Briar Patch Festival in downtown Eatonton on October 25, 2014. Members cooked and sold Tater Twirls, popcorn and homemade cakes, cookies and other treats. In addition, Brooms and Mops were available for sale. Ten Club Members were on hand to work the booth. Funds raised will be used for sight conservation projects in the county.



Evans Lions Club = It's that time of year again to start thinking about all the children here in the CSRA that are less fortunate than others. We are collecting toys for Toys for Tots, we are stuffing stockings for The Salvation Army of Augusta and will be ringing the bell for the Kettle drive on Saturday December 13th at the Kroger in Evans. If you would like to donate to any of these great holiday causes, just send us a message and we greatly appreciate your support. If you would like to be a drop off spot for Toys for Tots, please contact me and we will get the box to your location. Happy Holidays...they are right around the corner!!



Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club = 7 Oct14 - Today we celebrate our mark on history! We became a chartered Lions club today! Thanks to [Lions Clubs International](#), our District 18-I, and our District Governor Vicki Hubbard, Lion Grace Clower, Lion Pete Stamsen, Lion Jerhvon Pearman, Dr. Fatzinger, and all the GGC Campus Lion Club members. We are excited to receive this charter, and now we are moving forward rapidly. This weekend we are planning to participate in the Rockn' Rib Fest that will be in Lawrenceville, Ga. If you would like to find out information on this please send us a message.

Rockn' Rib Fest 2014 Today the GGC Campus Lions Club joined with GGC Student Involvement, The Lawrenceville Lions Club, and other volunteers of the City of Lawrenceville to celebrate Rockn' Rib Fest, and to see the ribbon cutting of the new park located in the Lawrenceville Square. We thank everyone that participated. We had nine members present! We want to thank our advisor, Dr. Jim Fatzinger for taking out time to be with us. Special thanks to the Lawrenceville Lions Club (Mr. Pete Stamsen & his wife). Then, to our campus volunteer coordinator Allen Clarke and our president Jerhvon Pearman. Thanks to all the officers present! Our first community activity! More to come!



Hartwell Lions Club = Hi, The Hartwell Lions inducted two New members, left to right Vice district governor Anne Mundy, New members Martha Rucker, Richard Sanders and president Margaret Ann McCormick. Lion Frank Spenger received his "45 years" service award pin from vice district governor, Anne Mundy. White cane days in Hartwell with lions Fred and Frank - Collected donations for White Cane 2014. Hosted by Wal-Mart! Hartwell Vice President, lion Sandra Spenger, visits in Royston the lions pancake breakfast.



Jefferson Lions Club = Lions Bill Legg and Jerry Legg visited the Commerce Lions Club at their Regular Meeting on October 20, 2014. They enjoyed fellowship with neighboring Lions. The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was held on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Jefferson Lions Club with 17 members and 6 guests attending. Four of our guests were new member prospects from the list of contacts that were given to our Membership Committee. Our Membership Committee had sent letters and pamphlets and made calls seeking new members. Lion Teddie Lohmier presented the posters that she had received from participants in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. The Club members voted on the poster that they felt most represented the theme. The winners will attend our November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting to accept the local Club awards. The winning poster was to be sent to the District Governor to be judged on the District level. Lion Ken Brand who is in charge of our Club's Eye Glass Program was our program speaker. He passed our graphs showing the number of eyeglasses that had been purchased and the age groups for which they were purchased and the areas that were served since 2008-09. A total of 267 eyeglasses have been purchased since that time. Although all the county is covered most of the glasses were purchased for the Jefferson area. The youngest person served was 18 months old and the oldest was 91. Counselor in area schools are notified of our eyeglass program so they can identify children that might need our services. Each person must personally go to the Jackson County Department of Family and Children's Services and fill out an application. The application will show if they meet the qualifications. Persons approved can receive eye exams and eyeglasses every two years. Through a discount agreement with Lens Crafters and Renewed Vision our Club has been able to provide eyeglasses for more individuals. The Board of Directors of the Jefferson Lions Club met on October 13, 2014 with 11 members attending. Those attending were Lions Gay Bradley, Edna Briggs, Dot Hunt, Buddy Hunt, Greg Broussard, Sandra Friedlander, Bob Friedlander, Don Cole, Ronnie Moore, Ken Brand and Rita Gunter.

LaVista Lions Club = Our first meeting was held Oct.14th. Our speaker was Amanda Clark of the Georgia office for Protection of the Aging. She gave an interesting presentation on scams that are perpetuated on senior citizens. Thirteen members and their guest attended. The second meeting was October28th. Our speaker, Lion De De Marks of the Social Circle Lions, gave a talk on Diabetes Awareness. Our next meeting, Nov. 11th will be a Ladies Night and tribute to veterans. Our speakers will be two retired military veterans. We also plan a special presentation from highlighting military experiences from our veteran members. This will be our only meeting in November. Our Christmas party on December 9th will be our only December meeting. It has been an active month for our club:

- a. Lion Helen Troha worked ten hours at the Lions Camp for the Blind Craft and Car Show on Oct. 3rd and 4th.
- b. Lion Don Smith continues to be very active collecting eyeglasses for the Lighthouse.
- c. Lion Bob Deryck continues his outstanding work at our Partner in Education, Sagamore Hills Elementary. He contributed 22 hours tutoring 22 second graders. At our last meeting he proudly announced that all 22 students now meet and many had exceeded the standard for reading in the second grade. Lion Bob is also active on our behalf at Lakeside High School. We are now the sponsor for Lakeside National Honor Society. We began by contributing \$250 to the NHS and will fill other needs as they occur. We also plan to sell brooms and mops at selected Lakeside functions on a co-op basis.
- d. Our residential gardener, Lion Ray Curlee, harvested 46 pounds of sweet potatoes from our garden. They were given to a local food bank. He then replanted the garden with brussel sprouts, cabbage and collards. These too will be donated to the food bank when harvested.
- e. We participated in a yard sale at Valley Brook Baptist Church (our regular meeting place) on October 18th. From the sale of miscellaneous items we had collected and from the sale of a few brooms we netted just over \$200. Seven club members participated.
- f. Lion Ray Rowell continues to build wheelchair ramps for the disabled. He contributed 60 hours of his time in this endeavor in September and October.

"Congratulations to Lion Howard Jones for his selection for Dist 18-I's Hall of Fame. Six club members were at the Cabinet Meeting in Watkinsville on October 25th for his induction." On Halloween, Oct. 31st we will again treat residents of the Christian Towers Retirement Home, in Decatur to a lunch of hot dogs. We'll feed about 75 people. We expect a dozen club and family members to participate. We'll have more information on the luncheon in next month's report. Our pecan sales will begin in about two weeks.

Pecans = Prices are set at: Shelled Halves - \$8.00/12 oz. bag, Mild Chocolate Covered AND Roasted and Salted - \$8.25/12 oz. bag. Now is the time for every member to take orders so that the club will once again sell every pecan.

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = 10/18: 13 llc members donated 62 service hours in support of Loganville, GA. Annual Heritage Festival. members sold lions clubs brooms, pre-booked holiday pecan orders and conducted vision screenings for festival attendees. 10/25; 13 llc members donated 30 service hours managing annual Trick-or-Treat Main-street - 17th annual city event where 46 merchants/other organizations distribute candy to youngster from around LOGANVILL along with mascots from Chick-fil-A state farm insurance, Publix super markets and other costumed characters...theme music was also provided by our 'in-house" deejay Lion John Morgan GOOD PLANNING - OUR CANDY SUPPLY ENDED JUST AS THE CROWDS STOPPED. llc gave 80 sets of eyeglasses and lenses at cabinet meeting to Lion Grace Clower collected by two club members. Congratulations to Darryl Risser, Hall of Fame recipient! Also, a huge shout out to those who were able to come out, support, and help at the Heritage Festival & Trick or Treat on Mainstreet.

ONLY REMAINING ACTIVITY THIS YEAR IS DINNER MEETING/BOARD MEETING TONIGHT AND LUNCH MEETING THIS FRIDAY - DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILL BE THERE. - VIP ' ALL THAT CAN, PLEASE ATTEND. THIS SATURDAY IS HERITAGE FESTIVAL - NEXT SATURDAY AM IS CABINET MEETING/HALL OF FAME IN WATKINSVILLE AND TRICK-OR-TREAT MAINSTREET IN THE AFTERNOON 4:00 - 6:00. - 11/11 - VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT CITY HALL @ 11:00., CHRISTMAS PARADE 12/6, AND HOLIDAY DINNER 12/12 AT CORINTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON-GOING BETWEEN NOW AND THEN ARE BROOM AND PECAN SALES.....BOARD/DINNER MEETING 11/11 AND LUNCH MEETING 11/14.



Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had 3 members attend our 2 Cabinet Meeting/Hall of Fame luncheon. Our District Governor Vicki Hubbard made her official visit to our club meeting. GLT Pete Stamsen gave a report on the progress of the Campus Club at Georgia Gwinnett College with a possibility of 30 students becoming members. We had 8 members of the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club visit both of our October meetings. We collect 98 pair of used eyeglasses and 68 lenses. We have our Annual Pecan Sales in progress as a fundraiser. We had a successful raffle for \$250.00 worth of meat from Wilkes Meat Market. We provided 4 eye exams and 4 pair of eyeglasses. We donated \$300 for scholarships to Central Gwinnet Cluster Schools. We participated in our community's Fourth Annual Public Safety Festival at Cool Ray Field. We donated \$100 to Special Needs School.

Madison Lions Club = Gave food to the Caring Place in Madison. Helped with Chili Cook-off.

Monroe Lions Club = A big thank you to the 8th Grade art students at Youth Middle School for submitting artwork for the 2015. Donations will be made to the top winners and the art class. It will be hard making a decision, everyone done an outstanding job. — at [Youth Middle School](#). We also participated in the Constitution Day.



Norcross Lions Club = Lion Sandy Luster is singing to senior citizens in Alzheimer's unit. Lion Sandy Luster is collecting and delivering clothing items to "Our House" - a day care center for children who are homeless. PDG Ed Hashbarger and Secretary Lion Trudy Rudert attended District 18-I 2nd Cabinet meeting and Hall of Fame Luncheon. Lion Trudy passed out flyers about Youth Exchange. Lion Trudy Rudert trained Girl Scout adults so they could take their troops camping. Lion Trudy Rudert and the Garden Club of Kittredge Magnet School took care of the gardens at the school including planting fall perennials, cleaning and filling the bird bath, feeding the birds and small animals on the property, making a brush pile for animal habitat, and adding a new pump to the pond. Lion Sandy Luster spent time painting Sunday School classroom for children. The Norcross Lions Club sells hot dogs, chili dogs, sauerkraut dogs, chips, water, soft drinks, and snow cones for 2 days at the Norcross Art Fest. We set up the booth on Friday afternoon. In addition to recognizing 2 Students of the Month, the Norcross Lions Club heard results of Art Fest food booth, moved to recognize a Norcross Police officer if approved by the Norcross Chief of Police, read thank you notes from Kittredge Magnet School fifth graders for the Constitution booklets they received in September, heard that peace poster information had been given out to 6th grade students at Kittredge Magnet School, noted events on the calendar, and recognized PDG Ed Hashbarger with a LCI 2013-14 Membership Excellence pin. Following 3 days of math activities using pumpkins, the pumpkins which were not taken home were added to the composting vegetation at Kittredge Magnet School. When donated plants were offered to replace the dead pond plants, PDG John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert travelled to pick up the plants and bring them to the school. Article in Inside Gwinnett: "The Norcross Lions Club donates proceeds each year from the Event to local and national charities in need. They are a great group of folks!" The Norcross Lions Club honored 2 Norcross High School Students of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. Both girls and their parents and sister enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members. In addition, one of the girls invited her boyfriend. The Norcross Lions Club was asked to cook hot dogs provided by the Norcross Arts Council for refreshments following the Norcross Halloween Parade. Lion Trudy Rudert met 3 times with the girls in her troop and attended the Service Unit meeting on their behalf.

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

Oglethorpe Lions Club = Assisted the faculty at the local primary school in an activity day for the children. Gave out fliers regarding safety and community information. Help lead small children around through the different tables.

Social Circle Lions Club = The Social Circle Lions **Club** was at work this month with service activities. The leading service activities this month were food distribution conducted by Lion Larry Knox and community **volunteering** by Lion Sue Ellis. Our faithful Lion Paul Best collected 28 pairs of glasses and donated them to the GA Lions Lighthouse. The club is planning for our annual Secret Santa Program and Empty Stocking Fund Program. Our lions were well represented at the October cabinet meeting held in Watkinsville and look forward to attending the March cabinet meeting.

Toccoa Lions Club = OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Seven fearless Toccoa Lions braved heavy rain & tornado warnings to meet at 7 am October 14th, 2014 at Dr. Kay Royal's office and called to order by President Bill Graham at 7:00 A.M. President Bill Graham opened the meeting with prayer. Bill mentioned that the minutes of the last meeting were previously posted on Facebook. Kay motioned that the minutes be approved as presented and it was seconded by Margo. The members present approved the motion.

Bryan reported as club secretary that we have 47 members currently. We have 25 members in the noon club, 19 members in the evening club and 3 members at large. We have an application for membership and an initiation check from Kelly Touchton sponsored by Linda Scofield. The board voted to approve the application. This brings the club back to 48 members. Then Bryan mentioned that three members are in serious arrearage on their dues. The board asked Bryan to write a letter to these members requesting that their accounts be brought up to date by the end of November or drop them from the club roster.

Bill Graham mentioned there has been a change in the provider of food at the Gate Cottage at TFC. The new vendor to the college has displaced Alisa Adams from the Gate Cottage. The cost of the meal will be \$9.50 a head with no minimum charge. The food service vendor offered to let the club use the President's Dining room in the student center and eat out of the main cafeteria for \$6.16 a meal. After much discussion the board decided it should be placed before the membership at large at the next luncheon meeting.

Bill suggested that we give Mary Ann Mojica some recognition for her outstanding eleven and a half years of service to the Lions club. He is thinking about a plaque or a certificate of recognition. Bryan had looked into a brick for Mary Ann at Leader Dogs for the Blind which costs \$250.00. Then Steve recommended that we give \$100.00 to the Toccoa-Stephens County Animal Shelter in Mary Ann's name. Michelle modified the motion to make it for the "Joey Fund" which provides vet care for abused animals. The motion was made by Steve and seconded by Michelle and approved by the board.

Bryan reported that calendar ad sales are all sold and the collected money stands at \$1,600.00 even. Bill mentioned that Drew and Margo will not be doing the administrative work on the 2016 calendar and the calendar committee needs to meet in January to revisit operations.

Dale Graham came to the meeting long enough to give a report on the results of the Lions Club yard sale on Saturday, October 11th. She reports that we collected \$523.00 from the sale of merchandise. We also sold \$35.00 worth of brooms at the yard sale.

Bill mentioned that next week is going to be a busy Lions week. We have the evening branch meeting Tuesday night the 21st. The luncheon meeting on Thursday the 23rd. Then the first meeting of the MEC Leo Club on the evening of Thursday the 23rd at the Mountain Education Charter High School. This Leo meeting will be an organizational meeting and an ice cream social. Then on Saturday the 25th the district cabinet meeting and Hall of Fame banquet will be in Watkinsville.

Bill mentioned that we need to train vision screeners to work at the Harvest Festival and at other events in the community. Vision screening training is going to be offered after the Tuesday evening meeting and the Thursday luncheon meeting next week.

Bryan reported that BJ's Restaurant is available on Thursday, December 11th in the evening for our Christmas party. Beverly is scouting for entertainment for the party. The board instructed Bryan to confirm the reservation for 40 people with BJ's. Bill mentioned that the Christmas parade is coming up on Saturday, December 6th and that the Festival of the Trees is that weekend. He suggested that we get the new Leo club to decorate the tree and let the Leo club collect the money from the project.

Under new business, Bill says we need to find some Lions or friends of the Lions to be our website master, to be our scrapbook keeper and a chair for the 2016 calendar committee. Bill also mentioned we may have some service opportunities doing vision screening in the schools in the future. Later in November we will be having the diabetes screening and vision screening at Wal-Mart.

Toccoa Lions Club = OFFICIAL MINUTES OF LUNCHEON CLUB MEETING

Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on October 9, 2014 by president, Bill Graham, at 12:00 P.M when he gonged the bell in the meeting room at the Gate Cottage at Toccoa Falls College. Bill greeted the gathered crowd and welcomed the guests. Bill then asked Lion chaplain Larry Earhart to ask for prayer requests. Lion Larry led the prayer. Then Lion Tamer James Black led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and led the signing of God Bless America. Then Bill invited our guest Larry Earhart to help him lead in the singing of “The Lions Are Here”. James then assigned the order of tables to attend the food buffet. He allowed people with an October birthday to go first. Today was Bryan the Lion’s birthday.

The pride chewed on their prey . . . food and weaved many tales at the various tables.

Lion Bill made some announcements about upcoming events as listed on the meeting agenda. He asked Bryan to talk about the 2015 calendar project. Then he asked Dale Graham to talk about the Lions yard sale on October 11th. Then Bill asked Steve Spruill to talk about the Harvest Festival. Steve passed around a signup sheet. We need volunteers to do vision screening. Vision screener training will be held after the Tuesday evening meeting on October 21st and after the Thursday luncheon on October 23rd.

The Toccoa Lions Club presented Diann Spruill & Lion Steve Spruill with Certificates of Appreciation for their outstanding community service. TLC President, Lion Bill Graham, noted that some people say that behind every successful man is a good woman. I am here to tell you that Diann does not need to stand behind anyone. Her community service is tremendous on its own. Lion Steve was also presented a “Mortar & Pestle” appreciation gift for his tireless work with the Open Arms Clinic and with the Sweet Spot Diabetes Awareness Program. Lion Steve has worked over eight years on both projects. Open Arms Clinic Director, Sherrie Beavers, has frequently noted, “We have many doctors that help us but only one pharmacist. That person is Lion Steve and he does an outstanding job”

Bill mentions that we have three Christmas projects or events coming up. The Christmas party on Thursday, December 11th. The Christmas tree decorating contest and the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 6th.

Henry Fields, our Tail Twister, was missing in action. Lion Bill made an attempt at Tail Twisting and when it failed just fined everybody a dollar. The tail twister collected \$23.35.

Lion Bill introduced our guest speaker, Lion Steve Spruill, a local pharmacist who needs no introduction. Steve’s topic is How to Recognize a Heart Attack. Steve had a heart attack last year and shared some firsthand experiences that he had. Lion Steve had a power point display showing how your heart vessels can be damaged by the build of plaque. Plaque can rupture and block the flow of blood causing heart damage. Heart damage cannot be repaired.

Most Common Symptoms = The most common warning symptoms of a heart attack for both men and women are:

- **Chest pain or discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center or left side of the chest. The discomfort usually lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back. It can feel like pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain. It also can feel like heartburn or indigestion. The feeling can be mild or severe.
- **Upper body discomfort.** You may feel pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, shoulders, neck, jaw, or upper part of the stomach (above the belly button).
- **Shortness of breath.** This may be your only symptom, or it may occur before or along with chest pain or discomfort. It can occur when you are resting or doing a little bit of physical activity.

Other Common Symptoms

Pay attention to these other possible symptoms of a heart attack:

- Breaking out in a cold sweat
- Feeling unusually tired for no reason, sometimes for days (especially if you are a woman)
- Nausea (feeling sick to the stomach) and vomiting
- Light-headedness or sudden dizziness
- Any sudden, new symptoms or a change in the pattern of symptoms you already have (for example, if your symptoms become stronger or last longer than usual)

Not everyone having a heart attack has typical symptoms. If you've already had a heart attack, your symptoms may not be the same for another one. However, some people may have a pattern of symptoms that recur.

The more signs and symptoms you have, the more likely it is that you're having a heart attack.

Quick Action Can Save Your Life: Call 9–1–1

The signs and symptoms of a heart attack can develop suddenly. However, they also can develop slowly—sometimes within hours, days, or weeks of a heart attack. Any time you think you might be having heart attack symptoms or a heart attack, don't ignore it or feel embarrassed to call for help. Call 9–1–1 for emergency medical care, even if you are not sure whether you're having a heart attack. Here's why:

- Acting fast can save your life.
- An ambulance is the best and safest way to get to the hospital. Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel can check how you are doing and start life-saving medicines and other treatments right away. People who arrive by ambulance often receive faster treatment at the hospital.
- The 9–1–1 operator or EMS technician can give you advice. You might be told to crush or chew an aspirin if you're not allergic, unless there is a medical reason for you not to take one. Aspirin taken during a heart attack can limit the damage to your heart and save your life.

Every minute matters. Never delay calling 9–1–1 to take aspirin or do anything else you think might help
Diann Spruill made sure that Lion Steve covered the special conditions or symptoms that women have.

Heart Attack Signs in Women

1. Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
2. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
3. Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
4. Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
5. As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is **chest pain** or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

If you have any of these signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help. Call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital right away.

Lions Steve said the major cause of heart disease is your genetics inherited from your parents. But you can change your life style to help prevent having a heart attack. You can start with changing your diet and making exercise a part of your daily life. Quit smoking. Lose weight especially central mass weight. Make healthy food choices but eating a heart healthy diet that includes fiber and fruit. Avoid saturated fats and trans fats in your diet.

Toccoa Lions Club October 23, 2014 Noon Meeting

The Toccoa Lions Club presented Mary Ann Mojica a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedicated and tireless community service for the citizens of Stephens County and for her service as a Toccoa Lion. A portion of the appreciation letter reads: "On behalf of Lions Clubs International and the Toccoa Lions Club we extend our utmost and sincere appreciation for the outstanding community service you have provided to our community and to the Toccoa Lions Club. You have committed your time, energy and talents to make our community a better place to live. And, in a large part, it is due to your efforts that the Toccoa Lions Club has been so successful during the last eleven years." Jeff Roberts, Director of the Stephens County Animal Shelter, also presented Mary Ann with a letter of appreciation from the Animal Shelter.



Toccoa Lions Club = OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE EVENING CLUB MEETING

Branch Club mtg Oct 21, 2014 - The Toccoa Evening Lions continue their tradition of meeting & serving. Topics such as the Harvest Festival, LEO Club Meeting, Christmas Parade and Christmas Party were discussed. Toccoa Lions Club President Bill presented three Certificates (posted separately). The Lions then separated into three groups. The Sight Conservation Committee processed ten applications for eye glasses. The Eye Glasses Collection Team sorted and counted over 200 items. Lion Dale held a training session on the Toccoa Lions Club Vision Screening Machine and trained two Lions. Three great service projects at one meeting. WOW!

Toccoa Lions Club President, Bill Graham, presented three Lions Certificate of Service Awards. Lion Margo Taylor received a Certificate for serving as Club Secretary for three years. Current Club Secretary, Bryan Gordon, states "only now do I truly understand what a great job Lion Margo did for the last three years. Lion Drew Taylor received a Certificate for serving as Club Calendar Chair for the last five years. Lions Margo & Drew are now serving on the Sight Conservation Committee, with Lion Margo serving as the Chair. Lion Dale Graham (wearing Lions Vest) received a Certificate for serving as the Lions Yard Sale Chair. Lion Dale started this project during her first three months as a Lion. This has been a very successful project bringing in some much needed funds for the club.



Toccoa Lion Bill Graham presents a check to fund the Sight for Students program to Teri Powers, Assistant Superintendent - Stephens County School System and Angel Terry, Stephens County Board of Education Accountant. The Sight for Students program provides eye exams and eye glasses for students who need eye glasses, have no insurance and cannot afford the eye glasses. Toccoa Lions participate in the 2014 Currahee Military Week-end.

Many of the Toccoa Lions participated in the 2014 Currahee Military Week-end. Some worked in the booths, some were in the parade and many more turned out to support the week-end. For some reason, most of the Lions were camera shy. We did get a picture of Toccoa Lion's newest member, Lion Kelly, painting youngsters faces in one of the booths and a picture of Lion Bill (2nd from left) with his fellow Marines just before the parade began.



Toccoa Lions & Maddox Drug Store presents "Sweet Spot" Diabetes Awareness Presentation

Steve Spruill, Toccoa Lion & owner of Maddox Drug Store, held the September diabetes awareness program at the Stephens County Senior Center. The presentation was excellent and applies to all people, not just those with diabetes. If you would like a copy of the slides, send an email to toccoalionsclub@gmail.com.



Toccoa Lions Club =

Toccoa Lions hold 2014 Yard Sale

The Toccoa Lions gathered in the parking lot of the Stephens County Eye Clinic on Saturday, October 11th for their annual yard sale. It was hard work but everyone had a great time. Fortunately, Lions Will & Bryan arrived early and set up several tents because the weather did not fully cooperate. Lions Dale, Will, Bryan, Jack B., Margo, Drew & Bill help set up the event. Potential new Lion Connie also worked the event. Lions Will, Margo & Bill had a double duty day in the afternoon. Lion Will conducted a funeral, Lion Margo worked a Friends of the Library event & Lion Bill worked Toys for Tots with his fellow Marines.



Toccoa Lions Club & Home Depot working together to help our community

Toccoa Lions Club President, Lion Bill Graham, visited Home Depot in Toccoa to thank Store Manager Jinni Wiggam for their help with two Toccoa Lions Club projects. Home Depot generously supplied tables for the recent Toccoa Lions Club Yard Sale. Home Depot has also put an used eye glasses collection box in their store. Lion Kelly Touchton was instrumental in getting both of these projects going. Home Depot Store Manager Dinni said, “we are always happy to help make our community a better place to live”.



Mountain Education Charter High School at Toccoa Starts LEO Club

The Mountain Education Charter High School at Toccoa held a LEO Club organizing meeting on October 23, 2014. The Toccoa Lions Club sponsored the MECHS LEO Club. LEO Clubs are designed to give youth an opportunity to learn leadership skills, provide personal growth and to provide community services. Delaney Jenkins was elected President.

Sherrie Whiten & Pam Gordon are school advisors. Lion GeorgAnn Meeks will be the Toccoa Lions Club Advisor.

Twenty Two students joined the LEO Club. There was a lot of enthusiasm at the initial meeting. Toccoa Lions Club President, Bill Graham, stated “This is a great thing for the students and for our community. The LEO’s will have a lot of fun, learn about leadership and they will get involved in making our community a better place to live”.



Union County Lions Club = Union County Lions Club of Blairsville, Georgia, USA held its regular Board meeting at the Civic Center in Blairsville, GA on October 2, 2014.

- The board approved eye exams and glasses for two local individuals.
- The board approved the printing of club business cards to pass out to prospective members. The cards would have information on when and where the club meets on the front and members could add their own contact information on the back.

October 9, 2014 Regular Meeting – Lion Louise Little introduced our guest speaker – Roger and Carol Rashid who presented a program about the Christmas Shoe Box ministry. Boxes are given to children in over 150 countries. Over 10 million boxes were distributed in 2013. After the typhoon in the Philippines in 2013, over 65,000 boxes were distributed to children. At the close of their presentation, the Rashid's passed out packets of seeds--- planting the seed for success.

October 23, 2014 Regular Meeting -

- President Gene Little read an Eye Glass Report prepared by Lion Mildred Thompson. To date she has sent out 37 applications, 22 have been approved by the board, 2 rejected, and 1 is pending approval.
- Lion Gene Little introduced our guest speaker- Lion Jan Williams of the Woodstock club who spoke on Learning Ally. The program was formerly known as Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic. The program was started in 1948 by Ann McDonald to assist returning World War 2 veterans. The program began in Georgia in 1953 by Elizabeth Harris of the University of Georgia Library. Georgia was the 7th state to participate in the program. Today there are 80,000 books in the program – 65% are Academic Text books and 35% are popular titles. The cost for the service is \$119 per year. Lion Jan also provided information on dyslexia. Approximately 20% of the population is dyslexic but these individuals lead highly productive lives. She noted that a number of prominent Americans were dyslexic including Walt Disney, Alexander Graham Bell, Albert Einstein, and Henry Ford to name a few.

Farmer's Market – 2 Saturdays in September– 7 Lions worked a total of 41 hours selling fried pies, hot dogs and hamburgers and visiting with members of our community. The Farmer's Market's last day was October 25th, which completed another successful year.

Sorghum Festival – 19 club members and 2 family members participated in the annual Sorghum Festival fundraiser the 2nd and 3rd weekends in October. Members and family members worked 183 hours selling hamburgers and hotdogs to a large crowd of visitors to the festival.



WORKING LIONS - 329 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 103 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 17 hours
Total: 449 hours
Submitted: 3 news article

Winder Noon Lions Club = The club honored two public safety employees for their outstanding work during the past year. Fire Fighter of the Year (City of Winder) - Jimmy Beck Officer of the Year (City of Winder) - Justin Cash. 138 dictionaries were donated and distributed to the 3rd graders enrolled at County Line Elementary School in Barrow County. 74 pairs of glasses were collected during October. A club member assisted a Barrow County senior resident in applying to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to obtain hearing aids. This included assisting with paper work and providing transportation to two doctor appointments. The application has been processed and approved and the hearing aids are in the process of being ordered. The Winder Noon Lions Club donated \$340 towards the cost of the hearing aids.

Toccoa Lions saw some Great Lions at the Gainesville Lions 80 Yr. Celebration

Toccoa Lion Bill met some of the most dedicated and consistent Lions at the Gainesville Lions Club 80 Year Celebration. 18I DG Vicki & 1st VDG Ann spent a fair amount of time in deep discussion - discussing ways to make 18I Lions even more effective I am sure. District LEO Coordinator, Steve Helwig dropped by to congratulate the Toccoa Lions on forming a new LEO Club. Lion Yoriko turned the tables on PDG Ed Hashbargar during the introductions. It is always great to see Lion Earl & Doreen Stallworth. PDG Dick Smith always has some great advice on how to make Lions live our Motto - WE SERVE. I particularly appreciate way PDG Dick always avoids petty politics and looks to what is best for all Lions.

Toccoa Lions Club President, Bill Graham, attended the Gainesville Lions Club 80 Year Celebration to help the Lions celebrate 80 years of SERVICE. Gainesville Lions President, Lamar Jowers, started the meeting off with an inspirational message on how the Gainesville Lions are renewing the spirit of service and living the Lions Motto of WE Serve. Key Note Speaker PID Dr. John Pearce gave an outstanding talk on time and how we use it effectively. Did you know you get 86,400 seconds every day. Once they are gone you can never use them again. The good news is you get another 86,400 seconds the next day. As Lions we want to use them effectively.





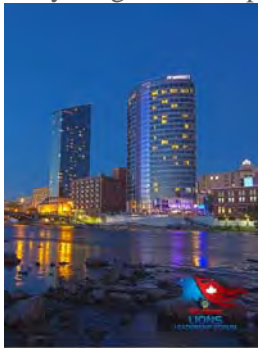
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