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December 2013

We Serve



# District Bulletin



District Governor  
Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

December – a month to rejoice the birth of Christ. I want to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Within Lionism, 5 December is International Leo Day – Thank your LEO's for what they are doing.

Also, December and January continues with Feeding the Hungry Global Service Action Campaign – I know that many Clubs within the District are providing help to those in need. Thank you again for all that you do.

## "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign

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

### Take Action

During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger. Visit [Georgia Food Banks](#) 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. Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.

Check out page 8 for locations of Food Banks that handle our District.



Take the example of what the Evans Lions Club did back in August - Fight Hunger in the size and height of the food pyramid but we rocked the total weight and collected just shy of 4000 pounds of food!!! Thank you to Columbia County for the support. Special thanks to the Col. Co. 4H, Police Dept, Fire and Rescue, the US Marines, Kroger, Pepsi, Panera Bread, Chick Fil A and Dominoes. You make our job a blessing. Thank you to Columbia County Cares for giving us such a great cause to support!!!

See what kind of other groups within your community you might be able to challenge and compete with - hmmm



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

You have to get the word out.

**Communication is the KEY!**

Make sure you pass the WORD.

Yours in Lionism,  
Ed



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## Help Your Hungry Neighbors

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

*As Lion David Sargent stated* - This is a great opportunity to involve new, and current, members in a service project that addresses hunger needs at the local level. By feeding the hungry, we build stronger families and communities-now and for the next generation. Please take a look at this information to see how your club can help.

If you already have a local food program, please consider making it a part of this Relieve the Hunger Campaign by following the enclosed guidelines. Or, if you do not have a local project and would like to find out how you can work with your local food pantry, you can contact the Georgia Mountain Food Bank at (770)534-4111 or visit their web page at [www.gamountainfoodbank.org](http://www.gamountainfoodbank.org). The GMFB provides food on a regular basis to the local agencies for distribution. Your Lions Club can be involved in this process to help feed the hungry in your community.

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## Planning Ahead

Please share with everyone, including our PID's, that VicePres Dr. Yamada has selected the Savannah Westin and Golf Resort for his 2016 Spring Board Meeting.

The opening session will be March 1st and the closing will be March 4th. However they will be there several days before for committee meetings etc. After the contracts are signed we will then put together a committee to support PDG Chris Barberi and the Savannah Lions Club.

As I shared with the Council of Governors, I want to again thank PDG Chris Barberi for the excellent job he did in helping to make this a reality.

A great HONOR and opportunity for the LIONS OF GEORGIA.

Jim Ervin,  
Past President

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## January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

*13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday*

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### 18-I District Convention 22 February



Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming Convention

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

Location –  
Winterville, Georgia.

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

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

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

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

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



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



## Where in the World

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

[Lions News Network](#)

• [LQ-Lions Quarterly](#)

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## **International President**

**Barry J. Palmer**

**First Vice President**



## **Lions and Matteo's Dream in the 2014 Rose Parade**

Calling all Lions! Help spread the word about Lions' participation in the 2014 New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.



The parade theme is "Dreams Come True," and [Lions selected Matteo's Dream](#) as the entry to depict what Lions do. [Watch our video](#) for the story behind Matteo's Dream, a park for children of all abilities built by 45 Lions Clubs and 3,000 volunteers in eight days. This story shows what we as Lions do every day: Make dreams come true. We're asking for all Lions around the world to share our video with at least one friend outside their club through email, Facebook or Twitter with the hashtags #MatteosDream and #RoseParade. Read our [blog](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more stories leading up to the Rose Parade.

## **Early Bird Deadline Approaching – Register Now for 2014 LCIcon Toronto**



January 10 is the deadline to register for the International Convention at the

lowest rate of \$110 – a savings of over 35% off the full registration fee! Be sure to book your hotel through LCI. As an incentive, LCI is offering a commemorative gift to Lions who book their hotel room through LCI while supplies last.

Toronto is Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Discover many great neighborhoods each with its own characteristic flair, including its large underground city. All convention events will take place conveniently in the heart of downtown Toronto. Whether you're a new or long-time member, there's something for all Lions to enjoy. [Register now!](#)

## **Contribute to the Philippines Relief Efforts**

The people of the Philippines are still recovering from the devastating typhoon that struck in November. Lions Clubs International Foundation has mobilized over US\$500,000 for relief efforts. More than 12,000 Philippine Lions in 380 clubs are working to rebuild their decimated communities. And clubs around the world have offered their support. But there is still much work to be done, and Lions will be there until the job is finished. "We may not be the first responders in areas hit by disasters, but when the TV cameras are gone, that's when Lions come in and we do the work years afterwards," said International President Barry Palmer, who visited Manila just 48 hours after the typhoon struck. Help the massive recovery efforts in the Philippines by [donating today!](#)

<https://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-disaster-donation.php>

For the latest updates, visit the [Lions Blog](#).

## **Working Together to Relieve Hunger**

Access to nutritious food positively impacts eye health, diabetes prevention and control, maternal and infant health, child development, the well-being of the elderly, and more. When we feed hungry families, we build stronger communities. Our partners from Global Foodbanking Network and Feeding America recently shared ways Lions can fight hunger through the webinar, "Working Together to Fight Hunger." Access the presentation on the [Service Activities Webinars](#) page to learn more about food banking activities and project ideas for your community. Remember to report your [Relieving the Hunger](#) projects in December and January, and throughout the year, using [MyLCI](#). Help provide meals to families in need.



**Lions Clubs International**

## **LIONS QUARTERLY**



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how a Lions and Leos in Hawaii reach out to young girls in Afghanistan. Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions restored their environment.

## **CONTESTS**

[2013-14 Peace Poster Contest](#)

"Our World, Our Future."

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

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

[President's Service Blog](#)

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

## **EVENTS**

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

## **CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**





Dear Lion,

So much has happened in the past month. I want to thank you for the immediacy of your response to the [devastating typhoon in the Philippines](#). With LCIF's disaster relief fund, the Foundation was able to provide US\$130,000 to the Lions of the Philippines instantly. And within less than one day, the Lions of OSEAL donated US\$370,000 towards relief efforts while gathered at a forum in Singapore.



It took one day for our organization to mobilize US\$500,000 for disaster relief in the Philippines. That is amazing. And, we continue to [receive donations to LCIF for disaster relief](#). Thank you for your support. Every donation, no matter the size, provides help.

Our hearts go out to everyone in the Philippines. Being able to provide a meal, clean water and necessary medicine to those in need can make a huge difference. LCIF is able to help local Lions meet these immediate needs thanks to your donations. As the damage is assessed, Lions and LCIF will also assist with the long-term rebuilding of communities.



Lions are truly everywhere, and do everything when it comes to service. In the past month, I had the opportunity to travel to Ethiopia with members of the GAVI Alliance to [be a part of a lifesaving vaccination campaign](#). It was an inspirational event to be a part of. With our partners, we are making a real difference in areas that need vaccinations most. That is why [we have committed to raising US\\$30 million for measles](#) by 2017. Those funds will help save millions of lives.

Everything our Foundation does, it does for people in need. From measles vaccinations to disaster relief and everything in between, you are the reason why our Foundation is one of the most trusted foundations worldwide.

Sincerely,

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

By now I am sure that you have heard much about the recent disaster in the Philippines. Many communities in the path of Super Typhoon Haiyan will have a long road to recovery. Initial estimates indicate that as many as 10,000 individuals lost their lives, and many thousands more have lost their homes. As LCIF Coordinators, it is important for you to know what LCIF is doing to support our fellow Lions and their communities. To date, LCIF has approved US\$130,000 from the LCIF Disaster Relief fund. During their recent forum, the Lions of OSEAL (Orient and South East Asia Lions) also committed an additional US\$370,000.

In addition to these funds, LCIF is encouraging Lions to donate to the general Disaster Relief fund at the Foundation. These donations will support disaster relief in the Philippines and be MJF eligible. Please encourage Lions in your districts and MDs to give to this area, which will give LCIF the flexibility and resources to best respond. Please see the link below to donate to the Disaster Relief fund.

As we receive more reports from the Philippines, we will continue to update you on any changes in the situation or additional disaster funding. In the meantime, I know you will work hard in your districts and MDs to ensure that we have the resources available to help our fellow Lions in the Philippines.

We just found out that a member of the Dade County Lions Club, Lion Don Walker, was in the Philippines when the typhoon hit a couple of days ago. He has made contact with everyone in Dade County and he is fine. He is staying over some extra days to assist with the disaster clean-up and aid. The Lions of Georgia can honestly say that we had someone at this international disaster to assist at the very beginning. Please keep Lion Don and his wife in your thoughts and prayers as he does the work of Lions and as he travels back home.

### Palmer's Blog: Lions Respond to Typhoon Haiyan



Hello, Lions and friends. I'm currently in the Philippines, where just last week, Typhoon Haiyan wreaked havoc in central areas of the country. During times like these, when disaster strikes, we Lions are at our strongest. We may not be the first responders in areas hit by disasters; when the TV cameras are gone, that's when Lions come in and we do the work years afterwards.

Here are some of the ways that Lions have been responding in just the past few days:

- Lions clubs within Southeast Asia pledged US\$500,000 at the 52nd Orient and South East Asia Lions (OSEAL) Forum in Singapore over the weekend, to be donated to the victims of super typhoon Yolanda in Visayas and Mindanao.
- Lions in Taiwan and Japan have pledged US\$150,000 and US\$120,000, respectively.
- Working with Lions from the UK, LCIF is sending 56 units of LifeSaver water filtration systems to areas of the Philippines affected by the recent typhoon. Each unit can filter up to 20,000 liters of water, making potentially contaminated water safe to drink.

LCIF fundraising is so effective because we have a disaster fund, which allows us to instantly respond to catastrophic events around the world. One hundred percent of funds designated for Typhoon Haiyan Relief will go the relief efforts in the Philippines. Funds will initially be used to meet immediate needs such as food, water and basic supplies. Once basic needs are met and the impacted areas have been stabilized, funding will be shifted to appropriate long-term and infrastructure needs as they are identified. Your donations can help make a difference, so that those affected by the typhoon can stay strong and rebuild their lives.



The LCIF disaster relief fund allows Lions to instantly respond whenever disaster strikes. One hundred percent of funds designated for Typhoon Haiyan Relief will go to the relief efforts in the Philippines. These funds are distributed to local Lions in the Philippines. There are nine districts, 380 clubs and more than 12,000 Lions ready to serve their fellow countrymen and rebuild their

countrymen and rebuild their communities.

## Addressing Diabetes through Core 4 Grants

Lions are committed to improving health. With 347 million people in the world who are diabetic, Lions' work to prevent and reduce the impact of diabetes as a public health concern is more important than ever.

Diabetes is a chronic health disease. If undetected or untreated, diabetes can cause kidney damage, cardiovascular disease, and nerve damage, including diabetic retinopathy, which is damage to the eyes that can lead to blindness. It can even cause death.



Through the [LCIF Core 4 Diabetes program](#), multi-year grants are awarded to large-scale Lions' efforts to support diabetes education, prevention and treatment programs. LCIF has supported Lions' diabetes initiatives in Turkey, France, Benin, Korea, the United States and many other countries.

## MalTra Week

The 100 millionth Carter Center-assisted dose of Zithromax © (trachoma medication) to be given in the Amhara region of Ethiopia was administered during the 11th Annual MalTra week this month. Focused on malaria and trachoma, this event highlights the long-term control and elimination efforts of The Carter Center, LCIF's [SightFirst](#) program, local Lions, the International Trachoma Initiative, and the Ethiopian government. Efforts to eliminate malaria and trachoma in Ethiopia are making progress through this collaborative effort, and through the donation of medication by Pfizer.



## Help LCIF Save Children's Sight – It's Easy and Free!

We're excited to announce that you'll be able to help LCIF protect a child's sight throughout the entire holiday giving season, up to January 31, just by uploading a photo! The Sight for Kids cause in Johnson & Johnson's [Donate A Photo app](#) has **been extended** by 60 days, which means you can put all of those holiday photos of the family to good use. See our [cause page](#) <http://www.donatephoto.com/cause/sight-for-kids> on the Donate A Photo website to learn more and help us reach our goal of giving 30,000 children vision screenings!



For every photo donated via the app to Sight for Kids, J&J will donate \$1 towards [Sight for Kids](#) screenings.\* [http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/sight/partnership-initiatives/sight-for-kids.php?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20November%202013%20-%20EN%20US%20Only](http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/sight/partnership-initiatives/sight-for-kids.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20November%202013%20-%20EN%20US%20Only)

**Thank you for your support and for protecting children's sight!**

**Photo Guidelines** = Users can donate up to one photo a day, every day, to the Sight for Kids cause through January 31, 2014. Be sure to tag photos with the hashtags #lionsclubs and #eyepledge on Facebook and Twitter. We will share select photos through the Lions Clubs International official [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

The Donate a Photo app is available in the United States only. No matter where you live, be sure to get the word out about Lions Sight for Kids program and the importance of eye exams for our children. Photos shared are not used for any commercial purposes.



## Editor's Note



### SECRETARIES

#### Fellow Lions:

\$462 was raised from the Silent Auction at the District Rally and Hall of Fame. As directed by all present – the funds were forwarded to Camp for the Blind.

Upcoming District 18-I Convention will be here soon. At the present time the following Announcements have been made by individuals who wish to run for the following offices:

District Governor for 2014-15 =  
1stVDG Vicki Hubbard

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Dist Gov for 2014-15 =  
2ndVDG Anne Mundy

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Dist Gov for 2014-15 =  
Lion Bill Graham of Toccoa Lions  
Lion Bob Norton of Winder Noon Lions

District Librarian = ?

Lighthouse District Director = ?

### CONGRATULATIONS on upcoming ANNIVERSARIES

- 90 years – Athens Lions Club – August 1924
- 80 years – Clarkesville Lions Club – May 1934
- 80 years – Clayton Lions Club – May 1934
- 80 years – Gainesville Lions Club – June 1934
- 80 years – Lavonia Lions Club – February 1934
- 80 years – Union Point Lions Club – April 1934
- 70 years – Norcross Lions Club – February 1944
- 50 years – Grovetown Lions Club –  
March 1964



### Lions on the Web

Go to this web site:

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

### Connect with Us Online



### Save this on Your Smart Phone

#### Apple Devices:

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

#### Android Devices:

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

A big game hunter went on a safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One morning, while still deep in the jungle, the hunter's wife awakened to find the mother-in-law gone.

She woke up her husband and they both set out in search of the old woman. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight. The mother-in-law was standing face to face with a Lion!

"What are we going to do?" His horrified wife asked.

"Nothing." Her husband replied. "The Lion got himself into this mess, let him get out of it!"



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



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

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



Dear Lion,

We were all new Lions once, and we have stayed Lions for a reason. We got involved in service, leadership and club life. We've had good times as members, and great Lions have supported us along the way as there were times we had to overcome difficult challenges. It's that feeling of satisfaction that keeps our clubs healthy and our Lions coming back.

Now that you've wrapped up a successful Membership Growth Month in October, I encourage you to make your club experience the best it can be for your new members. You can do this by listening to them, getting them involved in service projects and supporting them throughout that all-important first year of membership. When you do, they'll remain Lions—just like we did!

Lion Barry J. Palmer  
Your International President  
2013-2014



## Welcome Your New Members!

Build a foundation for success and membership satisfaction by offering [New Member Orientation](#). Orientation helps new members better understand your club, our association, and their opportunities as a Lion.

The [Lions Mentoring Program](#) pairs new members with experienced Lions to help new members set goals, plan activities and develop leadership skills. Remember, membership satisfaction is the key to keeping *all* members happy—whether seasoned or new!



## Relieve the Hunger!

Our [Relieving the Hunger](#) campaign in December and January is great opportunity to involve new members in a service project that addresses hunger. By feeding the hungry, we build stronger families and communities – now and for the next generation. *Empowering women is a critical part of ending the cycle of hunger and poverty.* Here are some ways your club can help:

- 1) Work with community programs to provide healthy food to new mothers and their babies.
- 2) Start or support a school meal program.
- 3) Work with community partners to distribute food vouchers to needy families.
- 4) Assist educational programs for women – educated mothers have healthier families with children more likely to attend school.

Get your Relieving the Hunger [planning guide](#) today, and get help to those who need it!

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad461.pdf?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20Nov2013%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad461.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20Nov2013%20EN)

### 1. Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

#### Contact Information

Website: [www.foodbanknega.org](http://www.foodbanknega.org)  
 Street **861 Newton Bridge Road**  
 Address **P.O. Box 48857**  
**Athens, GA 30604**  
[Map it](#)  
 Phone: **706.354.8191**

**Population Served:** Number of counties served: **14**  
 Total pounds of food distributed annually: **8,952,914**

#### Types and numbers of services agencies distributing food

Emergency: **127** Soup Kitchen: **9** Shelter: **4** Residence: **6** Day Care: **7** Multi-services: **6** Senior: **6** Rehabilitations: **13** Youth Programs: **19** Other Programs: **13**

#### Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)

Fresh Produce, Back Pack, Repack Bulk, Job Training, Kids Cafes, Salvage, Purchase Program, TEFAP, Mobile Pantry, Non Food Distribution, Nutrition Education, Food Stamps, Senior Brown Bag / Food Box Distribution, On-Site Agency Shopping, Farm/Orchard/Raise Fish

### 2. Atlanta Community Food Bank

#### Contact Information

Website: [www.acfb.org](http://www.acfb.org)  
 Street **732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd.**  
 Address **Atlanta, GA 30318**  
[Map it](#)  
 Phone: **404.892.9822**

**Population Served:** Number of counties served: **29**  
 Total pounds of food distributed annually: **33,478,591**

#### Types and numbers of services agencies distributing food

Emergency: **323** Soup Kitchen: **29** Shelter: **19** Residence: **51** Day Care: **29** Multi-services: **233** Senior: **11** Rehabilitations: **29** Youth Programs: **69** Other Programs: **6**

#### Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)

Fresh Produce, Salvage, Purchase Program, TEFAP, CSFP, Other Service : Hunger Education,(consulting & support), Hunger & Poverty Advocacy,, Mobile Pantry, Non Food Distribution, Eligibility Counseling, Food Stamps, Community Garden, Composting

### 3. Golden Harvest Food Bank

#### Contact Information

Website: [www.goldenharvest.org](http://www.goldenharvest.org)  
 Street **3310 Commerce Drive**  
 Address **Augusta, GA 30909-4417**  
[Map it](#)  
 Phone: **706.736.1199**

**Population Served:** Number of counties served: **30**  
 Total pounds of food distributed annually: **13,499,593**

#### Types and numbers of services agencies distributing food

Emergency: **296** Soup Kitchen: **7** Shelter: **1** Residence: **14** Day Care: **0** Multi-services: **23** Senior: **0** Rehabilitations: **8** Youth Programs: **11** Other Programs: **44**

#### Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)

Fresh Produce, Back Pack, Salvage, Purchase Program, TEFAP, Mobile Pantry, Nutrition Education, Food Stamps, Senior Brown Bag / Food Box Distribution, On-Site Agency Shopping





# Lions Clubs International

Dear GLT District Coordinators:

The next Advanced Lions Leadership Institute for the Lions of United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas and Canada will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois on March 8-10, 2014. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region and district levels.

The institute in Oak Brook, Illinois is designated as an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and is targeted to Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently (for details, see the [application materials](#)).

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start date. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges.

Please help us to recruit qualified Lions for this institute by providing a copy of the [application packet](#) to Lions leaders in your district, including your district governor team, region and zone chairpersons, to remind them of this event. Please ask them to promote the institute and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. The success of this institute depends on the participation of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area. More information is also available on the [web site](#).

We will be accepting one hundred and fifty (150) Lions, total. This institute will be conducted in English and French.

Completed forms must be returned by: December 27, 2013

***PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:***

Institutes & Seminars

Lions Clubs International

Fax: 630.706.9010

E-mail: [institutes@lionsclubs.org](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org)

To ensure timely receipt of your applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 630.468.6740 by fax at 630.706.9010 or by e-mail at [institutes@lionsclubs.org](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org).

Sincerely,

Kathy Ryan  
Manager  
Institutes and Seminars

## GLT UPDATE

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving! Now, Christmas is right around the corner. In my position as District Global Leadership Team Coordinator for the past 2 ½ years, I am thankful for those of you who have stepped up in a leadership position. Our Lions motto is “We Serve”, and you have certainly done that. Good leadership is the foundation of our local clubs, district, and multi-district.

Our next training event will be at the District Convention on February 22, 2014. Lion Pete Stamsen and PDG Richard Henderson will be leading a session on Member Orientation. This will be a great opportunity for all Lions, especially new members, to learn what Lions is all about. Please encourage your members to attend this great session.

Webinars are still available for your participation. The next two webinars are:

Effective Club Meetings	Wed., Jan. 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds	Wed., Jan. 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
	Fri., Jan. 24, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

I would also encourage your club to consider conducting the Club Excellence Process. You can have a CEP Facilitator to lead it, or you can have a member of your club to lead the CEP Lite. The sole purpose of CEP is to make your club stronger. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks, again, for your leadership, and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*PCC Grace Clower*  
*18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

## LEADERSHIP DEFINITION

Leadership possesses the problems of persistently prodding pokey persons to perform projects, promote personal performance, pacify petulant people, and prevent parasitic practices and partisan politics while pursuing perpetual progress in projects, both public and personal, plus postponing piscatorial pastimes, pickyunish pleasures and parental pleasantries to perpetuate participation in planning programs (piddling or planetesimal), procreating productivity and proclivity, and precluding procrastination.....period!

Possibilities are profuse, potentials are profound in proportion to participation. Prolific production promotes public prominence and prevents paralysis of personnel – pertinent, perhaps to progress. To summarize: Leadership prods pooped people to produce!!

## NEW PILOT PROGRAM: Faculty Development Excellence Series (FDES)

Are you a graduate of a Faculty Development Institute (FDI) who is ready to take your training skills to the next level? Beginning in January 2014, the Leadership Division will launch a new pilot program designed to meet the evolving needs of FDI graduates in a convenient online format. This program, the **Faculty Development Excellence Series (FDES)**, will explore FDI topics in greater depth, focusing on the enhancement of key facilitation and presentation skills. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to share and discuss training successes, challenges, and resources, and will also learn the fundamentals of webinar facilitation.

FDES will consist of four, highly interactive webinars that will take place between January and April of 2014. Participants must be graduates of an LCI-sponsored Faculty Development Institute, and must commit to active participation in all four webinars and the completion of any required pre-assignment work. Participants must also have access to equipment that meets the technical requirements for webinar participation.

Currently, this pilot program is being offered in English only. Space is limited to 25 participants, so apply today! For more information, visit the [Leadership Resource Center](#) on the LCI Web site, or contact the [Institutes and Seminars Department](#) at LCI Headquarters

**Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant**

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



**Upcoming Webinars**

**Effective Club Meetings**

Basics of good meeting management including meeting planning, agenda preparation, post-meeting evaluation and essential facilitation skills.

**Intended Audience:**

Club officers who want to run productive meetings while keeping all members engaged

[Wednesday, January 8, 2014](#) [1:00 pm](#)

**Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds**

Discusses leadership principles such as the importance of using the talents and skills of all “birds,” diverse approaches and strategies to meet a goal and the fact that there is more than one way to “win.”

**Intended Audience:**

All Lions

[Wednesday, January 15, 2014](#) [1:00 pm](#)

[Friday, January 24, 2014](#) [8:00pm](#)

**The Dream Continues: Lionism as a Past District Governor**

Webinar addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of Lion life after service as a District Governor.

**Intended Audience:**

Current and past district governors

[Friday, February 7, 2014](#) [8:00pm](#)

[Wednesday, February 12, 2014](#) [1:00pm](#)

**You’ve been a Club President...What’s Next?**

Explores district-level leadership opportunities including committees, chairperson opportunities and the zone chairperson role.

**Intended Audience:**

Current and past club presidents who want to explore district-level opportunities

[Friday, March 7, 2014](#) [8:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, March 12, 2014](#) [1:00 pm](#)

**UPCOMING SEMINARS =**

**April:** Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?

**May:** Conflict Resolution

**What’s New in the Leadership Resource Center?**

In the Training Materials/Resources section of the [Leadership Resource Center](#), you will find a link to Activities and Icebreakers. This resource document includes information about Icebreakers, Teambuilding Activities and Energizers.

The Club Officers Orientation page includes the 2013 Club Secretary and Club Treasurer Webinar presentation, workbook and frequently asked questions. These presentations review the position responsibilities and the functions the officers will use in MyLCI. These materials can be adapted for a district training workshop and are available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

On the Speaking Presentations page, you will find updated slide presentations: Nurturing New Clubs and Lead and Serve as Past District Governor. These slide presentations include speaking notes for each slide and can be adapted for a training workshop.

New in the [Lions Learning Center](#), you will find recommended online courses by Lions position. Follow the link to Recommended Courses, and select the position that is of interest to you. By clicking on the position you will open a document listing courses that are recommended for that position. This list will help Lions start preparing for a specific leadership position. By promoting the use of this new feature in the Lions Learning Center, you can help Lions select the most appropriate courses.



# Lions Clubs International

**Just Ask!**

**JOIN THE CLUB.  
Make a difference.**



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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Peter Lynch  
Senior Executive Administrator  
Lions Clubs International

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

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



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

### **Benefits of Involving Veterans**

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

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

### **How Serving with Lions Benefits Veterans**

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

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

## Your Community Needs You

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

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



## Lions Service

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



### Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Qualifications

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

Qualifying veterans receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club. Qualifying veterans include retired U.S. military personnel (i.e. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves) or those honorably-discharged from these services. Eligible persons may still be enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves.

Veterans can be certified by completion of the [Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me701.pdf) - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me701.pdf>

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## Get Social, Get Members!



More than a billion people are on Facebook, and the average American spends 2.5 hours on mobile devices every day. People are connecting in new ways, which means there are new opportunities for your club to connect with service-minded citizens. Social media is a great, no-cost tool that can energize the way you promote your club and find new members. Here are some tips:

- Use social media to share details for your new member information session. When people “like” your post or retweet it, it shares the info with their entire social network.
- Network by following the Facebook pages of businesses and organizations you support. Comment on their posts, start a conversation and invite them and their followers to learn more about your club. If you've added the Lions logo to your club account, it will display next to your name when you leave a comment for even better exposure.
- Share stories and photos from your service projects. When people see the great work your club is doing, they're more likely to join. Better yet, invite people to lend a hand at your next project and then invite them to join your club when they do.
- Remember that social media is a conversation. So respond to comments, answer questions, and focus on the benefits of being a member of your club.
- Once you get active on social media, stay active. The more you're connected, the more likely you are to make connections—and get new members.

The [Getting Started on Facebook and Twitter guide](#) can help your club get up and running. Consider finding a Lion in your club who is active on social media for more help. Then get social, and get members!

Check out this web site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/2013-social-media-trifold-getting-started-facebook-twitter-club-district-accounts.pdf>

# FOURTH GRADE FORESTERS

Since 2007 more than 505,000 fourth graders, all across America rolled up their sleeves and planted a tree.



To help revitalize a remarkable idea:

## Arbor Day at School

They have become members of **FOURTH GRADE FORESTERS USA**, a project that is designed to do just that.

In 1885 a national group of educators urged observation of Arbor Day in the nation's schools on the official Arbor Day of their own State. School observations grew by leaps and bounds. Over the years, millions of children received and planted millions of seedlings, millions of seedlings that grew into millions of mature trees. Together, those trees make up a unique forest. A forest planted by generations of America's children. [Please click here for a complete History of Arbor Day.](#) =

Somehow the School Arbor Day tradition began to fade away and now only relatively few kids get a tree to take home and plant on their State's Arbor Day.

It's time to reverse the decline.

Trees take carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) out of the atmosphere to help reduce warming and help clean the air we breathe.

Planting trees is a simple, inexpensive and easy way to address the problem.



The project has four major goals.

1. To revitalize observation of Arbor Day in America's schools on the official Arbor Day proclaimed in their [our state](#) =  
*Georgia:* Arbor Day Date: Friday, February 21, 2014    Deadline to Participate: Monday, January 13, 2014
2. To send every fourth grader home with a tree of their own to plant and care for.
3. To support employment of workers with disabilities.\*
4. To bring schools, private individuals, businesses and organizations together to have direct positive impact on the urban forests of their communities.

\* Each tree is individually packaged for distribution by workers with disabilities.

For more information on how the project works, [please visit.](#) = <http://www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com/FAQ.html>



How Lions Clubs Can Help If a Lions Club becomes a sponsor of the Fourth Grade Foresters they will:

1. Build a new connection with the community by making it possible for trees to be planted and cared for in your local Urban Forest . . . the trees surrounding the homes of your citizens.
2. Share the message and vision of the Club directly with local families.
3. Help kids learn that they make a difference in their community and have a direct impact on the environment.
4. Help local Fourth Grade Foresters set an example for the entire community. The trees they plant will become a forest that will benefit the environment and generations to come.

There is no fuss or muss. There is absolutely no cost to the student, teachers, the schools, or the school district.

The individually packaged 12 to 18-inch trees will be available to sponsors for \$1.79 per tree.

A bag header attached to each tree featuring planting and care instructions and a place for you to attach your message.

We would love to hear from you! Please contact: Sarah Henne, Program Coordinator at (402) 475-5631 by phone or email her at: [sarahhenne@fourthgradeforestersusa.com](mailto:sarahhenne@fourthgradeforestersusa.com)

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## A Great Fund Raiser...

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

**Here's what your fellow Lions have to say:**

"Broom and Mop Sales have been a mainstay of our Lions fund raising activities for over 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 19E  
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 56F  
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 2000-0009, District 52A  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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

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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 Campus Lions Club = Getting Tanked: Athens Campus Lions Club sells Frat Beach shirts for charity



Taylor West @TaylorWest08 = Athens Campus Lions Club is trying to make at least one part of Frat Beach memorable this year. The club is selling “I like it dirty” Frat Beach tanks to support Camp Kesem, a summer camp for kids with a parent who has or had cancer. Dhruv Bhavsar, a senior information systems major from Lawrenceville and the president of the Athens Campus Lions Club, said every year the organization raises money for a charity. Athens Campus Lions Club is a branch of Lions Club International — the largest service organization in the world, according to the club’s website, and works with numerous charities worldwide. “We needed to find something that the members were passionate about and wanted to help with,” he said. “The.”

members voted they wanted to work with Camp Kesem.” Camp Kesem has a two-fold mission to provide a community support system for the children whose parents have been affected by cancer, and to encourage college students to make a difference. The camp is free for the children who attend and is supported by donations and sponsors. Bhavsar said aside from the cost of the tanks being covered by the sale, 100 percent of the profits will go to benefit the camp. Last year he said the organization sold 273 tanks to support Atlanta VisionWalk. “Our goal for this year is to sell 400,” he said. “If we sell 400, we will raise enough money for at least five kids to go to camp just based off our fundraiser.”

### VisionWalk 2013



### Fall Activities Fair



**Buford Lions Club** = Lion Sue delivered meals on wheels to the disabled. Attended business meeting. Pick up pecans for fundraiser. Speak at single mom's meeting. Worked at Operation Christmas child and Church nursery. Lion Earl delivered food to the disabled. Pick up and deliver pecans for fundraiser. Meeting and food for meeting. Attended Buford Business meeting. Spoke at single moms meeting. Count and add stickers and deliver and worked on Operation Christmas Child. Lion Jackie worked on Operation Christmas child. Induction of new members at the 3rd week meeting in November. New members Kevin Clary and Bill Scott were inducted by District Governor Ed Hashbarger.

**Atlanta Chinese American Lions Club** = Distracted Driver Simulation with Chinese American LEO club of Atlanta provided by our partner Mrs. Emma Harrington from Grady Memorial Trauma Department.



The Chinese American Lions Club of Atlanta chapter will match dollar for dollar up to a total amount of \$1500.00 to Lions Club International (LCI.org) Emergency Fund dedicated to Philippines Typhoon victims. Again because the basic essentials such as food, water, blanket, etc. will be distributed by Lions volunteers, 100% of your donation will go to this effort without incurring any administrative fees.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = North Hall Lions Club collected glasses and cell phone at the Great America Recycle Day in Gainesville. We set up a booth at the annual Clermont Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. To meet the community and to give out popcorn to everyone. We also invited visitors to our club. Christmas is coming and wish all a happy and joyous Christmas. New year 2014 is going to be a growing year for Clermont North Hall Lions Club - that is our goal.

**Conyers Lions Club** = The Conyers Lions Club met twice in November, on the 4th and 18th, both Mondays. Thanks to Lion Larry Cornwell and the other 13 club members who held up our colors at the Olde Town Festival. Thanks also to Lions Rob and Teresa Kelley for storing and maintaining the cotton candy machine. Eight club members worked with 117 children at the November Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. Lion Larry Cornwell became the first member of the club to be named to the Hall of Fame from District 18 I. At the second meeting, Lions Mary Michael and Lynn Magnuson presented a very informative program on diabetes awareness. Lion Bobby Gresham reported that 10 club members collected way over \$100 at the recent Road Block in Conyers. The third Zone Meeting will be hosted by the Conyers club on Monday, 6 January 2014, at 7pm at the Golden Corral in Conyers. The next club meeting will be the annual Christmas Party on Monday, 2 December.

**Covington Lions Club** = VOLUNTEER HOURS: Newton County – “Miracle Field” - 2 hours, Covington 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church - 4 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Delivery - 2 hours, Blind Council / Transportation for the Blind - 8 hours, Newton Medical Center - 212 hours, Conyers Presbyterian - 65 hours, Meals on Wheels - 8 hours, Family Promise (Homeless Ministry) - 50 hours, Lions Community – (Lois Armstrong) - 6 hours, Book Buddies - 12 hours, School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading Program - 3 hours, Gideons - 8 hours, CV Lions Christmas Parade – Meetings - 16 hours, Knights of Columbus - 3 hours, Church Sunday School - 3 hours, CV Lions – Menu / Shopping / Cooking Special Membership Mtg – 11/14/13 - 9 hours, CV Chimney Park – Friends of Newton Parks - 24 hours, Homeless Shelter-Food- 11/14 leftovers - 1 hour, Website Maintenance - 2 hours, Covington Lions Christmas Parade (meetings / stage) - 26 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, Christmas Parade 2<sup>nd</sup> article, emails, Zone visits) - 11 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, District, Zone visits) - 9 hours = TOTAL HOURS: 534 hours



**The Christmas Parade is Dec 7!** We are excited about this year's Lions Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 7 at 10:30 am (Note new, earlier starting time!) Hope we get to see you and your families on Dec 7! Lion John said all plans are in place for our Saturday, December 7, Christmas Parade. He asked all working Lions to meet at 7 AM in front of Sharp School on Newton Drive. They reached the 100 maximum entries (others are on a wait-list).



**December 8, 2013** **Twilight at Chimney Park** event is Sunday, December 8, 4 – 7 PM behind the Newton County Library. Lion Andy asked everyone who plan to work to sign-up so that they will receive a wrist band. There is a \$5 gate fee. All Lions will again do the S' mores booth at the fire pit—very popular with folks!

**Covington Lions Club** = Zone 8 Chair Lion Earl visited the Loganville Legacy Lions Club on Friday, November 8, and gave an update going into 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. The Covington Lions Club Board met on Monday, November 11, at 7 PM.

- \* Lion Earl reported that he and Lion Ronnie visited Lois Armstrong on Kirkland Street, who asked for assistance with burglar doors. A review of her premises resulted in a purchase of a \$20 burglar bar for her front door. All other doors were deemed secured.
- \* Lion Richard is hopeful that the LCIF \$75K grant check for the Miracle League concession stand / restroom facility will be in hand for presentation. If not, presentation will be made at another time. Total expenditure for this Miracle Field is \$2.1M
- \* We mailed Camp Kudzu a \$500 donation as voted by the membership.
- \* Lion Missy reported that our Christmas Parade 100 entry goal has been met. Others have been placed on a “wait list”. Lion Doreen mentioned that we will have our Lions booth on the Square across the stage (courthouse) to collect WHITE CANE donations and pass out sight and hearing impairment paraphernalia. Lion Earl said the Oxford Club members plan to assist with the Parade (judging). Lion Frank said judging will start at 9 AM. All Lions are asked to meet at 7 AM in front of Sharp School on Newton Drive. Lion Missy will advise the locations of the port-a-potties so that Lions can direct inquiries.
- \* Our Chili Supper (February 13, 2014, 5 – 8 PM) tickets will be available at our Thursday Membership Meeting. Cost is the same (\$5 adult, \$3 child – under 7). Tickets will also be available at Ace Hardware at the Kroger Shopping Center.
- \* Lion Anne will release Calling Posts for all of our upcoming events. Lion Missy will check the Kroger Plus Card Program. Lion Missy said they did 50 eye screenings at the “Change the World” event at Covington 1<sup>st</sup> UMC.
- \* Lion Earl said he met with the Loganville Lions Club and spoke about the Camp’s dire need for funds. Loganville then voted to increase their donation from \$400 to \$600. He also said Oxford will send all of their tail twisting monies to the Camp.
- \* Lion Richard reviewed a letter from the Newton County Children Protective Services Unit requesting assistance for the needy during the holidays. He gave this letter to Lion Jeff Sheffield to review at his Covington 1<sup>st</sup> Church Assistance Group. Lion Debbie said that a group called “Inspire” is also soliciting assistance. Their primary focus is on the homeless.
- \* We mailed the GA Baptist Children’s Home \$100 in honor of Lion Ed Johnson’s dad, Thomas Edward Johnson, who passed away earlier this month.
- \* We discussed the LCIF “Involve a Veteran” program whereby the 1<sup>st</sup> 5,000 vets who join a Lions Club will have their entrance fee waived. Lion Doreen sent an article to the newspaper.
- \* Lion Richard reported that the District Rally / Hall of Fame in Watkinsville went very well. Our Lion Mel Harter was a happy camper to receive this honor. Attendance was good and we had a productive meeting. Our club had 2 silent auction entries. All proceeds went to the Camp for the Blind. Through bidding, Covington donated \$240 to this event.

A Special Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, November 14, at 7 PM. DG Ed Hashbarger talked about our 57 clubs doing great except for one club struggling to survive; District I has a number of visually impaired members working on some level; next to Towns County Club, we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest club; encouraged the club to have a back-up Secretary because of all the various work he/she does and gave an example of one club whose secretary got ill and the club was at a loss; talked about the LCIF support to disaster victims, those with disabilities, young people, vulnerable populations and more; talked about our work at the community level that strengthens our global service network; said that LCIF has give more than \$20M US dollars to the U.S. and Canada over the last 5 years; Lions in the U.S. have received over 50% of the amount they donated to LCIF; he encouraged a personal donation to [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate); told how Covington has raised more monies toward the LCIF Miracle League \$75K grant (Oxford 2<sup>nd</sup>) and when the check arrives, a formal presentation will be made; talked about the VSP program whereby the needy receives free eye examinations and Covington pays \$50 for eyeglasses; this program frees up monies which can be applied to our other Initiatives; presented Chevron Awards to Lions Jeff Sheffield and Mike Free (awards and letters will be mailed to Lions Minnie Henderson and Robert Ziadie); asked all members to look for leaders at the club, zone and district level; said he is on-call 24/7 with any questions; hopes that everyone is reading our District Bulletin and State Magazine that he creates and releases; and finally encouraged all members to attend upcoming District meetings and the May State Convention in Macon. We thanked DG Ed for his visit and very informative message.

Lion Ken Royston advised that our **Chili Tickets** were available and asked all members to start selling for this February 13, 2014 event. Also, the Our next event is our **Club Christmas Party** on Thursday, December 12, 7 PM at the Ashton Hills Country Club. There was a sign-up sheet being circulated. We recognized and gave a standing ovation to **Lion Mel Harter** as the recipient of our **2013 Hall of Fame** award at the official ceremony in Watkinsville.

Lions Earl and Doreen attended the Loganville Legacy Holiday Dinner on Friday, November 22, 7 PM. They once again met the Loganville Legacy Lions (and some Loganville Lions Club members). It was a festive occasion, food was delicious, Santa was there, Karaoke music (Santa danced), Earl stood up to give a brief talk and President Chuck Lynch introduced their eldest Lion member who is 101 years old and thanked everyone for joining their festivities.

**Dacula Lions Club** = Lion Jennifer Khaleel challenged each member to bring at least one guest with us to the first meeting to be held in January, 2014. We were also asked to come up with ideas for increasing membership (i.e., meeting in a new location, meet on Saturdays, have a dinner meeting, etc.).

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Winn Fair – October 5 – October 6, 2013 at Elisha Winn House, Dacula Road** – Lion Jennifer Khaleel said she will send out an e-mail to all members showing the final profit from the Winn Fair. The information will include the expenditures as well as the income. Lion Jennifer said this will be discussed further at the next Board meeting. **Silent Auction Report** – At present the Silent Auction has been cancelled for November 9, 2013, for an indefinite date in the future. Lion Jennifer Khaleel stated the Silent Auction was “her baby” since she started the event at our club. She also said she was considering having the Auction before year end 2013. Her ideas included having the auction during our Holiday party this year; or having the auction during one of our meetings and inviting other clubs (Lawrenceville, Snellville, etc.) to participate in attending and buying auction items. She requested we come up with some ideas before the next club meeting so we can still have the auction in this calendar year and hope we can sell all of the items before the holiday season is over. Otherwise we should probably wait until Spring 2014 to have the event. Lion Jennifer asked each of us if we could possibly approach a business that we frequent, or know about, to ask for a donation we could include in a “basket bundle” for the auction (movie tickets, dinner for 2, gift certificates, etc.).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pecan Sale** – The pecans have been ordered and Lion Charlie Tuggle will pick them up from Lion Pete Stamsen when they arrive. We should have them by this coming Tuesday. The club will sell the pecans for \$10.00 per bag. **Adopt two families for the Holidays** – This agenda item was discussed and it was decided that the Dacula Lions Club will sponsor only one family at Dacula Elementary this year. This item was approved with the 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Lion Carala Merzke and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Lion Charlie Tuggle. Our Lions Club will also make a donation of canned goods, etc. from each club members’ home pantry to the food bank. This item was approved with the 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Lanita Cornell and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Lion Tom Cornell. **Christmas Party** – It was decided that Lion Jennifer Kahleel will check with a few places to see if we can get a small space to have our Christmas Party and hold the Silent Auction on December 14, 2013. Each person will need to pay the bill for their individual orders. **Announcements** – Lions Charlie and Kay Tuggle donated 130 pair of glasses to Light House during the Rally held October 26, 2013. Thanks for your continued support and efforts on behalf of the Dacula Lions Club and Light House.

**Dahlonega Lions Club** = DELIVERED MEALS TO SEVERAL FAMILYS . PANCAKES FOR SENIORS AT THE SENIOR CENTER. TOOK DOWN VETERIAN FLAGS/MARKERS FOR LUMPKIN COUNTY. DAHLONEGA LION CLUB DONATED \$66.00 TO WAYPOINT. DONATION TO SEBASTIAN DUNN TO ATTEND A NATIONAL SPRING EVENT.

**Dawsonville Lions Club** = Lions put up Veterans flags and markers for Veterans Day. Lion President Katie Hulsebus presided over the board meeting at 6:15 pm and the regular meeting at 7 pm. The main discussions were plans for 2014 and the upcoming Christmas party on December 2. Lion President Katie Hulsebus presided. Lion Katie reviewed the results of the Moonshine festival Fundraiser. Lion Jerry gave the results of the Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Money for the Christmas party was collected. There were two guests.

**Decatur Lions Club** = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 60 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 427 pair. Three (3) members worked a total of 48 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 285 man hours. Paid \$25.00 for an honorarium donation to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Total year to date \$100.00. Cathryn Horner, Barbara Southern, Genie and Ken Massingale attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone 9 Meeting and visited with the Lavista Lions Club. Ed Hashbarger, District Governor of 18-I, made his official visit to our club.

**Evans Lions Club** = Taylor Hyundai kicked off the Toys for Tots season today. Lions are collecting toys all over!!! Special guests were the local U.S. Marine Corps Reserves to kick off the annual Toys For Tots Collection Drive. The Marines thanked us for the clubs support and provided the club an inspirational background on Toys For Tots. Lion Jeanie Brandon has done an outstanding job coordination the placement of boxes by Lions. Second meeting of the month. The clubs guest speaker was Ms. Michele Canchola form the Lydia Project. The Lydia Project supports local citizens in dealing with cancer and the care that goes with it.



**Jefferson Lions Club** = The Jefferson Lions Club 2013 Calendar Project was a success with 285 calendars sold with 1,438 listings. Thirty-one members participated. Lions Dot and Buddy Hunt had top sales. The Club had a profit of \$2,244.05 for our fundraising. Lion Jim Smith always does a great job as chairman of this project.

**The Regular Meeting November 25** - Lion Bob Norton, District Zone Chairman, performed the induction ceremony for a new Club member, Donald Cole. His sponsor, Don Lord, presented Mr. Cole with his Lion's pin. Each Club member welcomed Lion Donald Cole to our Club. Lion Lyle Robbins introduced our guest speaker, Mel Berzack, President of the Jackson County Humane Society. He also introduced his wife, Janis and his son, Matthew and their foster dog, Ace that they are caring for as members of the Foster Program of the Jackson County Humane Society. Berzack informed the Club that due to a lack of a permanent facility, the Jackson County Humane Society works with the help of the Commerce Animal Clinic and a Foster Program made up of families like the Robins. He stressed that there is a need for more foster families to care for homeless animals that are brought to the Humane Society. He noted that Jackson County is the only county in this area that does not have a permanent shelter for homeless animals. He hopes that with the help of donations and organizations that the Jackson County Humane Society can build a no-kill facility in the near future. He also said that every year fewer animals are being destroyed because of more interest in spaying and neutering of pets and strays that has been encouraged by the Humane Society. The Jackson County Humane Society had three main local fund raising events: the Furr Ball, the Pet Festival, and Mimosa's for Mutts. They also hold an Adoption Day on the third Saturday of each month at the Kroger Shopping Center. On November 25, 2013 Lion Jerry reported that there were 49 eye glasses, two lenses and 1 cell phone collected.

**The Regular Meeting November 11-** by Lion President, Jerry Legg. Lion Lisa Nilsen introduced the guest speaker, Victoria Rosenbaum, who is a certified volunteer with Georgia's Long Term Care Ombudsman program at the Athens Community Council on Aging. She explained that volunteers for this program provide a life-line to residents of nursing homes, personal care homes, and assisted living facilities who have few or no visitors or they feel that they have lack of control over their lives. A certified volunteer routinely visits assigned facilities and identifies problems and investigates and resolves complaints under the supervision of a local staff Ombudsman. They serve as an advocate for these persons. On November 11, 2013 Lion Jerry Legg reported that there were 30 eyeglasses and 3 sunglasses collected.

# Dancing with the Stars' fundraiser planned

## *Lohmeier, Loggins team to support Lions Club*

SIX dance teams will be competing for the "Dancing with the Stars - Jackson County Style!" trophy on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Each team has chosen a non-profit organization that they would like to support. Don Lohmeier and Kelly Loggins chose the Jefferson Lions Club.

Lohmeier has been a Jefferson Lion for over 15 years and knows the outstanding work that they do. Lions International is the largest service organization in the world and is dedicated to eradicating major causes of blindness and eye disorders. In Jackson County, three clubs: West Jackson, Commerce and Jefferson Lions, help those in need by collecting glasses and hearing aids, paying for eye exams and purchasing eyeglasses. Lions also help other service organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity.

Loggins is both an accomplished dancer and an experienced dance instructor. Currently, she is teaching at the Broadway Dance Center in Jefferson. Don reports that he and Kelly have a lot in common. She has been dancing since she was six years old and he has been wishing he could dance since he was six years old.



**LOHMEIER**



**LOGGINS**

As a retired Marine, Don finds that dancing is harder than doing push-ups. However, he has great faith in both Kelly's dancing and teaching skills.

Lohmeier and Loggins will dance on Jan. 25 to help both the Lions and the Jackson County Arts council. To find out more about the team and the other "Dancing with the Stars - Jackson County Style!" dance teams, visiting the Facebook page of the same name. Other teams will be featured in the coming months.

"You can help Don and Kelly, the Lions Pride Team, by 'voting' for them," organizers state. "Any money you donate will be split between the Jefferson Lions and the Jackson County Arts Council. One dollar equals one vote and you can mail a check to the Jackson County Arts Council,

P.O. Box 598, Jefferson, GA. 30549 or go to [www.jacksoncountyartscouncil.com](http://www.jacksoncountyartscouncil.com) and click on the DONATE button. Be sure to enter the names of your favorite team in the PURPOSE box."

Tickets for the event can be purchased from any of the dance teams or JCAC members. For more information, call 706-757-3535.

**LaVista Lions Club = Snax Sax Program** = The club voted to support the “Snax Sax Program” for this year’s Christmas project. The program goes like this. There are school children that come from poor families. These children are enrolled in “Free Breakfast” and Free Lunch” programs at their schools. These children probably don’t have very much to eat over weekends either, so groups of concerned citizens came up with the idea of providing these children with food on Friday afternoons that the children can take home and eat on Saturday and Sunday. The volunteers purchase the food and put the snax sax together. All members are asked to contribute as much money as you can to make the La Vista Lions Club’s donation to this program big and meaningful. Bring your contribution to the Club’s Christmas Dinner or mail it to Lion Howard Jones by December 7.

**Lions at Work**

November 16: Pecans and brooms were sold at the Oak Grove Market. Working Lions were: Ray Baskette, Reg Curlee, Bob Deryck, Richard Drane, Bob Lansdell, Don and Randy Smith. A lot was sold for \$985.

November 23: Pecans and brooms were sold at Evans’ Restaurant. Working Lions were: Ray Baskette, Bob Deryck, Howard Jones, Bob Lansdell, Don and Randy Smith. A lot was sold for \$465.

**Teresa’s Needs for the Homeless** = What a great way to show our support, recycle our castaways and help those who need help the most.

**Bottled Water**

Bottled water is always needed. Bring your case of water to any meeting. If you need help transferring the water from your car to Teresa’s, ask and you’ll get help.

**Plastic Shopping Bags**

Plastic shopping bags are always needed. These are used to package food and water. Bring your plastic shopping bags to any meeting.

**Blankets, Coats & Spreads,**

Cooler weather is here. It’s time to think of the low temperatures ahead. Used blankets, coats and spreads are requested. Again, bring them to any meeting

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = Our club held our annual fundraiser selling pecans to the community. Very profitable event. We did a hearing screening on 4 clients at Lawrenceville Housing Authority. We had 2 members attend a meeting in Social Circle with Lion Brian Donegan as guest speaker for Keep The Camp Fires Burning fundraiser for our Camp For the Blind. We also had 8 members at our board of directors and regular meetings. We had 2 members attend the Taste Of Moore for the Central Gwinnett Cluster Foundation. We served 40 pizzas to Creative Enterprises for a Holiday Party for the mentally challenged young adults. A young high school senior lady was guest speaker at our club meeting and presented her project for her Gold Girl Scout Award. She has a legally blind sister and researched information of places that would be helpful to her sister and other visually impaired people to find businesses that accommodate them in making their life easier to be more mobile and find information and assistance they may need. She created a web site full of information for them. Very interesting and helpful to Lionism to inform others. We handed 70 American flags to the veterans attending a Veterans Day event at the Lawrenceville Visitor's Center.

**Loganville Lions Club** = Pres. Knight called meeting to order at 7pm 16 Lions present Zone chair Earl Stallworth was in attendance Lion Stearman opened in prayer Lion Geiger led pledge Dinner Zone Chair Stallworth gave several interesting remarks and encouraged membership Minutes and treasures report were approved Charity budget for 2014 was approved Pres. Knight reported on Halloween event October 26 was a success Christmas party and dinner December 2 at The Baptist Church Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

## Loganville Legacy Lions Club =

- 1.) Saddened to report the passing of Sandra Johnson's sister last week. Memorial donation in her name will be given to a designated cause.
- 2.) Decision made to participate in Grayson's chili cook-off as a participating vendor with a charge of \$ 50.00 for the booth - will be selling brooms and can also sell the bagged p-nuts. Event is next Saturday 11/16 3.)
- 4.) Learned during the meeting Chuck Bagley won his race for city council.
- 5.) Reported that the \$250.00 donation to Newtown lions club has been sent.
- 6.) Approved donation of \$ 500.00 to Loganville Police Department for upcoming "shop with heroes", Asst. Chief Dick Lowery will be invited to attend next Tuesday meeting to receive the check.
- 7.) VERY IMPORTANT ^^^LIGHTHOUSE DIRECTOR WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING AS WELL - NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE ^^^ he is attending at the invitation of Ben Johnson, and should be considered an honor for our club - his time is valuable, and to have him attend an evening meeting is special.
- 8.) Jan and John Morgan presented their plans to promote the January Father/Daughter Dance - quite impressive. CLUB WILL BEGIN PUBLICITY EFFORTS BEGINNING 11/23.

LLC presents a ck. for \$500 to Russ Butcher for "Shop with a Hero" so children can have gifts for Christmas.

2 llc members conducted a bucket brigade activity, raising \$ 91.00.

7 llc members attended Veterans Day ceremony honoring area veterans at city hall.

14 llc members attended meeting -. plans for chili cook-off in Grayson - llc will sell brooms, recap plans to date for holiday dinner

Christmas parade 12/7 and initial plans for father/daughter dance in January were fine tuned.

LLC donated \$ 500.00 to "shop with a hero" local community service program where public service (fire and police departments) give local "in-need" youth the opportunity to shop with a "hero" for holiday gifts for their families each individual has a \$100.00 gift card to spend . Gift was received on behalf of the Loganville Police Department by Russ Bucher coordinator of the event.

5 llc members participated in chili cook-off competition in Grayson. - sold brooms and bagged peanuts. 1 lion provided the music for the event throughout the day.

7 llc members attended veterans day ceremony honoring area veterans at city hall.

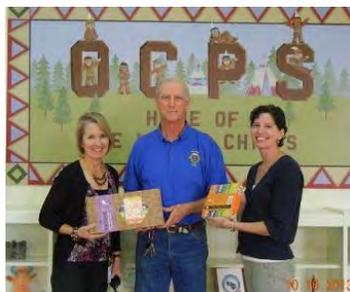
llc has been requested to assist city by managing the "Santa line" at the annual tree lighting for the city of Loganville where complimentary pictures will be taken with Santa,. 2 members confirmed to assist

llc members and their families enjoyed catered dinner at Corinth Christian church. special guests included Mayor Dan Curry and his wife Nancy, and Santa Claus, and Zone Chair Earl Stallworth and his wife. Santa distributed gifts to the 11 children in attendance and Lion John Morgan provided the seasonal music . It was announced that a donation of \$ 250.00 was given to shepherds staff food bank



**Norcross Lions Club** = Distribution of funds from the Norcross Arts Fest in October. In addition to hosting the Norcross High School Student of the Month and his parents, the Norcross Lions Club made plans to serve hot chocolate at the Christmas Tree lighting in Thrasher on December 6 and to collect canned goods for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. Plans were also made for our special December meeting. Donations to GA Lions Lighthouse, GA Lions Camp for the Blind, Leader Dogs, Canine Companions for Independence, Camp Kudzu (camp for diabetic children), GA Special Olympics, and Learning Ally from moneys raised through the Norcross Art Fest in October. Donation to Norcross Cooperative Ministry, Care Funds at Norcross Cluster schools, Norcross Meals on Wheels, Camp Sunrise, Rainbow Village, Norcross Arts Alliance, and the USO from money raised through the Norcross Art Fest in October. The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. He and her parents enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.

**Oconee Lions Club** = One of our traditional activities is to collect eye glasses, lens, cases, hearing aids and cell phones donated by Oconee County members to pass on to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse so that people in third world nations get assistance and money received from the cell phones is passed on to local people. **Numbers provided was 100 glasses, 493 lens, 12 cases, 2 hearing aids, and 5 cell phones.** The Oconee Lions Club worked at Learning Ally to provide the LCI's November and December Lions Magazine to blind Lions. Accordingly, the Oconee Lions read the magazine, created the CDs and then got them ready to be mailed. Oconee Lions worked at Merci Health Center with two Georgia Lions Lighthouse employees that brought vision medical items for a volunteer doctor to screen the eyes of people in need of glasses. In addition, individuals with prescriptions approved by the Lighthouse also choose glasses that are available to select, which are then created at the Lighthouse and sent to all these attendees within about 10 days. Volunteer Lions provide multiple assistance in handling preparation to the eye screening and glass decisions by the needed individuals.



Gene Lyon, President of the Oconee Lions Club, donates two sets of Braille blocks to Oconee County Primary School Principal, Julie Patrick (left), and Ginger Schmidt, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Northeast Georgia, RESA (right). The blocks have letters of the alphabet and single digit numbers imbedded in the wood so that visually impaired students can use their sense of touch to identify the images.

**Social Circle Lions Club** = Congratulations are in order for Lions Sue Ellis, Charles Astin, and Vicki Hubbard on successfully participating in the Guiding Lions Training Program as the District Meeting. Lions Sue and Charles complete the initial Guiding Lions training while Lion Vicki recertified her Guiding Lions certification. Lion Brian gave a heartfelt speech on the need for our club to support the Georgia Camp for the Blind. His speech was filled with anecdotes from the trenches of the camp. District Governor (DG) Ed provided an enthusiastic speech on our duty as Lions in service and commitment to continue to support our national programs.



**Toccoa Lions Club =** "The Toccoa Lions prepare to work the 2013 Toccoa/Stephens County Fall Festival. Members of the Toccoa Lions Club arrived early to prepare for the 2013 Toccoa/Stephens County Fall Festival, held on November 2nd & 3rd, 2013. The Festival takes over most of downtown Toccoa. There are many crafts, art and food booths. At least two art contests are judged during the festival, including the Toccoa Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. The weather looks like it might cooperate this year." Lions Beverly, Flo & Bryan had a successful Peace Poster Contest by combining the Peace Poster Contest, the Toccoa Lions Club Calendar and the Fall Festival to make all three more successful. Talk about an example of synergy! Lions Margo & Dale performed Vision Screening for 23 people during the festival. They also worked the Toccoa Lions Booth. Lion Margo made Christmas Tree Ornaments featuring the Toccoa Falls painted on wood. These were a huge hit and sold out fast. Lions Drew, Jack, Bill and Bryan the Lion worked the Lions Booth selling Walking Sticks, Brooms, mops, whistles and Lion Margo's Christmas Tree Ornaments. These four Lions enjoy the friendly competition of who can interact with the public the most. Rumor has it that Lion Jack has the inside track.



Lion Bill relates, "I think the Fall Festival was a success because of all the fun we had working with people we like and respect; being able to help a young 16 year old student who could not find a doctor who would take her insurance, being able to help an older lady with diabetes that affected her vision so she could no longer read find out about adaptive aids, talking with people about the great work that the Lions do."

The Toccoa Lions Club had a great Peace Poster Contest this year with 32 entries. Peace Poster Chair Lion Beverly Vanderhoef relates "We had a very successful contest this year and we are going to work to make next year even better". Much of the success comes from using the Peace Poster Art Work in the Clubs Calendar. The driving force behind this effort is Lion Bryan Gordon, affectionally known as Bryan the Lion. See page 49 of the November Lions Club International Magazine for more information on this effort. The contest was judged by Michael Marling de Cuellar, Associate Professor, and University of North Georgia."



**The Toccoa Lions Club & Maddox Drugs sponsor Diabetes Awareness Training Program - The Sweet Spot**

The Toccoa Lions Club and Maddox Drugs Store team up to provide a monthly Diabetes Awareness Program called the Sweet Spot. Lion Steve, owner of Maddox Drugs, is the primary speaker. He is ably helped by Diann. Each month, Lion Steve makes a detailed presentation on a different aspect of diabetes. This month his topic was exercise and its role in treating diabetes. Approximately 20 people attended this month's Sweet Spot Presentation. Lion Steve noted that there would not be a presentation in December because of the holidays. We plan on posting a link to the slides and a video of the presentation in a later post. Lion Steve and Diann are doing a great job of helping our community manage their diabetes.



### **Toccoa Lions Club holds its November Sight Conservation Eye Glasses Intake session**

On November 14th, 2013, from 2pm until 4pm, the Toccoa Lions held their monthly Sight Conservation Eye Glasses Intake session at the Open Arms Clinic in Toccoa GA. This month the Toccoa Lions issued vouchers to eight people for eye glasses. One person needed to bring additional information to qualify for the program. Lion Bill relates, "We want to help people in several ways. First and foremost, we want to help them meet their eye health needs. Second, we want to be a good role model. And finally, we want them to assume some personal responsibility in meeting their eye health needs. We provide the eye glasses at no cost to the person but we ask them to make their eye exam appointment and it is their responsibility to take the voucher to the doctor to get their eye glasses." There will not be an Eye Glasses Intake session in December. The next scheduled Eye Glasses Intake session is January 9th, 2014.



The Toccoa Lions Club partnered with the Stephens County Hospital to hold a Diabetes Screening at Wal-mart on November 5, 2013. November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Lions Steve, Chair of the Toccoa Lions Diabetes & Drug Awareness Committee, relates, "Diabetes is one of the major health concerns today in America and one of the leading causes of blindness. It is important that we educate the public and encourage them to be tested for diabetes."

Toccoa Lions Steve, Dale, Margo and Bill worked the event. Stephens County Hospital Nurse, Sherry Gragg & Community Educator, Heidi Wilkerson performed the blood test and did a great job. In addition, Lions Steve & Sherry advised people on the risks of diabetes and gave them advise on potential life style changes that will help combat diabetes. The group screened 46 people for diabetes. About 8 to 10 people needed to take additional action because of high blood sugar levels. Lions Dale & Margo performed 11 Vision Screening. One person was referred to Lion Bill for additional information on getting help for eye care. Lion Bill relates "This diabetes and vision screening is what being a Lion is all about. Lions have the knowledge, means and motivation to get out and help people. Lions really make a difference in their community and around the world."

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

November 12, 2013 = The meeting was opened with prayer. Lion Bryan reported that the Peace Poster contest was a success with 32 entries. We have had other clubs inquire about our Peace Poster Calendar project. The Harvest Festival booth garnered \$458 in profits. Lion Bill Graham showed the board a rough draft of a recruitment letter. There will be a recruitment meeting, otherwise known as an Open House, in the evening on March 13<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and approved to have a proclamation drawn up to officially declare June 7<sup>th</sup> as Lions Club Day. Lion Bill is also working on this. Lions Florence, Sheila, and Mallory are working on the Festival of Trees. This was a profitable fund raiser for the club last year. Christmas activities include the Christmas party on December 12<sup>th</sup> and the parade on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Lion Bill is working on a new state award to be sponsored by the Toccoa club to recognize the club with the most effective Facebook page. The Branch club is working on the Club Excellence process. Lion Grace Clower will be working with them on this. The Valentine's Day party will be February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Golf Tournament will be Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that player rates be lowered in order to encourage more players. The next Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> if the usual location is available. White Cane will be the second Saturday in April, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that 24 vision screenings were done at the Harvest Festival and 11 were done at the diabetes screening at Wal-mart. Members are asked to keep John and Ruth Payton in prayer because John has suffered a stroke and is having a great deal of difficulty due to it.

### **Toccoa Lions Club Hosts Stephens County High School JROTC Cadets**

SCHS JROTC Cadets "Presented the Colors" at the November 14th, 2013 Toccoa Lions Club Meeting. Five Cadets also participated in a Patriotic Essay Contest. As in previous years, the Commandant/Commanders for the Marine Corps League, the VFW and the American Legion judged the contest. For the third year in a row, the Toccoa Lions invited the Stephens County High School JROTC Cadets to participate in their Patriotic Celebration. The JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors and led the Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance. Club President, Bryan the Lion, opened the meeting and conducted some club business. He then introduced Lt. Col. Priatko, the leader of the JROTC Cadets. Lt. Col Priatko gave the Lions an overview of the JROTC Program and the Cadets who participate in the program. He also gave an overview of how the cadets prepared for the Essay. Each Cadet participating then read their essay. Don Alexander of the Marine Corps League and Rick Hack of the VFW then judged the contest. A cash prize of \$50.00 was awarded to Cadet Jaycee for 1st Place. The other Cadets all tied for 2nd place and were awarded \$25.00 each. All of the Toccoa Lions agreed that all of the Cadets represented the Stephens County High School and themselves very well. All of the essays were excellent and the Color Guard

did an outstanding job. Lt. Col. Priatko is doing an outstanding job.



### **Toccoa Lions Club President, Lion Bryan Gordon, awarded Membership Key**

Toccoa Lions Club Membership Chair, Lion Bill Graham, awarded Club President, Bryan the Lion, a Membership Advancement Key during the November 14th, 2013 Toccoa Lions Club Noon meeting. During his remarks, Lion Bill, noted "Bryan the Lion is an energetic and tireless Lion. He has made outstanding contributions to the club, especially in the area of membership. Bryan the Lion earned this key by adding 5 new members to the Toccoa Lions Club. This is one of our most important roles as Lions. Without new members we will not be able to live our Motto of WE SERVE"



Membership Key Awards recognize individual Lions who invite new members. A Lion can earn their first membership key by inviting two new members and may earn up to seventeen keys. Each key is designed to reflect the number of new members a Lion has sponsored. If you would like to get more information about the Membership Key Award Program go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/programs-mem-key.php> Membership and Fundraising are not the favorite activities of many Lions but we cannot do the great work that we do without these activities.

The Toccoa Lions Evening Branch Club held its regular monthly meeting on November 21, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall of the Toccoa Church of Christ. Lions PCC Grace and Lion Pete were guests and the speakers for the meeting. Toccoa Lions Evening Branch President, Lion Kembra opened the meeting. She announced that she had accepted a job at the GA Lighthouse Foundation as Development Director and would be moving to Atlanta in December. Everyone congratulated Lion Kembra on her new assignment. Old Business included a discussion on the Christmas Party the Christmas Parade and the Festival of Trees. Lion Bill made a motion on having a regular meeting in December. The motion passed unanimously. He also indicate that all Branch Club members were encouraged to attend the March 13, 2014 Membership meeting. This meeting will held in the evening. PCC Grace then gave the Branch Club an overview of the Club Excellence Process. She gave the club feedback on a previously conducted "How are your Ratings" survey. PCC Grace will send the club some of her observations on the survey. PCC Grace encouraged the club to complete the Club Excellence Process. She indicated that a good next step would be to complete the Community Survey. Lion Kembra closed the meeting encouraging the pub to continue their community service activities and to continue the Club Excellence Process.



## November 13th Lions Club Auction and meeting

Tuesday night, the Towns County Lions Club held its annual auction to raise funds for the Give-A-Christmas program. With a lively crowd and our colorful auctioneer Jack Anderson, a wide variety of donated items was auctioned off to the highest bidder. Items from electric grills, paintings, and craft items to a new iPad Air were successfully bid on. As some found out, Jack sometimes pads the bids but it is all in fun and goes to a very worthy cause. With the help of Lions President Julie Payne, Georgia Mountain Fair Manager Hilda Thomason, Lions Ralph Grady, Michael Annast and Myers Banister, Jack quickly raised over \$3,000 for the program and an additional \$2,500 in direct donations was received. Businesses and other individuals have also donated to the cause in addition to funds raised Tuesday night. Gene Jackson won the iPad Air drawing at the end of our meeting.

For many years, the Towns County Lions Club has helped the children of the county have Christmas where they otherwise might not be able to. Each December, the club decorates the Anderson Music Hall with Christmas decor and invites Santa Claus to meet with Towns County children. Children who are invited to the event not only meet Santa but get their picture taken with him, receive gifts and have cookies and other goodies. Last year, more than 150 children participated.

Some children will also receive gift certificates to purchase clothing. This year the Lions Club has committed to providing 100 clothing certificates as needed.

The Lions Club feels this is one of its more important events during the year as the club can give directly to the local community. Our children are one of our most valuable resources and Lions do not want any child to go without a memorable Christmas. This year the Give-A-Christmas program will be on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 10 AM until Noon in the Music Hall. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause or would like more information, contact the Georgia Mountain Fair office at 706-896-4191.



Just a reminder that you can help the Give-A-Christmas program in one or all of the following ways:

- 1) Be at the auction tomorrow night and purchase some of the items offered.
- 2) Bring a gift for a boy or girl or both to be given to a child during our program in December
- 3) Volunteer to help wrap the gifts collected (Julie will give the date this will be done)
- 4) Make a direct donation to the Give-A-Christmas program (could be in Memory of John Hitchcock)
- 5) Be an Elf and help with the gift distribution on Give-A-Christmas Day.

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, the LEO Club donated \$150.00 to the Mountain Shelter from funds raising during its Pet Rescue Project in October, Pictured (l to r) Lisa McConnell, Director Mountain Shelter; Courtney Marshall, Carly Gilfilian and Danielle Diehl.



**LEOs ASSIST TOWNS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**  
**NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

The morning was cold and brisk but as I arrived at the Towns County Food Pantry on Monday, there was Carly Gilfilian with her car almost dragging the ground and loaded with about 900 cans of food donated by the students of TCHS. During the month of November, the LEO Club held a food drive at school resulting in a huge amount of giving by the students. But that was not all our plans for the day. As her car was unloaded, Nick McConnell, Jackson Taylor, Danielle Diehl, and Mia Manto arrived to help box food for the next distribution date.

Using the assembly line process, LEO Club members along with many other volunteers from the local community put smiles on their faces, rolled up their sleeves, and proceeded to create hundreds of boxes of can goods. In a little over 1 hour, the volunteers and LEOs had accomplished the task for the day. Looking back at the now stack of filled boxes, smiles were even bigger. Afterwards, Richard Botting, Co-Coordinator of the pantry, took time to give the LEOs a little bit of an overview of the Food Pantry operations. The Towns County Food Pantry is a non-profit organization founded by members of Towns County genuinely concerned with the well-being of other members of Towns County.

When asked which is best giving canned goods to the Pantry or donating actual money, Botting said, "While we gladly accept donated food, donating money is the best way to help the Pantry as we can acquire five times the amount of food with each dollar that a individual could obtain when buying the canned food at the grocery store."

The Towns County Food Pantry obtains the bulk of its food from the Northeast Georgia Food Bank. To acquire the food, they have to pay an "administrative fee" for it, which is usually no more than 18 cents per pound. If you bought a one pound can of corn at the store to donate it might cost you ninety cents. However, if you donated the ninety cents directly to the Food Pantry, they could acquire five cans of corn.

The Towns County Food Pantry is located at 1294 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, GA and can be reached at 706-896-4783 for more information.



SHOWING OFF THE 900 CANS OF FOOD DONATED BY STUDENTS TO THE LEO CLUB PROJECT TO HELP THE FOOD PANTRY  
Jackson Taylor, Nick McConnell, Mia Manto, Carly Gilfilian, and Danielle Diehl.

**For December:**

December 11th (Wednesday) - meet at the Lions Club Board room (at the fair office) right after school. We will be wrapping presents for the Lions Club Give-A-Christmas.

Dec 14th (Saturday) - be at the Music Hall by 9:30am if you wish to participate in the Give-A-Christmas event. Dress "Christmassy" if you can.

These two events will serve as our meetings for December

**Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing:** Approved 1 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:**. No report. **Glasses Collected:** No report. **Activities/Community Service Activities** - In November, 6 Lions had 133 hours for community causes including assistance at local food and clothing banks, The Georgia Mountain Health Program, the American Legion, and work with special needs individuals.

**Board Meeting:**

The October Board of Directors meeting was held at the Cadence Bank meeting room on November 7, 2013

- Board discussed the Lions Trailer at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Lions Carol Neil, Paul Clark, and Gene Little will meet on November 18 with the Hayesville Lions Club and PDG Myer Bannister to discuss future plans.
- Lion Carl Buser discussed plans for the Christmas Party. Music will be provided by Mitzi Kirkland and Carla Kidd. There will be door prizes, white elephant exchange and Christmas card exchange.
- Discussed 2014 Lions Calendars. Motion by Lion Carl, second by Lion Sam to purchase them. •Lion Mary reported that the Trash and Treasures Indoor Yard sale will on Feb 22. The Civic Center is also reserved on the 21st for set up.
- Lion Bob Wood suggested that a summary of accomplishments for the year (number of eye glasses purchased, funds raised at Farmers Market and Sorghum Festival) be presented at a future regular meeting. He also suggested that we distribute a questionnaire to members to get suggestions for future fund raisers.

**Programs: 14 November**

- President Mary presented the Bertmyers (Lions from Winter Garden, FL) with a Lion’s t-shirt for all the help they have provided for our projects.
- Lion Louise introduced Lion Bob Norton from the Winder Noon Club. Lion Bob is a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor for District 18-I.
- Lion Betty Gurr discussed the Annual Veterans Day Banquet. Attendance this year was 162 and included veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, etc. Former Lion Willis Hughes received a special award.
- Lion Carl Buser discussed the Christmas party which will be at G&G on December 12.
- Lion Mary introduced tonight’s guest speaker, our own Lion Lisa Little. Lion Lisa spoke about the Beauty Pageants she has been involved with since 2007. Locally this year she did the pageants at the Green Bean Festival and Sorghum Festival. At each pageant, she has a community service award which involves the collection of use eye glasses, hearing aids and cell-phones that are donated to the Lion’s Club. Through the pageants, the participants collected 54 cell-phones, 15 phone chargers, 85 pairs of sunglasses, 218 pair of reading glasses, 88 pair of prescription glasses, and 9 cases for a total of 469 items. She then introduced Ester Beatty, the community service award winner from the Sorghum Festival. Ester collected 83 items on her own. As an award winner Ester received a sash, crown with Lion, and a stuffed Lion. Ester demonstrated her talent from the pageant by entertaining the club with an expressive dance.



WORKING LIONS - 103 hours  
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 128 hours  
 FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 15 hours  
 Total: 236 hours  
**Submitted: 3 news article**

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = Four members judged the Peace Poster Contest for 2013. Four Barrow County Middle Schools participated in the contest. Winners will be presented with their awards at our December meeting. Three club members worked at the blood mobile canteen for the November blood drive conducted at the Winder FUMC.



## Online Registration for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Is Open

The Island of Enchantment is beckoning you. The beauty and history of San Juan, Puerto Rico will be the backdrop for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September 11-13, 2014.



While there may still be plenty of time to register, early-bird discounts won't last. [Click below to register now.](http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails)  
<http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails>  
 You will be redirected to our official forum registration page. You'll be glad you did!



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





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

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

Dear Georgia Lions!

Again, it is my pleasure to announce that the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is doing well. Our service through vision clinics and eyeglasses, surgeries, and hearing aids to indigent Georgians has grown and those services are being delivered in less time and for less cost.

#### Services and costs

From July 1, 2013-September 30, 2013, the Lighthouse has provided vision services (eye examinations and eyewear) to 1,440 people at a cost of \$17,728.36. Our numbers show that the Lighthouse has increased its vision services of 14.97%, with a significant decrease in costs! This increase in services is consistent with the Lighthouse's past six year history as, during the same three month period, the Lighthouse provided vision services to 347 people in 2008-09, 739 people in 2009-10, 723 people in 2010-11, 1,110 people in 201-12, 1,179 in 2012-13. The Chamblee clinic alone seeing about 500 people per month for vision screening, and the optical lab is producing about 500 pairs of eyeglasses per month. We have provided 128 surgeries at the actual cost of \$122,497.33, as a result of medical discounts of \$559,395.19. The Lighthouse has thus also increased its surgery services!

From July 1, 2013-September 30, 2013, the hearing aid program has served 374 people with hearing aids, for a cost of \$224,160.00 for hearing aids, ear molds, and providers, and administrative fees of \$15,312.00, a total of \$239,472.00. The hearing program is, therefore, also reflecting an increase in services of 17.32%! During this three-month period, the hearing aid program was funded by the Georgia Public Service Commission (\$148,500.00) and client-co-pays (\$73,795.00). This funding may also be increased later this year with grants from DeKalb and Fulton Counties and salvage aids.



#### Service Numbers

From July to Oct 2013

People having eye exams  
**150 were from 18-I**

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

Eye surgeries were  
performed.  
**33 were from 18-I**

Hearing aids through the  
dispensation  
**189 were from 18-I**

#### Get involved!

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

16 August – Athens

Contact Judith at 800-718-7483  
or [JKerr@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:JKerr@lionslighthouse.org)  
for more information about  
volunteer opportunities.

#### Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

18 I District Chair:  
Ken Massingale, PDG  
E: [g\\_massin@yahoo.ie](mailto:g_massin@yahoo.ie)



## WHITE CANE

White Cane contributions help fund the eye surgery program at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The Lighthouse is a major service partner with the Lions of Georgia, and it is the obligation of every Lion to help the organization continue to provide services to Georgians in need.

The last few years have been extremely difficult for Georgians. Many of our fellow Georgians cannot afford the surgery needed to restore or save their sight. That's when the Lions of Georgia come to the rescue through the services offered at the Lighthouse.

This year's state-wide White Cane goal is \$120,000.00. Over the past few years, White Cane contributions have gone up and down, averaging around \$113,000.00. In order to reach this goal, we are emphasizing a few key points:

1. Remember White Cane is neither a one day nor a one month but is a "year round" project. "Every Day in Georgia is White Cane Day."
2. White Cane fundraisers are not limited to bucket drives. Clubs have been very successful with letter writing campaigns, calendar sales, recycling drives, product sales, and a variety of less common fundraising techniques.
3. Each year, funds that are meant to be designated for White Cane are recorded as regular club gifts instead. To ensure your White Cane gift is used toward the Lighthouse's eye surgery program, please make sure your treasurer writes "White Cane" in the "for" or "memo" section of the check.

Thank you for all you are doing to help the uninsured in Georgia regain their sight as we continue to serve. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

J.C.Coeffield, MD18 White Cane Chair  
[coffield@cox.net](mailto:coffield@cox.net)  
Home 478-922-9023  
Cell 478-955-9132

Dear Lions,

Please note the date for the first quarter annual Lighthouse volunteer meeting-

**Saturday, February 1, 2013**  
**Warner Robins, Georgia**

I will provide more information as it comes and will also include it in the next newsletter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Alison Kuhlke  
Marketing Director  
404-325-3630 ext. 306

In every way, you make what we do possible.

Thank you for helping us to create a better Georgia.

**"Thank you**  
**for my new glasses"**  
*- Anita, eyeglass recipient*

**"Thank you**  
**for helping me hear all the**  
**wonderful sounds"**  
*- Bettie, hearing aid recipient*

**"Thank you**  
**for this opportunity"**  
*- Michael, eyeglass recipient*

**"Words cannot express how**  
**thankful I am."**  
*- Leon, eyeglass recipient*



*Amarie, after picking out glasses  
at our Chamblee clinic.*

Merry Christmas!! We are continually blessed by your efforts and generosity towards our mission to build a better Georgia by providing people with their sight and sound. Thank you for all of your time, talents, and gifts.

We are thankful for **you**.



**Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Olin Newby, PDG**  
[newby@wildblue.net](mailto:newby@wildblue.net)



**RENTAL Guidelines for User Groups/Licensee**  
**What Lions should know**

**Pre-Orientation**

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

To: Lions of Georgia  
 From: Lion Frank Spinney, GLCB, Inc., Nominations and Elections Committee Chair  
 Subject: Election of President, Secretary and Treasurer at the Winter Board of Directors

Meeting on February 2, 2014 = This notice is to advise you that the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer are up for election on February 2, 2014. If you would like to run for one of these three positions or run for re-election your letter of intent must be mailed to the Nominations and Elections Committee no later than January 3, 2014. Your letter of intent can either be mailed via US Mail or by E-Mail to the address/email address noted below:

Lion Frank Spinney  
 5088 Farmers Bridge Road or [LionSpinney@aol.com](mailto:LionSpinney@aol.com)  
 LionSpinney@aol.com

The qualification for these positions copied from the Constitution and Bi-Laws are all listed below.

Best Regards,  
 Frank Spinney, Committee Chair

**ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**SECTION 3.** A Candidate for President shall be a Lion or Lioness in good standing and shall have served at least one full term as an officer or regular Director of the Corporation. The President will be elected for a two-year term at the February Board of Directors Meeting and will be eligible to run for a second two-year term. A candidate for President shall submit a letter of their candidacy to the Nominations Committee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the February meeting of the board of directors. This letter shall set forth their qualifications for the office of President.

The election will be by secret ballot. In the event no candidate has qualified for the office of President, thirty (30) days prior to the February Meeting, the Nominations Committee shall seek out Lions or Lionesses who are qualified for the office of President and are willing to serve. The nominees selected in this manner shall be presented for election. Only if no nominees are brought forth by the Nominations Committee, shall nominations be made from the floor. Such nominations made from the floor must be qualified in accordance with these Constitution and By-Laws.

**SECTION 5.** The Secretary and the Treasurer will be elected for a two-year term at the February Meeting of the Board of Directors. They shall be a Lion or Lioness in good standing and have demonstrated the ability and willingness to serve effectively. A candidate for Treasurer must be experienced in bookkeeping, accounting and financial affairs. Candidates shall submit a letter of intent to the Nominations Committee at least 30 days prior to the February Meeting of the Board of Directors. This letter shall set forth their qualifications for the office. Only if no nominees are brought forth by the Nominations Committee shall nominations be made from the floor. Such nominations made from the floor must be qualified in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.

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# CAMP FOR THE BLIND

## Fundraising...

### District Competition Kickoff

Football has nothing on the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. During the GLCB Meeting in Macon on September 15<sup>th</sup> the Hephzibah Lions Club kicked off the district competition with a donation from their Poker Run.

Yes, a district competition is off and running. The club in each district that donates the highest per capita to the Camp for the Blind will be the district winner. The total of Club Donations to the camp divided by the total Club Membership as of April 30 will determine the district winners. Please see what your Club can do to increase your support for the GA Lions CAMP for the BLIND.

The four winners will receive an engraved brick for the GLCB Memorial Garden to be presented at Lions Day at the Camp in July. Camp donations must be received by April 30, so now is the time to start increasing your donations and try to make your club the district winner.

#### District Committee Chair

<b>Pete Stamsen</b> / I	<b>770-995-9274</b>		<a href="mailto:pstamsen@bellsouth.net">pstamsen@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Brian Donegan</b> / I		<b>404-630-2910</b>	<a href="mailto:doneganbrian1@gmail.com">doneganbrian1@gmail.com</a>

*If you have any questions, please contact Dimple Forrest at 706-472-3862 or [forrestfamily@windstream.net](mailto:forrestfamily@windstream.net).*

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*Fellow Lions,*

The Executive and Finance Committees met recently and revised the budget for the camp. The adjusted budget is based on last year's income so we need everyone to at least meet what they donated last year but we really need you to squeeze a little extra.

There are many ways to help contribute to the camp. A regular donation is the most common but there is also the 1976 Club, Keep the Camp Fires Burning Campaign, Memorial Donations, and the Memorial Garden. Please remember when you or your clubs donate to the camp to mark the check what the donation is for and what District the credit should go to. If it is not a club check, then also make sure what club you are in so the proper credit can be given.

Did you know that the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind now has a Facebook page? If you use Facebook, this is a great way to keep abreast of what is going on at the camp. Postings are made several times a week. Simply like the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind and you will receive these postings. Did you also know that you can make a donation to the camp with PayPal. The link to Pay Pal is on the camp's website. If you didn't know there was a website, shame on you. The web address is [www.glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org).

There is a lot of pertinent information on the so you might want to check it out. There is an opportunity to have a Fund Raising Golf Tournament benefitting the camp but we need some-one or a club to step up and take this project on. Rumor has it that a Georgia Professional Golfer is available to help make this a success. The thoughts are to have this in Atlanta area and make it an annual event with multiple clubs working together to make this a success.

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



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey [s\\_rousey@truvista.net](mailto:s_rousey@truvista.net)

## Helping Others—Together



For 30 years, Doug Martens thought about getting a Leader Dog. He knew he wanted one, but with work and family responsibilities, it was just never the right time. "I just couldn't get away for the three and a half weeks I would need to go up to Leader Dog," Doug says. "So when the opportunity came for me to go, I was more than ready."

After decades of using a white cane, Doug received his first Leader Dog, a yellow Labrador named Brodie, three years ago. From the start, he was amazed at how much having Brodie enriched his life, both personally and professionally.

As a senior rehabilitation specialist for the State of Wisconsin Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Doug visits people in their homes to teach them adaptive living skills. "What I do is really about teaching people to think differently about things we all do every day, like how to safely work the stove and the microwave," he says.

Doug finds that with Brodie accompanying him to his appointments, it's easier to walk into a client's home for the first time. "Everyone is interested in meeting her and learning about what she does for me," he says. "She's an instant ice breaker."

After meeting Brodie, one of Doug's clients went to Leader Dog and received a dog of her own; a second client is also considering it. "Everyone wants to know about how the training works. I reassure them that they will never be left alone at Leader Dog, and they will learn to trust in their dog, just like I did."



Doug and his wife share a moment with their dogs Izzy (yorkie-poo) and LD Brodie

Doug recalls how another client, a woman who suffered with very high blood pressure, said she felt calmer after meeting Brodie. "She just fell in love with her. Brodie fell asleep with her head on the woman's foot, and she said she just felt relaxed right away."

In his personal life, he finds that people react differently to him as well. "People don't know how to interact with someone who uses a white cane, but with a dog, it makes it easier for people to strike up a conversation with me," he says.

When Doug is hard at work... Doug said that for the most part, people are pretty good about respecting the fact that Brodie is working, but people still often ask if they can pet her. "Is she working right now?" they always want to know," he said. "I usually say 'Well, she's not working that hard right now.' Brodie always looks to me first before they pet her to make sure it's OK."

From their first days together, Doug was amazed at how well matched he is with Brodie. "She is so mellow and laid back, just like me. I can't imagine ever going back to a cane."



LD Brodie is hardly working

Doug remembers when he first started training with Brodie and how they worked together to find a comfortable walking speed. "She started out as a pretty fast walker, and I used to think 'If she makes a mistake, it's going to leave a mark,'" he laughs. "But she never did. She just never ceases to amaze me."

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After three years of having Brodie by his side, Doug can't imagine ever not having a guide dog. "Everyone here just loves her. My wife is so much more comfortable knowing I have her with me. I suspect when she is no longer able to work she will stay with me as a pet for the rest of her life," he said. "And I know I will get another one, there are just too many benefits not to. She uses her eyes and her training to get me safely where I need to go. She amazes me every day."

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Dale, Melissa [Ripley's puppy raisers] and Denise [GDMI],



I am not good at these types of emails but here goes. Before I applied at Leader Dog my life was in a dark hole that I thought I would never get out of. In my life before all of this, I was the toughest of the tough (Navy Seal) and a senior design executive at Chrysler. In a short time my life changed from being on top to being a person of no hope.

At first I thought the dog would only help me to get on with a depressing life. How wrong I was! When I first met my trainer Denise I felt her bubbly personality and genuine care to not only work with my dog but to help me get out of this hole I was in.

Ripley is more than a Leader Dog, he is my buddy. On or off the leash or harness he is amazing. He has learned my routine and helps me stay on a good path. He got so irritated when I smoked he started making noises even when I was outside smoking. And now I do not smoke at all.

I met with Dale and Melissa [Ripley's puppy raisers] and I know why Ripley is the way he is. I have NEVER seen people care so much for their dogs, even knowing they will not keep them. At first I could not understand why anyone would do this. But now I understand, they do it to help people like me. Dale and Melissa deserve a special place in heaven for their work.

So I must thank the people that helped me get my life back. I no longer pity myself, now I challenge myself to do better. All I can say with great serenity is THANK YOU ALL!!!

*Robert VanSlyke*



Formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic  
**Learning Ally**   
Making reading accessible for all.



From the desk of State  
Chair Lion Fred Smith  
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## [The Blind Leading the Wined](#)



Hoby Wedler with Learning Ally President & CEO Andrew Friedman, and volunteers Peg Hastings and Dr. James

Henry “Hoby” Wedler, a graduate student at the University of California, [White House Champion of Change](#), and lifelong Learning Ally member, traveled by himself across the country to host a unique sensory experience for volunteers, supporters and staff at the organization’s headquarters.

Blind since birth, Hoby is currently working towards a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at UC Davis and enjoys tutoring younger students in the sciences, history, and mathematics. When he’s not in the classroom, his penchant for teaching extends beyond academics into another acute area of interest: wine tasting.

A short distance from the university he attends, Hoby hosts monthly blind wine tastings at the [Francis Ford Coppola Winery](#) in Napa Valley— a one-of-a-kind experience he was delighted to share with the Learning Ally community.

Before the main event at Learning Ally’s Princeton studio, there was a volunteer appreciation breakfast during which Hoby shared stories about his early experiences with Learning Ally—his use of audiobooks throughout middle school, high school, and college—and how he became passionate about chemistry. Expressing sincere gratitude to the volunteers, he said, “It is really a treat to listen to your voices describe things with such eloquence and ease. It makes my education, as a totally blind student, obtainable. Without Learning Ally I wouldn’t have been able to excel in honors courses and achieve a GPA that allowed me to get accepted at a top university.”

Seated at long tables placed among the recording booths in Princeton’s studio, 35 guests sat blindfolded and eager to learn about the intricacies of the chosen wines and the science behind how they were made. Told to hone in on taste and smell, participants followed Hoby’s detailed and patient instructions as they were guided through four different wine samples.

After the event, one smiling volunteer said, “We live in a visually saturated world, now more than ever with the presence of smart phones, tablets, and



other media devices that constantly bombard us with images. Stepping into the ‘eyes’ of Hoby, if just for a short time, I noticed details about the wine and the setting that I wouldn’t have, had I been able to see. It was a truly special experience.”



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



## James III is eighteen years old and looks like your "typical" teenager.



But James is challenged with autism. With the support of his family, James faces these challenges every day. In 2006, James received a four-legged support system, a CCI assistance dog Tiffany.

"James, who was essentially non-verbal, now issues some verbal commands to Tiffany," his father, James Jr. explains.

"Additionally, because Tiffany is with James in social situations, the typical autistic behaviors of spinning, hand flapping and rocking are almost eliminated."

"For Sheila and I, a life full of ability and independence has gotten four steps or four paws closer because of CCI for our son, James," summarizes James Jr.

James Jr. is extremely grateful for Tiffany and the CCI community who made it possible for her to be an assistance dog. He understands fully his responsibility to maintain Tiffany's training and regularly brings her to work on Capitol Hill with him.

One day when James Jr. and Tiffany were walking near the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, a Congressman approached them and began inquiring about Tiffany. After James Jr. explained Tiffany's training and how she assists his son, the Congressman asked if she did any tricks. James gave her the "speak" command, and Tiffany's bark echoed through the halls of Congress. The Congressman said, "That's the most intelligent speech I've heard in Congress this week!"

Anecdotes aside, James Jr. knows that CCI assistance dogs and the CCI community are a true blessing. "CCI gives not only exceptional dogs for exceptional people, not only independence, but true, honest, loyal and wonderful friends who are willing to be uncompromising and unwavering disciples of the disabled."



Diabetes Awareness Chair  
**Kathryn Higgins**  
[klhiggins07@aol.com](mailto:klhiggins07@aol.com)

## Diabetes Management Tips for Happier Holidays

With food being a main event at celebrations during this holiday season, you may be feeling anxious about helping your child or teen manage the diabetes routine. What can you do to make this a less stressful time for you and your child?



- More blood glucose (BG) checks. Keep a closer eye on your child's blood glucose levels when you're off your regular schedule. The hustle and bustle of visiting friends, family and eating unfamiliar foods will affect BG levels!
- Feel the burn. Sometimes exercise helps the body use up glucose so a walk, a game of tag or basketball can help burn off extra carbs after indulging in holiday meals and treats.
- Make substitutions. Most ingredients in dessert recipes can be substituted. For example, use applesauce instead of sugar or 2% instead of whole milk. If you do it quietly, your child, family and friends may not taste the difference and everyone's waistband will thank you for it! See our Recipe of the Month for a quick and healthy option.
- Plan ahead. If you're headed to party, consider taking a healthy dish you know your child will enjoy to share with everyone. If you are dining out, many restaurants post their menu on their websites. Check the nutrition information and make it a fun activity to plan what you're going to eat before you go.

### Seven Holiday Tips



Want to enjoy the holidays and the food and still stay healthy? Planning ahead is important, especially if you have diabetes.

The seven tips below can help guide you through your next holiday event:

1. Focus on friends and family instead of food. Remember, the holidays are a time to slow down and catch up with your loved ones. Play games, volunteer, or spend time outdoors enjoying the weather together.
2. It's a party, but don't overdo it. Eat slowly, and really enjoy the foods that you may only have once a year. If the meal will be served near your usual meal time, try to eat the same amount of carbohydrate that you normally would for a meal. If you plan to have a portion of dessert, cut back on another carbohydrate food during the main course. Make sure your portions are reasonable and resist going back for second helpings.
3. Eat before you eat. Don't skip meals or snacks earlier in the day to "save" calories and carbs for the large holiday feast later on. If you skip meals, it will be harder to keep your blood glucose in control. Also, if you arrive somewhere hungry, you will be more likely to overeat.
4. Bring what you like. Don't spend time worrying about what will be served. Offer to bring your favorite diabetes-friendly dish. If you count carbs, check your recipe's nutrition facts so you know how big a serving is and how many carbs it has.
5. Drink in moderation. [If you drink alcohol](#), remember to eat something beforehand to prevent low blood glucose levels later. Whether it's a glass of red wine or a beer, holiday drinks can add a significant amount of calories to your holiday intake. Keep it to no more than 1 drink for women and 2 drinks for men.
6. Stay active. One reason that we have problems managing diabetes and weight during the holidays is our lack of physical activity. Sure, the holidays are busy, but plan time into each day for exercise and don't break your routine. Make the holidays an active time!  
 Off from work or school? Use this extra time to do some physical activity.  
 Train for and participate in a local holiday run or walk (like a turkey trot or Independence Day run).  
 Start a game of pick-up football or play other games in the yard.  
 Go for a walk with your loved ones after eating a holiday dinner.  
 Offer to help clean up after a meal instead of sitting in front of leftover food. This will help you avoid snacking on it and get you moving around!
7. If you overindulge, get back on track. If you eat more carbs or food than you planned for, don't think you have failed. Stop eating for the night and focus on spending the rest of your time with the people around you. Include extra exercise, monitor your blood glucose levels, and get back on track with your usual eating habits the next day.



## ***Our World, Our Future***

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on 15

November 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

### **Create a Future for our World –**

The quest towards having a better, more peaceful world for our future is a noble goal. Yet it should be broken down into a small, day-to-day decisions. As we make our way towards the unknown, we should bring the influence of people who have inspired us and let their help guide us to new heights.

The girl depicted in the peace cannot see what is over the horizon, but has good promises for whatever lies ahead of her. Along the way, she meets many new friends that inspire her to keep going.

PEACE POSTER

### **LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

#### ***Our World, Our Future***

**"NEW"** The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in Peace Poster kit and on the LCI website. The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on 15 November 2013. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

**Seeing an Equal Future** – by McClain Hermes – 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Before October 23, 2009 my world was the same as every little girl: bright colors, lights, soccer and swimming. At eight, life was great. I dreamed of being an Olympic athlete, or maybe even President. But, I had never had the best vision and year after year my vision was getting worse. For no known reason, my retinas detached one after another just weeks apart in 2009. I went through a few surgeries and was left with no vision in my right eye and limited sight in my left. The world through my eyes suddenly changed. I was told no more soccer or anything involving contact. With limited sight and no depth perception, swimming was difficult.

By the time I was nine, my family and I were starting to get use to these drastic changes. I began to swim again, started using a cane, and have accommodations made at school. I was having to adjust to "seeing" everyday things differently. At a swim competition, I ran into the wall and came out of the pool

sobbing. Right away my mom was ready to pull me out of the pool. My coach asked my mom to give her a week to come up with a solution. She did! We thought she was crazy when the next day she walked in holding a styck with a tennis ball on the end of it. Turns out, Paralympic swimmers use this device to tell them when they get to the wall to flip or stop. After building up the trust to have my mom and coach hit me on the head with a stick, I went to my very first Paralympic meet in October 2012, three years to the day after my first surgery! Suddenly the whole world of Paralympic swimming was opened up to me.

In the Paralympics, there are several different disabilities. There are athletes missing limbs, paralyzed, dwarfs and intellectually challenged. I realized that disabled people have to not only overcome their disability, but also the discrimination of those who don't understand us. My best friend's dwarf and everywhere she goes she gets stares and snickers. Daily, people stop and stare at my cane and ask why I have a stick. I know that they don't do it to be mean, they just don't know what to do and are curious or rude. It is not just in stores and restaurants, my Paralympic friends and I also have struggles at school.

Since 2011, my vision's decreased at a very fast rate. I may be completely blind someday, but I "see" many things to come. I hope that everyone from one to 100 will be understanding of anyone that is different. No more staring or pointing. In the future I see myself maybe not as an Olympic athlete but as a Paralympic athlete, and you never know, I may be the first blind President! So I hope that our future world will have equality no matter our size, shape or sight.

The GMF is participating in a Snowman contest. The contest is to raise money for the Towns County Food Pantry.

Hilda asked the LEO's if they would be interested in making a snowman for the fairgrounds. The snowman is supposed to be a representation of the business. After "brainstorming" during a LEO club meeting, the club decided that they would have our snowman represent the Georgia Mountain Fair with a Ferris wheel and thus the idea of Ferris Wheeler was born.

Since Ferris Wheeler's purpose is to raise money for the Towns County Food Pantry, he is asking for your support in this matter. Please stop by the GMF office and drop off a donation. Whether your donation is \$1 or \$100, it will all add up.

Thank you for your support of Ferris Wheeler, Towns County LEO Club and the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in helping to raise money for the food pantry.

Sincerely,  
Ferris Wheeler



## Special Olympics Georgia

### Special Olympics Georgia launches a new film documentary, "The Love of the Games"

ATLANTA (Nov. 7) Special Olympics Georgia announced today the new documentary film, "The Love of the Games" will air beginning on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> on a statewide network of Georgia's leading television stations.

The 30-minute film offers compelling and inspirational insights to the benefits that Special Olympics Georgia has on athletes, their families, volunteers, and on society.

"Special Olympics has been a huge part of our lives and it's changed our family," says Jeff, parent of athlete Josh. "People just accept each other for who they are." An enthusiastic Josh sums up his success by noting, "If you just try hard, I know you can do it." Given that Josh spoke his first words at age eight, his voice illustrates the journey behind every athlete, each with his or her own courageous story.

The TV program will reveal another winner within the Special Olympics State Games: employees of corporations dedicated to the communities in which they serve. UPS, Publix and Autotrader.com generously contribute money, manpower, and logistical expertise, but are quick to point out the rewards run both ways. "The gift that these athletes give is better than anything you can unwrap," states UPS Volunteer Coordinator Christy Davis.

The documentary was directed and produced by Dan Johnson, a 24-time Emmy Award winning Atlanta filmmaker and will air on the following stations:

- Atlanta WAGA-TV Fox5 December 14 5:30PM
- Albany WALB-TV News 10 December 14 7:30PM
- Augusta WJBF-TV News Channel 6 December 14 7:30PM
- Columbus WRBL-TV News 3 December 14 6:30PM
- Savannah WTOG-TV 11 December 14 7:30PM
- Macon WMAZ-TV 13 December 28 12:30PM

### Special Olympics Georgia Mission

The mission of Special Olympics Georgia is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for 25,878 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities

to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. For more information, visit

[www.specialolympicsga.org](http://www.specialolympicsga.org)

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### Over The Edge, April 26, 2014, Atlanta



### Go Over The Edge for Special Olympics Georgia, Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Buckhead Tower in Atlanta!!

This April take your support for Special Olympics Georgia to new heights! Do you think you can be as brave as our Special Olympics athletes by getting out of your comfort zone? Well, here's your chance! **On April 26, 2014 join "edgers" who are willing to face the challenge of raising \$1,000 to rappel off Buckhead Tower (a 20 story building) for the 25,878 athletes of Special Olympics Georgia.**

Special Olympics Georgia is looking for a few good men and women to make their mark in history while supporting the most credible charity in America. This is your opportunity to experience first-hand what it means to face a challenge that initially seems quite daunting but at the same time celebrates the challenges and similarities we all share in life. It is your chance to show our athletes your courage and your support of what they experience daily. No prior experience is needed! Everyone is welcome!

**Register today and pay your \$25 registration fee to start fundraising!! Don't want to go Over the Edge? Gather your co-workers and raise \$1,500 to send your Boss Over the Edge!** Choose Toss your Boss when you register, make a \$10 donation and form your team! Once your team reaches the goal you will be contacted to set up a time slot to Toss Your Boss! **\*\*PLEASE NOTE-** Contribution is contingent on the event occurring, money will be returned if the event does not occur. Money will be counted as a contribution in the year of the event. (2014)

# LIONS OF GEORGIA

2014 MD 18 CONVENTION

Macon, GA

May 30 – June 1, 2014

## HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2013	\$105.00	Oct. 1, 2013- Dec. 31, 2013	\$125.00
Jan 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014	\$145.00	After April 30, 2014	\$160.00

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

### HOTEL INFORMATION:

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

### MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Lion David McDonald  
1624 Hannahs Mill Road  
Thomaston, Georgia 30286  
H: 706-648-3850  
Email:  
dmcdonald@charter.net

Lions; The telephone number for the Marriott Macon City Center, which was listed on the 2014 State Lions Convention Form, is INCORRECT. Please use the following toll free number: 1-800-228-5290

Below you will find the reservation links your guests can use to make online hotel reservations.

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%20of%20Georgia-Multiple%20District%2018^mcnfs%60logloga%60119.00%60USD%60false%605/28/14%606/1/14%604/28/14&app=resvlink&st\\_op\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%20of%20Georgia-Multiple%20District%2018^mcnfs%60logloga%60119.00%60USD%60false%605/28/14%606/1/14%604/28/14&app=resvlink&st_op_mobi=yes)

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