



## GROW THE PRIDE



### A Note from DG Vicki Hubbard

As we enter into December, I would like to wish every Lion a Happy Holiday season. Can you believe in less than a month away we will be ringing in 2015, amazing we are half way through our Lions Year. What have you and your clubs accomplished so far this Lions year? What do you still want to be able to achieve before June 30, 2015? What will your Lions "mark" be?

The Holiday season is a perfect time to do service projects. There are so many people out there that are less fortunate than we are, that need help. You and your clubs can do several things; anything from vision screenings, to health fairs in the malls, to Toys for Tots for the children or a food drive for families that won't get to enjoy a Holiday meal. Plan now to accomplish one of these service activities before the end of the year.

So where has the District Governor been? As the holidays draw near, we are finishing up with our official visits until the spring. In November I visited the Decatur Lions club, they are doing good things in their community. Both VDG's finished out November with several official visits also. 1st VDG Anne visited Elberton, Oconee, Eatonton, Norcross and North Decatur and 2nd VDG Bob visited Carnesville, Monroe and Buford.

I would like to congratulate the Athens Classic City Lions Club for sponsoring the Monsignor Donovan Leo Club. I was able to attend the Charter night and it was great to see so many young people interested and motivated about becoming Leo's. A big thank you to Lion Tom Davis for becoming the Leo club advisor and Lion Greg Paul, President of the Athens Classic City club for leading his club to this accomplishment. Speaking of charter nights, on November 14, 2014 the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Club had their charter night. President Lion Jerhvon Pearman led his club into this new venture. The event was very well attended with many District representatives there. Lions PCC Grace Clower and Lion Pete Stamsen are the club's Guiding Lions; and Lion PDG Dick Smith was very instrumental in helping to get this club established. Also, congratulations are in order for the GGC club's advisor, LION Dr. Jim Fatzinger and LION Katie Buell, not only are they club advisors from the college, they are brand new LIONS in the Lawrenceville Lions Club.

As we continue on with our Centennial Service Challenge, our numbers are increasing. Please be sure to report the activities that you do concerning youth, hunger, environment and vision. If you have any questions is a service qualifies or how to report this please call our Centennial Service Challenge coordinator Lion Doreen Stalworth. As of November 30, 2014 District 18-I has reported 262 activities, with a total of 5,128 Lions hours and 20, 418 people served. Twenty one clubs have participated by engaging our youth, eight clubs have helped by protecting our environment, 14 clubs have assisted with relieving the hunger campaign and 20 clubs have helped with vision services. Let's make these numbers grow bigger in the months to come.

We are anxiously getting prepared for our District Convention in March; you will find a registration form in the newsletter. We will have a reception for ID Lion Jack Epperson and his wife, Lion Mary on Friday evening, March 6, 2015 and we will have our District Convention on Saturday March 7, 2015. We will have a day full of events with new member orientation training, the 3rd Cabinet Meeting, a fabulous luncheon, our District elections and our speaker ID Lion Jack. It will be a great day to be a Lion, please go ahead and mark your calendar and make plans to attend in March.

ASK ONE is working...we have 19 new members in the District for the month of November. Congratulations are in store for the Covington Lions Club (1), the Dawsonville Lions Club (1), the Evans Lions Club (2), the Gainesville Lions Club (4), the Lawrenceville Lions Club (2), the Norcross Lions Club (3), the Oxford Lions Club (1), The Snellville Lions Club (2), the Toccoa Lions Club (1), and the Towns County Lions Club (2) and the Winder Noon Club (1) for each having new members for the month of October. Don't forget the 5 or more new member challenge.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Lion Vicki – DG – District 18-I

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

- Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.
- Visit [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you. Access the [recorded webinars](#) which featured experts from these two partner organizations.
- Consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.



### Share Your Success

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

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.

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

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

Leos and Lions celebrate International Leo Day in many ways, from hosting social events, to organizing special service projects. This year, consider holding a new member induction

event to welcome the newest Leo members into your club on December 5. However you celebrate, you can always share photos and stories of your International Leo Day event on the [Leo Club Program Facebook Fan Page](#).

## International Leo Projects

**Spotlight on Children** is the international service project of Leo clubs. Spotlight on Children projects give Leos the opportunity to enrich the lives of children by:

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

## Planning Ahead

### January is Glaucoma Awareness Month 13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday

### 18-I District Convention



Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming District Convention

Inform all of your members to mark their calendars 6 and 7 March meeting at:

Location – **The Foundry @ Graduate Athens**  
**295 E Dougherty St,**  
**Athens, GA 30601**

Training sessions to start at 9am = **Member Orientation** – with GLT Pete Stamsen and PDG Richard Henderson

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 10:45 am = what's the 4 initiatives?

Lunch/Convention will start at 12:15 = our guest speaker will be ID Jack Epperson and his wife, Mary from **Dayton, Nevada**

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. Registration Form located on next page.

Check your email or mail box

## District Convention 18-I March 7, 2015



Join us Friday evening,  
March 6, 2015 for a  
Reception for ID Jack and  
his wife, Mary

Our guest speaker will be ID Jack Epperson  
and his wife, Mary from Dayton, Nevada

Training sessions to start at 9:00am *Member Orientation* with GLT Pete Stamsen and PDG Richard Henderson

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The Foundry  
@ Graduate Athens  
295 E Dougherty St,  
Athens, GA 30601  
Phone: 706-549-7020

Book your room today!  
Be sure to use the code  
GA0306  
for a special  
Lions rate



### EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline is February 23, 2015

Convention cost includes Friday night Reception,

Saturday Training Session, 3rd Cabinet Meeting, and District Convention Luncheon.



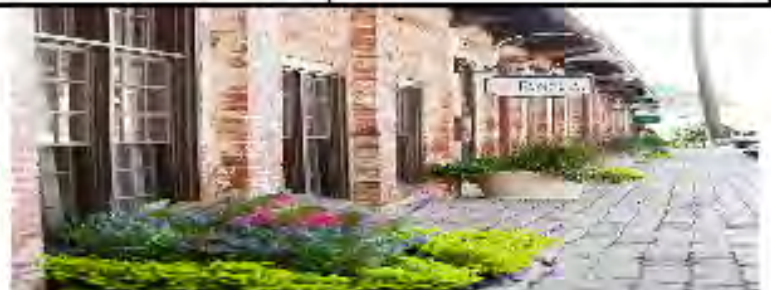
Name	Friday Reception 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Training Session 9:00am - 10:30am	Cabinet Meeting 10:45am - 12:00pm	Luncheon 12:15pm	Dietary Restrictions

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

Luncheon Reservations	#	@ 25.00 /each	Total Amt. \$
Payable to "Lions of Georgia, District 18 I"		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Check No. /Cash	Date Paid	AMOUNT PAID	\$

**CONTACT INFORMATION and Mail Registration to:**

Lion Bonnie Linscott  
2836 Abilene Trail  
Snellville, GA 30078  
Telephone: 770/972-4291 (Home) 404/680-3291 (Cell)  
Email: [bonhome@bellsouth.net](mailto:bonhome@bellsouth.net)

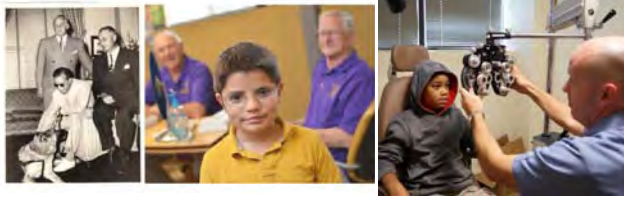




GA. Lions Lighthouse  
VP June Phillips, PDG  
[junelieu@aol.com](mailto:junelieu@aol.com)

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

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



## Nonprofit provides eye care for needy



Optometrist Nancy Barr knew that there were people in need of vision services.

“There are people literally going blind in our metropolitan area because they cannot afford eye care or the medications to prevent their vision loss,” said Barr. “Eye exams are valuable to people’s wellbeing, and I wanted to donate my services and time.”

Barr approached the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, the statewide provider of vision and hearing services to under-insured Georgians, about bringing portable eye equipment to the Fayette Care Clinic, a local nonprofit that serves uninsured low income residents of Fayette County.

“Specifically, those who are uninsured and who lack resources to receive vision and hearing services are served by our organization,” said GLLF Executive Director Roberta Green. “Through our services, we try to restore vision and hearing services for individuals so that they may continue to live independent and productive lives.”

Barbara Hairston, one of Barr’s patient, sought GLLF’s services when she started having vision troubles.

“At work, I wasn’t able to read the small print of the prescription labels, and I would need a co-worker to fill out office paperwork since I couldn’t see it,” said Hairston. “Fayette Care Clinic referred me for my vision problems, and I got the glasses I needed which have helped me a lot in work and everyday life.”

Barr, and doctors like her, are the foundation of the organization’s services and outreach in the community.

“We look to doctors in communities where we have established a need to collaborate with us and see our patients in their area,” said Green, noting how people can get involved with the nonprofit. “Also, there is an overwhelming need for volunteers to help us wash and sort recycled glasses.”

Referring family vision or hearing specialists to the Lighthouse can help increase GLLF’s impact across the state. Also, donating to the Eyeglass Recycling Program or hosting an eyeglass recycling drive can help the foundation send eyeglasses overseas and distribute them to local shelters, nursing homes and more.

In 2014, The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provided over 11,000 services to 7,500 children, adults, and seniors.



**Service Numbers**  
From June to Sept  
2014

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

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

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

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

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

*Upcoming clinic dates in your area:*

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

**Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses**

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**AGT Partners with Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation**  
*Metro Atlanta Audio Visual Integrator Teams Up with Organization that Benefits Sight and Sound*

**Kennesaw, Ga. (November 18, 2014)** – Applied Global Technologies (AGT), a proven provider of managed and visual collaboration solutions, today announces a partnership with the [Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization that provides vision and hearing services to uninsured and under-insured Georgians statewide through education, detection, prevention and treatment. AGT reached out to the Lighthouse Foundation during the month of October in honor of “[Audio Visual Month](#),” a time when the audio visual community unites to celebrate, promote and share the A/V industry with the world. AGT made a goal to adopt a charity that benefits “sight and sound” during A/V month, coinciding with their [audio visual integration practice](#) in which they design and integrate a wide variety of meeting spaces designed to foster communication via sight and sound.

The Lighthouse Foundation is the only statewide provider of charitable vision and hearing care in Georgia. Since its inception in 1949, the organization serves more than 7,500 people of all ages each year by providing them with eye exams, eye surgeries and hearing and vision programs. One of the organization’s initiatives is the Eyeglass Recycling Program, which collects donations in the form of eyeglasses, sunglasses, cell phones and hearing aids and distributes them to nursing homes, homeless shelters, migrant worker camps and overseas on mission trips. AGT will host a drive to support the Eyeglass Recycling Program during the holiday season at the company’s headquarters in Kennesaw, Ga. In addition, AGT employees will serve as volunteers at the Lighthouse Foundation on an ongoing basis.

“During A/V Month, our goal was to find a charity that understood the power of sight and sound, and The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation was a natural fit,” says Mark Cray, CEO of AGT. “This Foundation’s dedication to providing access to vision and hearing care for underinsured Georgians is inspiring. We look forward to supporting this cause and developing a longstanding partnership.”

“To have an organization, such as Applied Global Technologies so passionately committed to bettering the industry of sight and sound is incredible,” says Roberta Greene, Executive Director, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. “We are looking forward to working with AGT and the volunteers they provide to increase our impact of improving access to vision and hearing care to uninsured and under-insured Georgians across the state.”

**Mark your calendars!**  
**Upcoming Lighthouse Events**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**  
**FALL COMMUNITY**  
**SCREENING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Georgia Lions Lighthouse Staff**

Main Line: 404-325-3630

**Executive Director**

Roberta Green, ext. 301

**Vision Services - Questions, Patient Care, Clinics =**

CFO and Vision Program Director

Shamae Crosswhite, ext. 302

**Hearing Services - Questions, Patient Care**

Hearing Services Manager

Anna Knippel, ext. 305

**Eye Surgery Services - Questions, Patient Care**

Eye Surgery Director –

Victoria Jordan, ext. 303

**Volunteer Services - Questions, Scheduling**

Outreach Director -

Marsha Marshall, ext. 345

**Development Opportunities - Fundraising, Club Giving, Donations**

Chief Development Officer –

Kembra Landry, ext. 322

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

Marketing Director –

Alison Kuhlke, ext. 306

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

404-844-0121





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



**Camp Fund Raiser**

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

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

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

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

*Thank you very much!*

*-Brian Donegan  
 President, Lawrenceville Lions Club*



**Official Country Music Nation Charity Tee**

Style



**\$19.99**

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

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

Style



**\$15.99**

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

The Camp received \$62.06 from Kroger Community Reward on Oct. 14.

We also received \$56.72 from Amazon Smile on Aug. 7.

All Lions (or any one) has to do is go to these web sites (<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>) and sign up. There is no cost and it does not affect your Kroger fuel points. On the Amazon Smile (<http://smile.amazon.com/>) is the same as Kroger; no cost and we get a percent of the orders anyone places. It only takes a couple of minutes to set up and at NO COST. It is a WIN/WIN for the Camp.

In the Cash Flow reports both of these contributors are included in "Misc. Undesignated". I have a separate subaccount for "on line contributions".

## **GEORGIA LIONS CAMP LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

*Thank you for your input in the future planning of the Georgia Lions Camp.*

*Dave Forrest, LRPC Chair Email: [forrestfamily@winstream.net](mailto:forrestfamily@winstream.net) Phone: 706-472-3862*

### **REPORT FROM THE CAMP FALL MEETING**

The Lighthouse and Camp had their fall meeting November 8. The attendance at the meeting was light. I would like to thank the people that were involved in the preparation of the Fall meeting. We would encourage the Lions of Georgia to support the Camp with donations. The Camp is in need of as many clubs as can possibly to help the financial situation the Camp is in.

The executive board voted not to have Christmas Camp due they lack of participation and the lack of funds.

I have a lot of raffle tickets and if any club would like to have some, I will be glad to get them some tickets.

Georgia Lions Camp can benefit from your purchases at Kroger or Amazon! All Lions (or any one) have to do is go to these web sites (<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>) and sign up. There is no cost and it does not affect your Kroger fuel points. On the Amazon Smile (<http://smile.amazon.com/>) is the same as Kroger; no cost and we get a percent of the orders anyone places. It only takes a couple of minutes to set up and at NO COST. It is a WIN/WIN for the Camp.

Due to circumstances beyond control of the Camp, Christmas Camp has been cancelled. The Camp is planning to investigate ways to reach out to the Waycross community to assist those less fortunate as they have done in years past. Details will be forthcoming as they become available.

Thank you for all you do for the Lions of Georgia!

The Georgia Lions Camp at Waycross is being supervised by Mike & Gail Williams. The South Ga Conference just used the camp for one of their programs. This provides some \$5000 in revenue for the camp. Renting out the camp to other organizations is a goal that the Board of Directors is working on this coming year. The Christmas Camp was canceled due to not being able to find a nurse to supervise the medical needs as well as having only a few applications from people that wanted to attend camp at this time of the year. I would encourage each club to consider having a special money making activity for the camp. As you might know I have distributed several hundred tickets for the annual raffle ticket sales. At the last District (I) Cabinet meeting we gave out tickets and the Zone Chairman got some of the clubs tickets in their zones. Try to sale all of the tickets that you have in addition to your regular contributions. If you have not received any tickets at this time let me know [newby@wildblue.net](mailto:newby@wildblue.net) and I will send you some tickets.

At the present time the Board of Directors is advertising for a Camp Director. The Personnel committee will review all applicants and select the top 3 applicants. The Board will interview these candidates and select the Director.

Thanks for what all of you do for the camp,

PDG Olin Newby District I Camp Vice President



Setting our sights on the future



Here is the Canine Development Center update for November.

Phase one demolition is almost complete and footings and partial walls are going up. We had to make some early revisions during construction due to the existing building not exactly matching the original blue prints of the building. These revisions impacted the steel needed for the project and has added time to the process. There were also some issues with areas of bad soil that had to be removed, back filled and compacted.

The HVAC and electrical systems are in the final approval phase and we'll be ordering equipment in the coming weeks. We continue to work with the flooring vendors and our contractor to identify product additives that can be used to create the best possible surface with a long life. The bike path along Avon Road is complete and looks great. Overall the project is very close to getting back on schedule and we are still plan on a June move-in date for the puppy area.



The first phase of the fundraising campaign, the Board phase, is complete and received 100% participation. Though we are still in the Major Gift phase, the goal has already been exceeded. The Corporate and Foundation Giving phase is proving successful and has several large solicitations pending. The Lions phase is ongoing and will extend throughout the entire campaign so we can involve clubs nationwide. The last phase of the campaign, the Friends and Family phase encompassing supporters, clients, volunteers and team members, will begin in early 2015.

The Capital Campaign Executive Committee, comprised of the chairs of each of the five fundraising phases met at the end of October. If you'd like to view the Canine Development Center video, go to <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtl8>.

### T'was the Night Before Issue

(By Bob Rehahand and Co-Authors, Class 87-02)

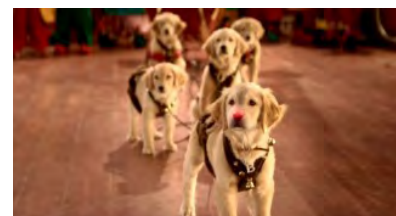
This poem was originally published in the January 1992 issue of the Leader Dog Update

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

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

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

There were Labs, Goldens, Shepherds, and more,  
And we wondered which one would come through our door.



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

Then into my room came a lovely canine,  
And St. Mick told me that dog was mine.  
Then he stayed and described each great feature and I said:

“There never was such a beautiful creature.”  
As he left each room he said:  
“Be wise and be prudent –  
goodbye and good luck to each dog and Student.”



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### A Pupp's Christmas (copied from 1Dec05 email from Bev)

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Three punctured ornaments  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree



On the eighth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eleven unwrapped presents  
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble light  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
A dozen puppy kisses  
And I forgot all about the other eleven days



Dear Lions,

Being a Lion means caring about our communities and about the well-being of others. Lions want to help people have better lives, and Lions Clubs Foundation (LCIF) supports that compassionate work. Through vision screenings, service projects and community involvement, Lions and LCIF are making positive contributions every day.



LCIF works to fight diseases worldwide. In West Africa, we are providing support to those affected by Ebola, focusing primarily on food programs for vulnerable communities. An even more contagious and deadly disease is measles. Measles kills 330 children each day, and may create lasting health issues for those who survive. There is a global need for vaccination efforts to fight this disease. Lions and LCIF continue to work tirelessly with our [partners](#) to bring vaccination campaigns to the areas of the world where they are most needed. In October, Lions in Tanzania were key social mobilization partners in a GAVI-supported MR campaign that vaccinated some 21 million children between 9 months to 14 years against measles and rubella. Your [donation](#) supports Lions as they **make sure that children have access to life-saving vaccines.**

Thank you for your support and your dedication to improving health worldwide!

*Sincerely,*

**Barry J. Palmer**  
*Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

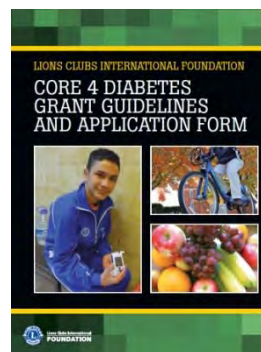
### Fighting Diabetes Every Day

Today is [World Diabetes Day](#), a day created by the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization to promote diabetes awareness and advocacy around the world. This year's theme is "healthy living and diabetes."



Diabetes is a chronic disease, which occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. According to the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), **357 million people worldwide have diabetes.** Over time, diabetes can damage the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys and nerves, and the overall risk of dying among people with diabetes is at least double the risk of their peers without diabetes, according to the

WHO. Education, prevention and treatment programs are important tools to help people with this disease.



[Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF) has several grant programs that enable Lions to prevent and reduce the impact of diabetes around the world. The main way that LCIF helps Lions fight diabetes is through the [Core 4 Diabetes grant program](#). To date, **LCIF has awarded 27 Core 4 Diabetes grants totaling more than US\$2.1 million.** These programs support Lions' efforts to expand and enhance diabetes education, prevention and treatment programs.

LCIF is committed to helping Lions address this global health issue in their communities. During the recent October 2014 meeting, LCIF's International Board of Directors approved a [Core 4 grant](#) for Sri Lanka, District 306-B1 to expand a diabetes screening program. They also approved a [Standard grant](#) for MD 300 Taiwan, District 300-G2 to support local diabetes wellness programs and services. A [SightFirst Research grant](#) was also recently awarded to Semmelweis University in Hungary for a Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB) with a diabetic retinopathy module, the results of which will inform future development of diabetes eye care services.

Remember to [report](#) your club's World Diabetes Day service activities to [MyLCI](#) to help measure the global impact Lions are having in their communities!

### Recent Disaster Relief Grants

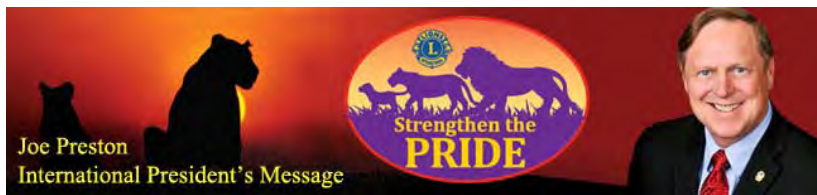
In October, a strong storm system caused major flooding in Italy and France. LCIF [Emergency Grants](#) totaling US\$30,000 allowed local Lions to provide bottled water, food, clothing, blankets, medicine and cleaning supplies to people displaced by the storm. Only a few weeks later, a massive landslide struck central Sri Lanka, destroying at least 140 homes and leaving hundreds of residents homeless. A US\$10,000 Emergency Grant to Sri Lanka, District 306-C2, enabled Lions to provide food, water, clothing and other essentials to survivors. Lions continue to help millions of people worldwide each year through grants like these, which were made possible through your support. Thank you for [your contributions to LCIF!](#)



### LCIF's First Microenterprise Loan

Through a new LCIF [microenterprise development pilot program](#), LCIF and Lions can support to people living in poverty in developing countries. The Lions of MD 322 have partnered with ASA International India Microfinance Private Limited (ASA India) to provide loans to 1,500 women in the rural areas of Kolkata. The overall goal is to support entrepreneurial women so they can bring themselves out of poverty.





Dear Lion,

I am inviting you to join me and Lions around the world for a special Centennial Service Challenge event.

The **Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January** is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of service during **January 10–16**. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club to potential new members, and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.



This year, I'm calling on Lions around the world to rededicate themselves to the mission of our founder and the humanitarian goals of our association. You can put your dedication into action by hosting a Worldwide Week of Service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment. Whatever you do for the Worldwide Week of Service in January, make it a special day!

Also, I'd like to congratulate those district governors who earned their Lions Pride Award Pin in Period 1. These district governors are being recognized on the Lions Pride website for Lions around the world to see. Visit the website to see who earned their pin!

Period 2 of the Lions Pride Award is now underway. Here are some key action steps you can take to achieve your goals:



**Start One.** Chartering new clubs is critical to positive growth in your district, and it's the key to maximizing your recognition in the Lions Pride Award. Use every resource available, including your DG Team and your GMT coordinators, to charter new clubs in your district. If you haven't chartered your first club, Start One today!



**Ask One.** Clubs have embraced Ask One because it works! Continue to make inviting new members a priority throughout your year, and remind clubs to put an emphasis on membership satisfaction to keep new and current members active in their clubs.

*Together in service, Joe Preston*

## Worldwide Week of Service in January

## Ask One!

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

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of **January 10–16**.
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Download the event flyer and share it with your club today. Then start planning your [Worldwide Week of Service](#) project in January!



[http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5801%20FORWARD%20President%20Preston%20Club%20Nov%202014%20EN](http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/service-week-flyer.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5801%20FORWARD%20President%20Preston%20Club%20Nov%202014%20EN)



Clubs around the world have energized their membership with Ask One, so check out the [Ask One Web page](#) today. You can watch the Ask One video, find tools to promote your club in the media and download the *Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide*. Send photos of your new members to [AskOne@lionsclubs.org](mailto:AskOne@lionsclubs.org) with your club name in the subject line, and we'll share them with Lions around the world.

Inviting new members is something that all Lions can do throughout the year, so ask your Lions to Ask One today!





## Where in the World

### International President

Joseph Prestor



## Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January



Don't miss the [Lions Worldwide Week of Service](#) on January 10–16! This special week of service is a great opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones. It's easy to get involved: just host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10–16. When you report your project via [MyLCI](#), you can earn a [Centennial Banner Patch](#) for your club. [Download the event flyer](#) and share it with your club, then start planning your service project today!

## 2015 LCIcon Early Bird Deadline Approaching – Register Now



January 9 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. Complimentary bus shuttles provided to all official convention events when you book your hotel room through LCI.

Make plans to join your fellow Lions in Honolulu for an experience to remember. [Register now!](#)

## Here's Your Chance to Get Your Convention Questions Answered

Aloha! Tempted to attend the 98th International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, in late June but want to know more about the convention experience and highlights? Go straight to the top and ask the Lion in charge: Bob Lee, the host committee chairperson. He's super busy, but not too busy to answer your questions. Submit a question by emailing [lionmagazine@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lionmagazine@lionsclubs.org), and Lion Bob will choose several questions to answer in an upcoming issue of the [LION Magazine](#).

## Register for Lions Day with the United Nations

Mark your calendars for the 37th annual [Lions Day with the United Nations](#), on March 7, 2015 in New York City. Join us as we commemorate 70 years of partnership with the United Nations. This



year's theme is "Children in Need." Engage in panel discussions with UN diplomats, key

Lions representatives and partners and discover the winner of this year's International Peace Poster Contest! While you're in New York, enjoy a special Lions luncheon at the UN's Delegates Dining Room and go on a guided tour of the UN headquarters. Space is limited, so [register today!](#)

## Give Children Hope for a Brighter Future

Does your district or multiple district have an effective plan to meet the health and educational needs of underserved children in your area? Consider hosting a Lions Services for Children Symposium. A symposium enables you to network

with potential, like-minded members and build collaborative partnerships with educators, medical professionals and others who provide assistance to children in need. Determine ways to improve your existing projects or develop new ones. Reimbursement for allowable expenses is available for one pre-approved district or multiple district symposium per Constitutional Area, plus the Continent of Africa, each fiscal year. [Learn more about planning a symposium](#), and submit your application as soon as possible.



## Lions Clubs International

### LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions helped a young Melvin Jones return to school.

### CONTESTS

#### [Environmental Photo Contest](#)

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Lions100.org](#)

Visit the Centennial website for all #LIONS100 news and updates.

#### [Ask One](#)

Get the tools to invite new members!

#### [Lions Blog](#)

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

### EVENTS

#### [Relieving the Hunger](#)

Participate in December and January's Global Service Action Campaign.

#### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



# Relieving the Hunger

## Lions Centennial Service Challenge

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



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

### Getting Started:

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

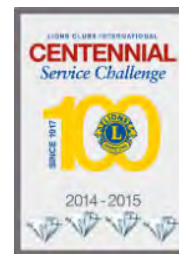
### Step 1: Create a Planning Committee

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

### Step 2: Pick Your Project

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

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



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

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



### Step 3: Publicize Your Project

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

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



### Step 4: Implement Your Project

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

### Step 5: Report Your Activity

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

### Step 6: Celebrate Your Success

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

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

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# KidSight USA to Protect Children’s Vision



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

## Fellow Lions

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

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

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

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

Thanks for all you do!



Dear Lion,

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

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

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

Together in service,

Joe Preston  
Your International President



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



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

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

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### Celebrate Your Service

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

**Start Planning Today**



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

### Worldwide Week of Service Resources

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



Lions Clubs International



**Membership** = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index.php>



Ask One Works!

Just imagine if every Lion asked just one person to join their club. Members and clubs around the world are embracing the Ask One campaign and are well on their way to a successful year!

In North Carolina, USA Susan Daily, the president of the McLeansville Lions Club, encouraged each member to ask one person to the club's monthly dinner meeting. Did it work? Absolutely!

Nine prospective members attended that evening, and six are returning for another meeting, with one already having filled out an application to join.

Keep encouraging your members to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to attend your next meeting. Start today...and Ask One!

All it takes is asking one person...get started today!

**Just Ask.** Use the [Just Ask! Guide](#) to lead your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth.

**Promote your next meeting.** Spread the word about your club by using this [sample press release](#). It can be quickly and easily customized to include your club's information.

# NEW!

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



**ASK 1 BUTTON 10/PACK S271**

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

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

Price: \$7.95



# Mentoring Program

## Overview

The objective of the Lions Mentoring Program is to help every member achieve the goal of better serving his or her community. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that their unique skills and knowledge offer. The Lions Mentoring Program prepares them for leadership in clubs, in the association and in their personal lives as well. For Lions Clubs International, this means more hands and better service for the people who need it most.

The Lions Mentoring Program is completed in two parts, basic and advanced. Each part is completed in two levels.

## Basic Mentoring Program

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## Advanced Mentoring Program

- **Level One, Results:** The emphasis of this level is upon developing accountability for results by focusing on [community projects](#) and programs that provide useful and needed humanitarian service. Completion of this level provides a stepping-stone for accepting a leadership role within the club.
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The Extension and Membership Division invites you to attend our free monthly webinars!

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

Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.

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



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## Show Your Lions Pride with Awards and Recognition

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

Register ▶

Thursday, 29 January 2015 3pm-4pm

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

## Membership Tools

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

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

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

Dear Lion:

Lions Clubs International would like to thank you for sponsoring Mike Mason and welcoming the new Lion to the ANY Lions Club. Your efforts and dedication to strengthening ANY Lions Club are fully recognized and greatly appreciated. Lions dream big, and in order to accomplish our dreams, we need new members to be active in their clubs.

As a Lion sponsor, you are responsible for helping Mike build a strong foundation as a Lion and for answering any questions that may arise. LCI has created the [Importance of Sponsorship Flyer](#) to provide you with more information about your role and responsibilities. If you are not the Lion sponsor for Mike, please notify LCI at [membersops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membersops@lionsclubs.org) immediately.

To help new Lions make the most of their club experience, we encourage them to participate in the [Lions Mentoring Program](#). Please work with your club president to identify a mentor for Mike, which could be you or another seasoned Lion.

You have demonstrated that you understand how important it is to nurture new members, which is critical to strengthening your club, growing your membership and providing quality service in your community. You will receive credit towards earning [Membership Key Awards](#) and be recognized for your accomplishment as a Lion sponsor.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Preston  
International President

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### *How to Participate*

1. Contact your club president to express interest in the mentoring program. He or she will help you find a mentor or mentee.
2. Download the [Basic Mentoring Guide](#) or the [Advanced Mentoring Guide](#). The guides can also be ordered from the [Membership and New Club Operations Department](#).
3. Complete the mentoring program levels of your choosing.
4. Submit the Achievement Forms in the back of the guides to the [Membership and New Club Operations Department](#). Upon completion of the Basic Mentoring Program, both mentor and mentee will receive a certificate of achievement. Mentors and mentees completing the Advanced Mentoring Program will receive a lapel pin.



## Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

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



## 2014-2015 Webinars Schedule

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

### Webinar Description

### Dates/Times

#### Because a Cape Would Get in the Way

Become a Lions superhero! Presentation will guide Lions in discovering their superpowers, understanding their mission, considering the right tools, knowing their fatal weakness, and the importance of sidekicks. Join us for this fun and enriching perspective on Lionism.

**Intended Audience:**

All Lions

**Register for a session:**

[Wednesday, 1/7/15, 12:00pm CST](#)

[Friday, 1/16/15, 7:00pm, CST](#)

#### Project Management

Effective project management is one of the foundations of a successful Lions club. Participants will learn the characteristics of effective project managers, review the five phases of service project management and enjoy a case study of a current successful Lions club project.

**Intended Audience:**

All Lions

**Register for a session:**

[Wednesday, 2/4/15, 12:00pm, CST](#)

[Friday, 2/13/15, 7:00pm, CST](#)

#### Minding Your Members—Leading Strong Teams

Develop confident and creative Lions teams through intuitive leadership that includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and communication skills. Presentation offers practical scenarios in which Lions demonstrate best team leadership practices in everyday club situations.

**Intended Audience:**

All Lions

**Register for a session:**

[Wednesday, 3/4/15, 12:00pm, CST](#)

[Friday, 3/13/15, 7:00pm, CDT](#)

## Certified Guiding Lion Program



As a leader in a Georgia Lions Club, you have developed skills and abilities. Being a Certified Guiding Lion gives you the chance to share those skills with either a new club or a struggling club.

Please consider taking the training described below to become an official Certified Guiding Lion. Neighboring communities need your leadership.

As a leader in the District 18 I Lions Club we are calling on you to be a Certified Guiding Lion. It is simple to become one: take a simple training program. Become a guiding lion for a new or struggling club! This training, together with the accompanying test qualifies you.

Guiding Lions are encouraged to complete the Certified Guiding Lion Course to receive training in new club support. The course may be taken individually or facilitated by an instructor. To take the course on your own, download the materials below and complete the Certified Guiding Lion Course Workbook.

To get started, request a [Certified Guiding Lion Kit](#) or, download the items below: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/start-a-new-club/programs-mem-guiding.php>

- [Certified Guiding Lion Course](#) Workbook(pdf)
- [Charter Night Planning Guide](#) (pdf)
- [Club Officers Manual](#) (pdf)
- [Club Membership Chairperson's Guide](#) (pdf)
- [Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws](#) (pdf)
- [Lions Community Needs Assessment](#) (pdf)
- [Making It Happen: Guide to Club Project Development](#) (pdf)
- [Orientation Guide](#) (pdf)

Lion leaders from across the Southeast will convene in  
Eufaula, Alabama, March 12-15, 2015



WILL YOU REPRESENT  
YOUR CLUB?

Dear Lion Leader:

You are a valued member of the Lions Club International team. Because of your dedication to serving your community and the leadership you have provided to your club, you are invited to participate in the Lions Leadership Institute of the South, Eufaula, Alabama, March 12-15, 2015.

The meeting will be held at Lakepoint State Park Resort. Therefore, space is limited. Please reserve your spot by submitting the registration form in the next few weeks.

### Lions Clubs International Provides Professional Leadership Training

Many corporations pay hundreds of dollars for their management team to receive training similar to that which will be provided at the Lions Leadership Institute of the South.

#### Topics to be presented include:

- Working As A Team
- Value of Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Motivating Others
- Personal Mission Statement
- Setting and Reaching Goals
- Fundamentals of LIONS Clubs International



#### Cost:

Registration \$95.00 (includes three breakfast, two lunch and two dinners)

\*\*Please Note that dinner on Thursday is on your own.\*\*

Lake Point State Park and Resort has offered LIONS a special rate. Participants are encouraged to find another LION and share a room to reduce the total cost.

Links to the Agenda and Registration Form have been included below.

[LIONS INSTITUTE OF THE SOUTH - AGENDA](#)

[LIONS INSTITUTE OF THE SOUTH - REGISTRATION FORM](#)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP**



Lions Leadership Institute of the South  
Lakepoint State Park Resort  
Old Highway 164  
Eufaula, AL 36072-0267  
March 12 -15, 2015  
Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee = \$95.00/per person

Make checks payable to and mail to:  
Lions Leadership Institute of the South  
c/o CC Julia Pacheco  
1400 Osceola Street  
Dothan, Alabama, 36303

Hotel Reservations at Lakepoint State Park Resort: Call 1-334-687-8011  
State you are attending the Lions Leadership Institute of the South, March 12 – 15, 2015 or give the Group Number 2568

### GLT UPDATE

How many of us have asked a friend, neighbor or even a casual acquaintance to become a Lion and received a blank look from that person? How many were asked, "What is a Lion?"

#### **What is the answer? Continuing Education.**

Now that I have your attention, and you know the answer, what IS the question? Obviously, it has something to do with Education. So, why do we need education? We need more education because we need new members. We all need to be working to grow our Clubs and the best & easiest way to do that is to be better informed about Lions and what we represent.

Over the years I have been told that the reason that members are not bringing in new members is, "I don't know anyone". That is not a true statement. We all know many people. i.e. Your neighbor, a local business man or woman, your banker, a neighbor & his wife. How about a member of your Church, your Doctor, a nurse & or your investment broker. Maybe even the Principle of your child's school. No, the issue is not that we "don't know anyone," the issue is that we are not as well informed as we could be. We just don't feel comfortable approaching someone and asking them to become a Lion because we feel they will ask questions about Lions that we can't answer.

**So, how do we become "informed?" Obviously, it would be through Continuing Education. Every College & University has Continuing Education programs that students can take to bring them up to date and increase their knowledge in their chosen profession. Lions International is no different in that respect. LCI offers many online webinars that are available to Lions to increase their knowledge of all things "Lion". There is plethora of tutorials that most Lions can take at their leisure.**

**Learning is a lifelong process and Lions Clubs International believes all leaders can benefit from training. In support of this idea, LCI provides a variety of development opportunities where current and future leaders can enhance their leadership skills. The Leadership Resource Center provides Lions with training and development opportunities to promote personal growth and leadership excellence.**

**Pete Stamsen  
District 18-I GLT Coordinator**



From the desk of State  
Chair Lion Tom Williams  
[tardis142004@yahoo.com](mailto:tardis142004@yahoo.com)

## DYSLEXIA SIGNS + SYMPTOMS

Following you will find some of the more common Signs and Symptoms associated with dyslexia, broken down by age. Take a moment to review the list that is most closely associated with your child's age. If you notice that a majority of the signs and symptoms are apparent in your child's progression, a logical next step could be taking the *Dyslexia Symptoms Quiz*, or learning more about *Getting Diagnosed*.

Does your child have difficulty = **LANGUAGE - READING - WRITING - EMOTIONAL - ADDITIONAL SIGNS and SYMPTOMS**

**Age 5 – 8 LANGUAGE** Learning the alphabet Rhyming words Repeating what has been said Staying focused  
Learning to speak **READING** Naming Letters Matching letters to sounds Learning to read at expected age  
Remembering printed words Remembering sight words  
**WRITING** Learning to write and copy at an age-appropriate level Writing letters in correct order Writing numbers in correct order Spelling correctly and consistently Writing neatly **EMOTIONAL** Poor self-confidence Low self-esteem  
Poor social skills - making and keeping friends A quick temper/frustration

**Age 9 - 13 LANGUAGE** Rhyming words Pronouncing words correctly Speaking smoothly Understanding directions Understanding grammar/vocabulary **READING** Reading at age-appropriate level Enjoying reading Remembering sight words  
Learning and remembering new words Understanding math word problems. **WRITING** Understanding spelling rules Spelling words consistently correct Writing letters and numbers in the correct order Writing neatly Listening and taking notes **EMOTIONAL** Fitting in with peers confidently  
Maintaining a positive social status Maintaining a positive attitude Interpreting non-verbal actions (e.g. body language) of others Maintaining an even temper **ADDITIONAL SIGNS and SYMPTOMS** Assuming a good sense of direction Learning new games easily Learning and remembers new skills easily  
Remembering numbers

**Age 14 – 18 LANGUAGE** Speaking fluently Grasping a wide vocabulary Using the correct grammar and vocabulary  
Knowing the difference between words that look and sound similar Getting to a point quickly **READING** Reading at expected grade level and accuracy Reading aloud proficiently  
Recognizing sight words Enjoying reading Reading confidently **WRITING** Consistently spelling words accurately  
Fully developing ideas Preparing accurate, comprehensive outlines Editing written work Being logical and organized **EMOTIONAL** Identifying social strengths and weaknesses  
Dealing with being teased Making and keeping friends Dealing with unexpected challenges Identifying what others are feeling **ADDITIONAL SIGNS and SYMPTOMS**  
Memorizing information Organizing information Being even keeled from day to day Understanding space and direction



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

## How can service dogs help with PTSD?

This summer, Canine Companions for Independence was chosen by the Department of Veterans Affairs to participate in a new three-year research study to determine the benefits of canine support for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

As part of the study, Canine Companions assistance dogs will be taught specific commands that could help veterans like searching for strangers in a room and creating a buffer for their humans in a crowd.

Canine Companions has always been at the forefront of canine assistance and therapy. This study is the perfect opportunity to support our veterans and provide insight into the benefits of a highly trained assistance dog for individuals living with PTSD.



Thanks to valued supporters like you, Canine Companions helps injured veterans regain their independence every day. In fact, we've placed 118 dogs serving military veterans free of charge.

Too many men and women have returned home from service with spinal cord injuries, limb amputations and deafness. They have sacrificed so much for our country, we need to do more for them! People like Brian Boone, who lost his lower left leg to an IED explosion while serving in Afghanistan.

Brian came home to face many life changes—from learning to walk again to just remembering what "normal" feels like. But in September he was teamed with Brindle, a highly trained service dog from Canine Companions, and his life changed again—for the better.

Dogs like Brindle are expertly trained to perform over 40 commands. Since their graduation, he is always at Brian's side, saving wear and tear on Brian's injured back and even helping with the emotional side of healing. Brian and Brindle are an amazing team—thanks to supporters like you!

"Donors really change lives," Brian says. "I didn't realize how much a dog would be able to help me, but he is so well trained. He really has changed my life."

Teams like Brian and Brindle have also inspired research studying how dogs might impact someone with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

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**Yellow Ribbon for Dogs** = PetSmart is now offering a special Yellow Ribbon Stencil in Grooming Salons across the country. With each purchase of the Yellow Ribbon Stencil, PetSmart will donate \$1 to Canine Companions for Independence Wounded Veterans Initiative.  
<http://pets.petSMART.com/services/grooming/dog-grooming-services/pet-expressions/stenciling.shtml>



**Diabetes Awareness Chair**  
**Dede demarks**  
[liondede@msn.com](mailto:liondede@msn.com)

## Promotions That Give Back

This November and December, we are especially grateful to all of the companies that are supporting our 2014 American Diabetes Month campaign-

*America Gets Cooking<sup>SM</sup> to Stop Diabetes®.*

By supporting the companies listed below, you are helping us raise the needed funds to advance our mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. We applaud our corporate supporters for joining us in raising awareness and helping to change the future of diabetes.

Companies interested in conducting a cause marketing promotion to benefit the American Diabetes Association, should contact [Sharaine Rajack](mailto:Sharaine.Rajak@ada.org).

**Join us in supporting those companies that support the diabetes community during American Diabetes Month and help Stop Diabetes®!**

## IQhydr8



### Keep Your Hydration on Track & Give Back

Proper hydration is critical to everyone's overall health. IQhydr8 is the new "smart water bottle" for staying hydrated all day, every day. Lights on the electronic smart disk visually track progress and a friendly chime reminds you to drink. Plus, the spill-proof design provides peace of mind, especially on the go. Get IQhydr8 today—the smart way to hydrate. A minimum of \$1 from the sale of each product will be donated to the Association, plus Association supporters get 25% OFF when using coupon code **ADA25**.

Learn more at [www.IQhydr8.com](http://www.IQhydr8.com) or call toll free 1-800-590-8580.



## iHealth

### Gadgets That Work for Good

iHealth's new glucose meters are both stylish and intuitive, and their compact size and mobile sync capability make each of them a small and powerful tool for diabetes management. Take control

of your health this November and during American Diabetes Month®, when you purchase either iHealth's Align portable, mobile glucose meter or iHealth's Wireless Smart Glucose-Monitoring System, iHealth will donate \$1.70 and \$3.00 respectively to the Association, up to a combined minimum contribution of \$10,000 through October 3, 2015.

Go to [www.ihealthlabs.com](http://www.ihealthlabs.com) to purchase your device today!

## Walgreens Balance® Rewards Program



*Walgreens. AS THE CORNER OF HAPPY & HEALTHY™*

**Earn Rewards for Healthy Choices & A Donation Will Be Made to Help Stop Diabetes®!**

The American Diabetes Association is working in collaboration with Walgreens, a National Strategic Partner of the Association, to get the word out that [Balance® Rewards](http://Walgreens.com/balancerewards) now rewards members for making healthy choices.

Balance Rewards is the first retail rewards program to reward members for making healthy choices, such as walking, running, tracking their weight, testing blood pressure and blood glucose, as well as quitting smoking.

For every person that participates in the Balance Rewards for healthy choices™ program by way of [diabetes.org/balancerewards](http://diabetes.org/balancerewards) through December 31, 2014, Walgreens will donate \$1 to the American Diabetes Association, up to \$50,000.

Get started today by signing into your account—or registering for one—through [diabetes.org/balancerewards](http://diabetes.org/balancerewards). Help us get a step closer to stopping diabetes!

\*Restrictions apply. For a list of qualifying activities and complete terms and conditions Balance Rewards, visit [Walgreens.com/healthychoices](http://Walgreens.com/healthychoices). Information provided to Walgreens online is covered by the terms of our Online Privacy and Security Policy and the terms and conditions of Balance Rewards. Personally identifiable information is not covered under HIPAA or the Walgreens Notice of Privacy Practices.

## Catherines



### Shop Good, Do Good, Look Good

During November, Catherines is once again supporting our efforts to Stop Diabetes by holding a "Round Up" campaign in all of their stores during American Diabetes Month in November. When you check out at a Catherines store, a store associate will ask if you want to "round up" the amount of your purchase. You can even donate an additional amount and 100% of the "round up" monies are donated to the Association.

In addition, as a longtime supporter, Catherines has created a specially designed "Generosity" t-shirt for 2014, and \$5 from this purchase will be "given back" to support our movement to Stop Diabetes. This special offer runs through December 25, 2014 but get to your local store soon – as these t-shirts sell out quickly and you want to be sure and buy yours early! [Find the store nearest to you!](#)

## AmazonSmile

**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make a donation to:  
American Diabetes Association

[Get started](#)

**amazon smile**

### Shop at AmazonSmile and Help Stop Diabetes

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon. It's a simple and automatic way for you to support the American Diabetes Association every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases back to the Association.

To get started today, visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).



## Kay Jewelers

### Support the Stop Diabetes Movement in Style

Kay Jewelers at [kay.com](http://kay.com), now offers the Stop Diabetes® Signature Collection of charms, bracelets and necklaces in a variety of metal finishes. Now through December 2014, [kay.com](http://kay.com) will donate a minimum of \$30 for each purchase to the Association's Stop Diabetes® movement. Kay Jewelers is also a National Promotional Sponsor of Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes® and has been working to support Step Out fundraising by offering incentive jewelry since 2012. To view the Stop Diabetes Signature Collection or to order, please visit [kay.com](http://kay.com).



Dear Friend :

We at the American Diabetes Association have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving — especially kind and generous friends like you. In countless ways,

supporters like you have selflessly stepped up to help friends, family and neighbors struggling with diabetes.

**You are part of something extraordinary. And for that, we are profoundly grateful.**

Before we gather for the holiday tomorrow, let's celebrate a few of the remarkable achievements supporters like you made possible this year.

## 6 Extraordinary Things Made Possible by Donors

*Just look how you've changed lives!*

	<b>MORE KIDS WITH DIABETES ARE SAFE AT SCHOOL.</b> Four more states (Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Ohio) passed our Safe at School legislation, guaranteeing school is a safe — and fair — place for children with diabetes, a place where they have access to the care they need and the same educational opportunities as their peers. Twenty-six states now provide this comprehensive protection for our kids!
	<b>HIGH-RISK COMMUNITIES PROTECTED BY ADVOCACY.</b> Congress reauthorized the Special Diabetes Program, funding \$150 million to prevent and treat diabetes through programs focused on American Indians and Alaska Natives and \$150 million in research on type 1 diabetes.
	<b>FIGHTING CHANCE.</b> Finally, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has recommended screening those at high risk for type 2 diabetes. This hard-fought victory by our advocacy efforts will make free screening available and gives millions of Americans a fighting chance to take action before the devastating
	<b>LIFE-CHANGING RESEARCH THAT WILL LEAD TO A CURE.</b> Our investments in diabetes research have yielded practical, life-enhancing treatments and programs, such as reducing cardiovascular disease risk in youth with type 1 diabetes; artificial pancreas development to prevent and treat low blood glucose; and improving a mother's diet during pregnancy to reduce risk of obesity and diabetes in her offspring. AND what's more, our advocacy led Congress to increase the federal investment in diabetes research and programs by an additional \$137 million dollars over 2013 funding.
	<b>HAPPY, HEALTHY KIDS! CAMPERS TURN FEAR INTO RESILIENCE.</b> This summer, a record 5,436 children took a brave step toward independence at our 50 Diabetes Camp sessions. Parents reported huge improvements in their children's emotional and physical health, including improved glycemic control and greater confidence to manage diabetes.
	<b>FIND, FUND &amp; FREE THE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS IN RESEARCH.</b> How do you fight an epidemic? Follow our Pathway to Stop Diabetes. This massive new investment program will change the face of diabetes by funding 100 of the most innovative diabetes scientists in the next 10 years. This bold initiative aims to radically transform diabetes research and lead to breakthrough discoveries.

Friend, you inspire us every day! From all of us at American Diabetes Association — thank you. We wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Ever grateful for your support,

Suzanne Berry, Interim Chief Executive Officer, American Diabetes Association





## Celebrate International Leo Day in December



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

Good Morning Lions,

The attached is an effort to **revitalize** our youth (fourth graders) in every school to learn and recognize Arbor Day on Friday, February 21, 2015! The deadline for this event is Monday, January 13, 2015. And, this applies to our **Centennial Service Activities – Engaging Our Youth and Protecting the Environment**. Please be sure your club secretary reports this in the February and January SAR to LCI.

Please talk among your members—the importance for children to protect our environment; especially reference the bottom of the attachment, Item 4, of How Lions Clubs Can Help—“the trees they plant will become a forest that will benefit the environment and generations to come”.

Good luck in getting as many 4<sup>th</sup> graders participating as possible. Your community will appreciate this effort.

Thank you and take care,

*Lion Doreen Stallworth  
District I Cabinet Secretary*

# Georgia



Since 2007, with the help of our generous sponsors, more than 10,400 fourth grade students have become Fourth Grade Foresters of Georgia!

In 1890, the first Georgia Arbor Day was proclaimed by the Georgia General Assembly, to be celebrated on the third Friday in February. This year that day falls on February 20, 2015.

**Below are links to educational materials that can be sent with your Fourth Grade Forester's Loblolly Pine.**



### [The History of Arbor Day](http://www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com/history-of-arbor-day)

<http://www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com/history-of-arbor-day>

### [Loblolly Pine Information Sheet](http://www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com/loblolly-pine)

<http://www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com/loblolly-pine>

### [Arbor Day Proclamation](http://static.squarespace.com/static/53bc26abe4b0819b357a6c2e/t/53d26b74e4b0984ca9ae3599/1406298996628/Arbor%20Day%20ProclamationGA.pdf)

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### [Certificate of Participation](http://static.squarespace.com/static/53bc26abe4b0819b357a6c2e/t/53d26b89e4b0984ca9ae35bf/1406299017352/Certificate%20of%20ParticipationGA.pdf)

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

11. LET THEM KNOW THAT SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT BY BEING SUPPORTIVE OF THE SCHOOL: Attend school functions, volunteer in the classroom if possible, and communicate with the teacher. Ask the teacher what you can do to help.

More Tips: If you demonstrate excitement about learning and are open to pursuing your own interests, then the children and youth around you will find it hard to resist their own opportunities for learning.

Explain to children and youth why they are learning, and how it will be worthwhile.

Leave interesting books and materials lying around for children and youth to find and explore.

**Special  
Olympics  
Georgia**



**SPREAD THE WORD  
TO END THE WORD.**  
**03.03.10**

Recognizing that our choice of language frames how we think about others, we, the undersigned, pledge and support the elimination of the derogatory use of the R-word from everyday speech and promote the acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

Today, Mill Creek High School students in Gwinnett County collected pledges from 130 students to not use the R-word “retarded.” Until Friday, students in the Best Buddies club, a club that focuses on the interaction between regular education students and students with special needs, will continue to collect pledges and signing a huge banner to show support during lunchtime and before school.

By Wednesday afternoon, so many students signed the banner that six more feet of paper needed to be added to accommodate signatures.

Best Buddies members want their classmates to be informed about the impact that their peers with disabilities have had on them, said teacher Jennifer Rolfes. So, they encourage their classmates to remove slang words from their vocabularies that may hurt someone else.



Thank you Best Buddies at Mill Creek High School. Keep up the good work!

**State Indoor Winter Games,  
January 23-25, 2015**



State Indoor Winter Games Cobb County, GA January 23-25, 2015 Special Olympics athletes from around the state head to Cobb County for the Indoor Winter Games. More than 1500 athletes and 100 Unified Partners will compete in: artistic gymnastics, bowling, floor hockey, basketball, powerlifting and roller skating with over 500 coaches to guide them.



**Polar Plunge, February 21,  
Lake Lanier Islands**

Come join Georgia Law Enforcement Agencies in the 6th annual Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics Georgia. The programs and services being supported include three State Games, a Horse Show, Masters Bowling as well as year round athlete training and free health care screenings to ensure optimal health and performance during competition. Don't miss the opportunity to help over 26,000 athletes in Georgia with intellectual disabilities to experience joy, pride and respect. Just follow these three easy steps:

STEP 1: Click the REGISTER tab to pay the \$25 fee that will be applied to your \$55 minimum fundraising total.

STEP 2: Click the BECOME A FUNDRAISER tab to get the details on how it all works.

STEP 3: Click the JOIN NOW link to setup your own individual or team fundraising page. Just follow the prompts from there!



## Editor's Note



### Fellow Lions:

**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 2015-16 =  
1stVDG Anne Mundy of Dahlonga  
1st Vice Dist Gov for 2015-16 =  
2ndVDG Bob Norton of Winder Noon  
2nd Vice Dist Gov for 2015-16 =  
Lion Mark Bradley of Jefferson Lions Club  
District Librarian = ?**

**Vice President Camp = ?**

### CONGRATULATIONS on upcoming ANNIVERSARIES

- 75 years – Commerce – June 1940
- 75 years – Conyers – December 1940
- 75 years – Towns County – February 1040
- 75 years – Washington – June 1940
- 60 years – Madison – March 1955
- 50 Years – Athens Classic City – February 1965
- 50 years – Loganville – April 1965
- 45 years – Auburn-Carl – August 1970
- 20 years – Thomson Camellia City – July 1995
- 10 years – Atlanta India – August 2005



Fellow Lions,

I wanted to share the email from IP Joe Preston on presidential awards information. He encourages clubs to host a service project for the **Lions Worldwide Week of Service on January 10 – 16, 2015**. From your Service Activity Report each month, I know that many of your clubs are very active by the volunteer hours reported—such exemplary service to the needy. And, we are all so proud of every one of you as leaders.

Any project for this particular week could be focused on any of the 4 Centennial Service Campaigns: Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting Our Environment. Relieving the Hunger could be collecting canned goods at a store front for your community Food Pantry.

Just as important, since July, the wonderful work that every one of you and your club members have done is now recognized as our leader, District Governor, Vicki Hubbard, has earned the Lions Pride Award Pin and 2 Gold Paws. Also, if you will click on the ***Lions Pride*** website below, DG Vicki's picture is #11 on the left. She is among DG's around the world. Go DG Vicki! **We are proud of this recognition and even more so for our entire District team** (Club members, clubs officers, Zone Chairs, GLT & GMT Leaders, State Committee chairs, District Committee chairs and Cabinet members)!

### Lions Pride Award

Here are some key points to help you stay on track for recognition in Period 2:

- **Period 2 runs from November 1 to June 30, 2015.**
- Earn 2 or more Gold Paws during the award's year and you'll receive a Presidential Medal.
- All district governors can earn recognition in Period 2.
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Visit the [Lions Pride website](#) for complete awards information. Remember, there are only two earnings periods in the Lions Pride Award, so don't miss out on your opportunity to earn recognition in Period 2!

**As always – seems that everyone needs donations to be sent in as soon as possible. Check what you have and if possible – send what you might be able to now and than send the rest in the new year. Don't forget – if you need a program – please contact PDG June Phillips for the Lighthouse, CC Olin Newby for the Camp, Lion Bill Graham for Leader Dog and PDG Richard Henderson or Lion Gay Bradley for LCIF.**

IF YOU CAN'T SEND TO TROOPS THINK ABOUT THE USO!



The **United Services Organizations (USO)** is the way Americans support their troops. A private, nonprofit organization since its founding in 1941, the USO provides morale, welfare and recreation services to military personnel and their families.

The USO is committed to improving the quality of life of service men and women and their families. Whether at a USO center where a soldier on rest and recuperation (R&R) gets a warm welcome home, or at a deployment site where USO Volunteers send our troops off with support, gratitude, and, of course, good old-fashion "Southern Hospitality."

**Clubs and Organizations: Benefits of Partnering with the USO**

More than 70 years ago, the USO was founded by bringing together the volunteer efforts of six organizations to support a common goal: Support for U.S. troops sacrificing in defense of our country. Since then, organizations across America have provided vital support to troops and their families through the USO.

As a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, the USO has relied on the generosity of organizations to support its mission of lifting the spirits of our troops and families. Support through sponsorships, in-kind donations and charitable contributions is vital to advancing the USO mission. We can suggest [many effective ways](#) for your group to get involved. For more information please contact [USO Clubs and Organizations](#).

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**USO of Georgia, Inc.**

**USO of Georgia** is operated by the USO Council of Georgia, Inc. and assists over 400,000 individuals annually; making it one of the very largest USO operations in the world. Permanent staff and volunteers help provide the services.

USO of Georgia, Inc. operates three physical locations throughout the state, USO at Robins Air Force Base, USO at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and USO at Savannah International Airport. In addition USO Outreach Services to Ft. Benning, Ft. Gordon, Hunter AAF, and Ft. Stewart.

Military Population Served: Enlistees heading to basic training, new soldiers, military personnel and their families (specifically those heading for overseas duty), troops deploying and redeploying on military charters at Hunter AAF., transient military families, Wounded Warriors, Families of The Fallen, and transitioning Veterans.

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Over 1,000 volunteers provide USO services in Georgia.

The mission of the USO is "to lift the spirits of America's troops and their families".

**EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, SOLDIERS, MARINES, AIR FORCE, NAVY AND COAST GUARD PERSONNEL RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE USO.**

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Savannah, Georgia 31406  
Telephone 912-966-2118

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Show your club's presence in your community with Lions Highway Signs and let the community know where and when to find you with lettered panels, available in various sizes!



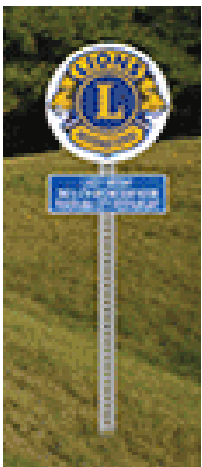
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Need to keep warm?  
This **NEW ITEM** is a must have for your next outdoor Lions function!  
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**ASK 1 T-SHIRT**

White 100% cotton short sleeve T-shirt with Ask1 imprint on left chest. Imprint on back reads: Join your local LIONS CLUB today! Visit BeALion.org. Available in sizes Small through 5XL. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for delivery. US\$14.95 each



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US \$96.75 (D93IS)
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**LETTERED PANELS**

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Columbus, Georgia

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# CLUB REPORTS



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

## Athens Lions Club =

### ATHENS LIONS CLUB 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

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

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

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

**Athens Classic City Lions Club =** Served 80 homeless people at breakfast for Our, Daily Bread (outreach ministry) Lions Brenda Smith, Hoyt Sappe and Tom Davis gave 15 volunteer hours. Guest speaker was Lyndon Smith of Fireman's Assoc. on home safety practices. Another speaker was Kent Wolfe of UGA economic development department. Annual pancake breakfast was held and served over 200 people. Charter night for the new LEO club will be Nov. 13. Several District officers will be present. Received \$167 check from Oconee Lions Club for assistance in their annual charity golf tournament.

**Auburn Carl Lions Club =** Earl and I visited the Auburn-Carl Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser last night. Zone Chair, Wayne Wright, also attended and enjoyed a delicious meal of Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Soufflé with pecans, a roll, iced tea and a dessert. Attendance was great. We sat with Martha and Mary from Winder. Martha says she always supports the Lions fundraiser, has done it for years and this time, brought Mary, who is 95 years young. Martha said that this Lions Club is very active in the community and she appreciates everything they do. We asked why she wasn't a Lion; and she said, she takes care of elderly and is active with her church. Great job Auburn-Carl Lions Club!

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club =** Our football parking project has come to an end with Gainesville High Football Season closing out with the playoff to get in to state final. It was a successful first year project. The only problem was to get volunteers to take time away from their schedule and work for the club of Friday nights. It added over a thousand dollars to the community service funds. We will be doing this project again next year if we ask to do so. Our treasury had to resign because of health reason and one our newest member to our club, Bob Respass, has taking on that responsible for the rest of the term. Bob may be new to our club but has been a Lion for served years serving in Florida. He is semi-retired public account so he should fit well in that service. We have planned our annual Christmas Party, which is all been great in the pass. We will be a Clermont Christmas Parade Saturday November 29 starting a 5 pm give away popcorn and balloons it will be held a Clay Gailey Park come over and join in the event. We are working on a food drive to be held in January for the Centennial Year Project.

**Commerce Lions Club =** Approved glasses for Briana Dodd - a student at Banks County High School. **Lion Jerry Hardy – Commerce Lions Club** – A loyal and faithful Lion for over 40 years who with MS has excellent attendance and long time treasurer. He was unable to attend the Hall of Fame.



**Conyers Lions Club** = The Conyers Lions Club met twice in November, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>, both Mondays. The club mourns the sudden and unexpected loss of longtime member Lion Dan Estep. On a happier note, Lions Mary and Scott Michael announced the marriage of their son, Lion Joseph.

Activities: At the first meeting Lion Mary Michael announced that 5 club members (Lions Larry Cornwell, Ara White, Barbara Southern, Tom Linek and Mary Michael) worked with 88 children at the November Kids' Workshop at Home Depot. Lion John Martin reported that 3 pairs of glasses were provided to residents of Rockdale County. The Olde Town Festival yielded more than \$600.

Activities: At the second meeting the membership heard from Miguel Valentin, director of the Rockdale DOT. A large part of his job is to find the least expensive way to solve a problem. He also spoke of a process called 'full depth reclamation' in which the old roadbed is ground up and used as paving material.

The recent 'Road Block' yielded more than \$1300. The following Lions collected glasses: Mary Michael-50 pairs, David Rainwater – 8 pairs, and 2 bags containing 70 pairs by an unknown person.

Announcements: The annual Pancake Breakfast will be on 21 February 2015. The next meeting is the annual Christmas Party to be held at 6pm on 15 December. Members should bring a toy for a male child and a female child. Anyone participating in the 'gift swap' should bring a wrapped present to the meeting. In a touching tribute to former tail twister Lion Dan Estep, the current tail twister, Lion Scott Michael, paid Dan's fine at both meetings.

**Covington Lions Club** = Knights of Columbus - Assistance to Individuals Engaging our Youth campaign aid to disadvantaged children - Tutoring and Youth programs. Community & Cultural Activity assistance to school - Conyers Presbyterian civic services. Lion Bill Henderson funeral civic services. Covington First United Methodist Church Various volunteer activities civic services. Gideons civic services. Newton Medical Center Various volunteer activities at hospital. Lions Pavilion general work - Environmental Services clean up. Auburn-Carl Fundraiser club visitations. The Foundry - Graduate Athens conventions & other events. GGC Lions Club Charter Night conventions & other events. Diabetes awareness meeting diabetes awareness/education. Eyeglasses collected. Anne helping with clinic eyeglasses fitted/given to individuals. Work at Chimney Park facility improvement / construction. Food pantry food bank / food distribution. Homeless Shelter Breakfast food bank / food distribution. Meals on Wheels food bank / food distribution. Doreen District and Centennial Meetings / Administrative Activities other administrative duties. Work on website other administrative duties. Christmas Parade other community & cultural activity. FFA other opportunities for youth Tutoring and Youth programs other opportunities for youth. Boy Scouts sponsorship of boy scouts / girls scouts troops. Toys for Tots toy collection. New Member Orientation training.



- We started the month with a wonderful new member orientation for Zone I, led by GLT Pete Stamsen of the Lawrenceville Lions Club and held at the Covington Lions club pavilion. About 30 Lions attended from clubs in Covington, Conyers, Oxford, Monroe, Winder Noon, Snellville, Forsyth, and Georgia Gwinnett College. We had 2 charter members of the Oxford club present. The event was very informative and we all learned a lot about being a Lion and left the meeting wonderfully motivated. Many thanks to GLT Pete for his leadership!
- Our only regular meeting of the month was on Diabetes Awareness and we welcomed Jennifer Dial from Newton Medical Center. She had much information and advice to share about controlling blood sugar and modifying our diets to be healthier.
- We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Parade on December 6, Twilights at Chimney Park on December 7, and our club Christmas Party on December 11.
- We welcomed another new member, but were saddened at the death of our own Lion Bill Henderson. Once again our Covington Lions had almost 1000 hours of volunteer work in and around our



## **6 December 2014 Christmas Parade beginning at 10 am!**

Join us for our annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Covington Lions Club and Main Street Covington. We are looking forward to another great event.

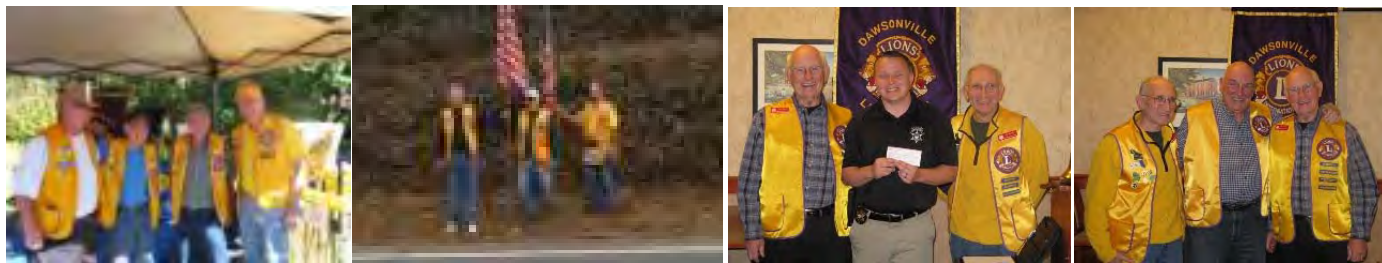
This year's theme is **"Songs of the Season"**.

Here is this year's (2014) [Parade Brochure](http://covingtonlions.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2014-Covington-Lions-Club-Parade-Brochure.pdf) with LOTS of important information – Read this first please!!!  
<http://covingtonlions.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2014-Covington-Lions-Club-Parade-Brochure.pdf>

**Twilights at  
Chimney Park –  
7 December 2014  
from 5-7:30 pm**



**Dawsonville Lions Club** = We raffled an iPad Air for the Moonshine Festival. The club put out the war veterans memorial flags and markers in Dawsonville. President Don Cargill lead the meeting. Items discussed were the golf tournament results and the moonshine festival results. The upcoming Christmas party is being planned for. Captain Tony Wooten the Dawson County Sheriffs Department spoke to us about the backpack buddies program to help feed school-age children over the weekend. The Club donated \$200. Lion Richard DeNell transferred his membership to the Dawsonville Lions Club. Donated \$500 to the Back Pack Buddies food program



**Decatur Lions Club** = Collected 85 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 614 pair. Sent 400 pair eye glasses to the University of North Georgia for a mission trip to the Jamaica. Sent 400 pair eye glasses to the University of North Georgia for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Delivered 800 pair of eye glasses cases to Goodwill. A \$25.00 honorarium White Cane donation was sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. President PDG Ken Massingale, Secretary Genie Massingale and Lion Tory Jordan attended the joint Georgia Lions Lighthouse and Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind meeting in Warner Robins. DG Vicki Hubbard made her official visit to the Decatur Lions Club, highlighting goals LCI has for this year.

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



**Gainesville/Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = Gainesville and North Hall working joint parking a GHS home football game Lion Presidents Lamar, Gainesville, Jack North Hall



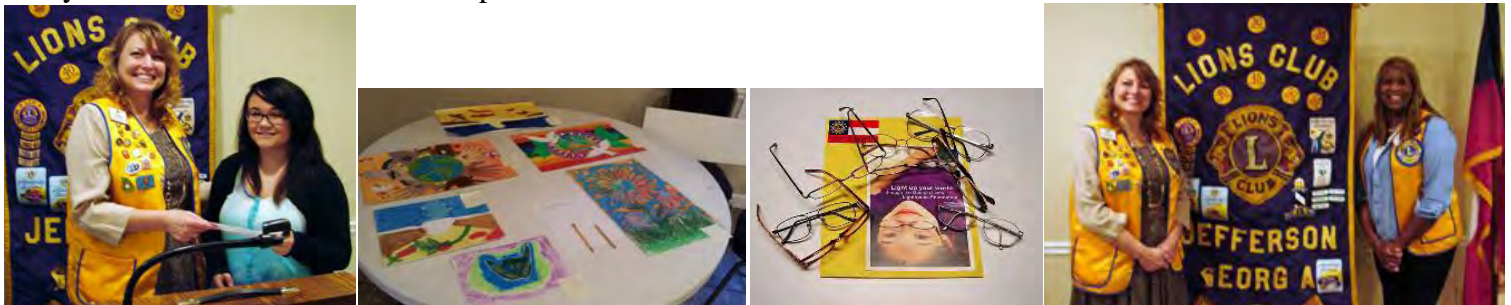
**Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Lions Club** = GGC recently became home to the newest club chartered in Lions Club District 1 when GGC Campus Lions Club was officially chartered by [Lions Clubs International](#).

GGC Lions Club officers and advisors accepted an invitation from Former President Jimmy Carter, the state's most famous Lion, and joined him for a visit at his home and Sunday School at his church on Nov. 9, 2014.

More pictures from today Joint Meeting! Today The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and both of our Advisors went to the Lions Club Convention. We learned a lot about the Georgia Light House Foundation.



**Jefferson Lions Club** = Lion Ken Brand gave a very informative program on the Jefferson Lions Club Sight Preservation Project at the last club meeting. He pointed out that since 2008 the club has provided an average of 45 eye exams and eye glasses each year. While children remain the priority, Ken explained that most glasses are given to those in the 40-60 year old range. Most eye glass recipients live in the Jefferson area, however, the club does tries to help all who apply. People who need eye glasses can contact the Jackson County DEFAC or their school counselor. The Jefferson Lions Club - and the entire community, thank Ken for a job well done! Lion Dede deMarks, State Diabetes Awareness Chairperson, entertained and informed the Jefferson Lions Club last Monday. She reminded the group that Lions all over the world support the prevention of diabetes, especially sight and vision problems that result from the disease. Lion deMarks challenged the club to adopt at least one more action item to help fight diabetes this year. The Jefferson Lions Club already supports sight preservation and Camp Kudzu, a summer camp for diabetic children. President Gay Bradley pledged to do even more. Peace Poster Contest winner Emily Carroll receives her \$100 first prize.



**LaVista Lions Club** = On November 11, 2014 we held a special Veterans Day program at our regular meeting place, Valley Brook Baptist Church. Fifty-one people attended including Lions, wives, other family members and guests. Our speaker was Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Gretchen G. Evans. CSM Evans retired after serving 27 years in the U.S. Army. She enthralled us for about 45 minutes with stories about her service in such diverse places as Grenada, Guantanamo, Afghanistan, Italy, Germany and stateside locations. She was jump-qualified. Her final assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of Commander, combined Forces Command, Afghanistan. She provided a very interesting evening.

On Halloween we provided a hot dog lunch with "all the trimmings" to about 75 residents of Christian Towers Retirement Home in Decatur. It was our fourth annual treat for the residents - 13 Lions and family members participated. Most of the food was given to us by a local wholesaler. We held a broom and pecan sale at a local deli/market on November 22 - 12 members and family participated. We had to cancel a sale at Stone Mountain on November due to cold weather. Club members were again active in other activities = Lion Bob Deryck spent 18 hours tutoring second graders at Sagamore Hills Elementary School. Lion Don Smith continues to lead the way in eye glass collecting. Lion Ray Rowell contributed 25 hours building wheelchair ramps for the handicapped.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = Our Club has decorated a Christmas Tree at the Aurora Theater in Lawrenceville, GA. It was decorated with used eyeglasses, and a few stuffed Lions. Even the Lions have glasses. :) We have done this for about 5 years. Lion Judy was responsible for the decorations. We have our Annual Pecan Sales Fundraiser in progress and it is doing well. Our club sponsored the Georgia Gwinnett Campus Club with GLT Pete Stamsen and PCC Grace Clower as Guiding Lions. We had 11 members attend their Charter night. We donated \$200 to the Georgia Gwinnett College Campus Club. We had 3 members do vision screenings at Cedar Hill Elementary School for 25 students. We recycled 198 used eyeglasses.



**Loganville Legacy Lions Club** = THINKING HOW ACCELERATE FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE PLANS - ONLY 2 1/2 MONTHS AWAY - FOCUS ON DANCE SCHOOL, CHILD CARE FACILITIES, GYMNASIUM FACILITIES, OTHER YOUTH GROUPS BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE -(CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS. ETC. ALSO NEED INCREASED ATTENTION TO "FEET ON THE STREET". WE HAVE TO DETERMINE STATE CONVENTION PLANS - BOOK EARLY - SAVE MONEY! WE HAVE CAMP FOR BLIND RAFFLE TICKETS.

1.) 10/18 Heritage Festival was supported by 16 llc volunteers during the event from set-up to take down generating 62 service hours... booth included vision screenings (10 done) \$174.00. worth of brooms sold and \$60.00 worth of pecans pre-sold by word of mouth. Live product should arrive by first part of November.....members please contact family, friends, business associates to sell this high quality product. 2) Trick-or-Treat Main-street was supported by 13 volunteers for 30 service hours 3.5 llc members attended cabinet meeting and Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Lion Darrell Risser for 30 service hours. 80 pair of glasses for recycling were also donated this month. 11/1: Loganville police department donut dash benefiting Special Olympics, (no participation expected) donation has been made as a supporting sponsor...11/8 ; Grayson chili cook off - will be sharing booth with Lion Dana to sell brooms and pecans 11/11; Veterans Day CEREMONY AT CITY HALL @ 11:00. please wear your colors if attending - followed by bbq at American Legion ...also board/evening meeting in the evening...11/14 lunch meeting - 12/12 - annual Christmas party.

Annual event sponsored by Loganville police department. officers/fire fighters shop with local in need youth to help them select presents for family members - -"SHOP WITH A HERO ". 2 llc lions contributed 8 service hours to help prepare over 400 holiday boxes to be sent to American service men and women. OTHER DONATIONS TO SHEPHERDS STAFF, CAMP FOR BLIND, LIGHTHOUSE ANY OTHER KNOWN CRITICAL NEEDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Have finalized details - Marshalls for Loganville annual CHRISTMAS parade. 2 individuals given eye exams and free glasses this month. Lion Kim Moore has been provided \$300.00 to purchase Thanksgiving meals to in-need families in area as determine by recommendations from school counselors. Lion Kim Moore presented request that we share in cost to obtain an iPad for a 14 month old down syndrome child named Noah who is in need of this device to facilitate his therapy after recovering from surgery to repair a hole in his heart. cost, not to exceed \$ 150.00 and shared with Lawrenceville Lions Club. Entered into the pecan business selling 1 pound bags of pecans throughout the community selling all but 23 bags before Thanksgiving netting \$ 550 to date. NOW - THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR INVOLVEMENT - THE MORE WHO ARE DOING THE MORE GETS DONE AND WE ALL BENEFIT CLUB, COMMUNITY, INDIVIDUALS.

**Monroe Lions Club** = Meet one of our newest members. Monroe Lions Club inducted Lion [Kristi Autry Hubbard](#) into the club at their last meeting. Lion [Vicki Ellis Hubbard](#), District Governor was there to do the induction. Also present was Lion [Bob Norton](#), Second Vice District Governor. Pictured left to right DG Vicki Hubbard, Kristi Hubbard and her sponsor Kathy Baldonado Ivie. — with Vicki Ellis Hubbard, Kristi Autry Hubbard and Kathy Baldonado Ivie.



**Norcross Lions Club** = What an incredible day on Saturday at Kittredge. On behalf of the Grounds committee I want to thank the 42 dedicated people who showed up despite the cold temperatures ready to help conquer the leaves! Every now and then you have those moments that really put your faith in people. Saturday morning was one of those moments for me. I was blown away by the great attitudes that everyone had! And not every teacher is eager to come to the school on a Saturday morning....but Ms. Rudert was there for the duration to help as usual. We filled a huge dumpster that Keep DeKalb Beautiful dumped off Totally FULL of leaves. THANK YOU! Stephanie Mattison Note: Among the people who helped were 2 Girl Scouts and at least 9 other students from the school. Due to cold weather the Garden Club went outside briefly to collect organic specimens and once inside looked at the specimens under the microscope. Lion and Master Gardener Trudy Rudert had the help of Master Gardener Betty Alspaugh with this activity. Fourteen students from Kittredge Magnet School participated in the Fall Gardening class taught by Lion and Master Gardener Trudy Rudert. Students planted fall flowers and plants, watered plants, weeded, raked, and composted. They cleaned the pond and fed the birds and animals. They also cleaned and filled the bird bath.

In addition to honoring the Norcross High School Student of the Month and her family, we were visited by 1st VDG Anne Mundy who spoke briefly of her visit to Leader Dog school in Rochester, Michigan. Accompanying Lion Anne were her father Lion Bill Mundy and his brother Robert from Texas. VDG Anne honored PDG Ed Hashbarger by presenting his Lions Club 45 year chevron. The club voted to move our club meeting night to the 2nd and 4th (if needed) Thursdays beginning in January. With the approval of the Norcross Chief of Police we plan to honor the Norcross Police Officer of the Year at that first meeting in January. We will invite Timothy to play the piano at our December meeting with the Branch Club members on Thursday, Dec. 4 Other details of that meeting were announced. We made plans to serve hot chocolate at the annual tree lighting in Thrasher Park on Friday, Dec. 5. We will bring canned food for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry to either of these two December events. We have had a request to do eye exams at Norcross Elementary School. PDG John Rudert will check with the GA Lions Lighthouse for the availability of the eye screening equipment for this event. We viewed the City of Norcross preliminary design for the building which may replace our current clubhouse. We voted to give the local winner of the Peace Poster contest \$50. The GA Lions Lighthouse needs help with the recycled eyeglasses which have arrived at their facility. Lions Martha and Bob Hermann volunteered to help. Donations made to Stripling - Simpson - Beaver Ridge - Peachtree - Norcross Elementary Schools and also to Pinckneyville and Summerour Middle Schools. Donations made to Norcross Co-op Ministries, Meals on Wheels, GA Special Olympics and USO. Checks to GA Lions Lighthouse, GA Lions Camp for the Blind, Camp Kudzu (Diabetes), Leader Dog, Learning Ally, and Canine Companions for Independence. Girl Scout Troop 21443 under the leadership of Lion

The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. She and her parents and her sister enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.

Lions Club winning poster was given to DG Vicki Hubbard.



**Oxford Lions Club =**



**Social Circle Lions Club** = The Social Circle Lions Club was at work this month with service activities. The leading service activities this month were vision screening at the Diabetes Expo conducted by Lion Dede deMarks, monthly food distribution conducted by Lion Larry Knox and monthly community volunteering by Lion Sue Ellis. The club's annual Secret Santa Program event is scheduled for December 1. The club members continue to plan for its vision screening of elementary children scheduled in January at the elementary school.

**Thomson Camellia City Lions Club** = We recently held a Chili/Soup Fundraiser that was advertised in local news and local radio stations. The fundraiser was a success and a thank you for the community support was placed in the local news telling the public how the proceeds was to be in sight programs. Some of the Lions are pictured helping in the serving line and invited others to join the Lions. Also, we held a membership drive dinner in October. Invitations were sent to family members and friends inviting them to the dinner and letting them know what Lions is and information on the many ways the Lions world-wide serve others. Speaker for the evening was PID Lion Dr. Beverly Roberts. Also attending was CC Olin Newby.



### **Toccoa Lions Club = OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

President Bill Graham at 7:00 A.M. at Dr. Kay Royal's office. President Bill Graham opened the meeting with prayer. Bill asked Bryan to read the minutes of the last meeting which were previously posted on Facebook. Kay motioned that the minutes be approved as presented and it was seconded by Steve. The members present approved the motion.

Bryan reported as club secretary that we have 48 members currently with the addition of Kelly Touchton. We have 26 members in the noon club, 19 members in the evening club and 3 members at large. We have a letter of resignation from Henry Fields. Steve had spoken with Henry and he has agreed to become a member at large. Bryan motioned to make Henry a MAL and Russ seconded the motion. The members present voted in favor. Then Bryan mentioned that three members are in serious arrearage on their dues. Bryan mentioned that he has had no response from Kim Fulbright about her dues and she has stopped attending functions. Kay motioned that we drop Kim from the roster of the club. Margo seconded the motion. The motion carried by the members present.

A general discussion on membership retention was had with no conclusions or actions. Bill mentioned that he would like the club to appoint him and Dale as delegates to the International Convention in Hawaii next summer. Bryan made this motion and Margo seconded it. It was approved by the members present.

Bill mentioned that we need to train vision screeners to work at various events at schools. Now that we own our own vision screening machine we need to use it. Then Bill said a date had been set and our club will be doing diabetes screenings at Wal-Mart on Wednesday the 12th of November. We will also do vision screening while at Wal-Mart.

Bill has an application for the Christmas parade and it will cost the club \$25.00 to have an entry. The Christmas parade is at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 6th. He is going to encourage the Leo club members to help. He is also going to see if the Leo club will enter the Festival of Trees competition. Bryan reported that BJ's Restaurant is reserved on Thursday, December 11th in the evening for our Christmas party. It will start at 6:30 pm. Beverly is scouting for entertainment for the party. Bill said we need to invite Mary Ann and her husband Richard to the Christmas party.

Under new business, Bill mentioned that the new food service contractor at Toccoa Falls College has displaced Alisa Adams from catering our luncheon meetings at the Gate Cottage. They are not charging a minimum of twenty-five meals like Alisa did. We are only paying for the actual number of people who show up. We told the members that they could bring guests earlier this year and there would be no charge for meals. With the new food service arrangement we will be paying for guests. Bill wants to know how to handle this. Bryan motioned that we start charging for guest meals to our members starting in January 2015. Margo seconded the motion and the vote carried the motion.

Steve said that a donation to the Lions had come in from Dana Patterson a realtor who deals with foreclosed properties at Stephens Federal Bank. She donated \$200.00 to the club. Steve says we need to write a thank you letter to her. Bill said he would do it. Steve said that the first meeting in October Alisa Adams came with food and the college food vendor turned her away. She is trying to college from the club. The general consensus was that she needs to work that our with college food service vendor not us.

Bryan mentioned that his sister Brenda Gordon had volunteered to finish the scrapbook for this Lions year. She will make contact with Mary Ann Mojica and get the materials needed.

## **Toccoa Lions Club = OFFICIAL MINUTES OF LUNCHEON CLUB MEETING**

The regular luncheon meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on November 11, 2014 by President Bill Graham. Guests included Lt. Col. retired David Priatko with eight of the JROTC cadets, Nick Moavero, Jimmy Carter, Abigail Vickery, Dylan Neal, Emily Edgeman, Crystal Duerr and Alexander Haynes. Other guests included Brenda Gordon, Bryan's sister, Phyllis Edmonds, Frank's wife, and the mother and grandmother of cadet Dylan Neal.

Bill greeted the gathered crowd and welcomed the guests. Bill then asked Lion Larry our chaplain to ask for prayer requests. Prayer was requested for Dan Black. Lion Larry led the prayer. Four of the cadets, a color guard team, presented the colors front and center. Then Lion Tamer James Black led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and cadet Abigail Vickery led the signing of God Bless America. James then assigned the order of tables to attend the food buffet. The pride chewed on their prey . . . food and weaved many tales at the various tables.

Lion Bill made some announcements about upcoming events as listed on the meeting agenda. The without further delay he turned the meeting over to Lt. Col. Ret. David Priatko. He spoke to the process of and theme of the essays. All ninety or so cadets in the program wrote essays around an army core value of "selfless service". The colonel read all the essays and selected the best four for presentation to the Lions Club. Then he invited the cadets one by one to the podium to read their essays. The four judges sat at a table by themselves to evaluate the presentations.

For the fifth year, the Toccoa Lions Club invited the Stephens County High School JROTC Cadets to participate in the TLC's Patriotic Day Celebration. The JROTC Cadets Presented the Colors, led the Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance & led the Lions in a patriotic song. Cadets also presented Patriotic Essays. This year's theme was Selfless Service. Lt. Col. David Priatko is doing a great job with the JROTC Cadets. The Color Guard was sharp and the JROTC Essay's were thoughtful & sincere. The JROTC Cadets represented themselves and the Stephens County High School in a very positive manner. The Stephens County School System, Lt. Col. Priatko & all of the JROTC Cadets should be congratulated for their outstanding program.



Don Alexander came forward to announce the judges decisions. The winner was Dylan Neil who the Lions presented a check of \$50.00 to. Second place and \$40.00 went to Abigail Vickery. Third place and \$30.00 went to Jimmy Carter. Fourth place and \$20.00 went to Nick Moavero. All these kids are winners and deserve our gratitude for their service to the community.

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## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE EVENING CLUB MEETING**

Toccoa Lions Club Evening Meeting - November 18, 2014. The Toccoa Lions met on a cold (burr...) November evening.

Several members missed the meeting because of the weather & other issues. Lion Dr. Kay called the meeting to order at 6pm & Lion Will led the Lions in prayer & the Pledge. Club Secretary Bryan the Lion, reviewed the minutes of the previous Evening meeting & the BOD meeting. the group discussed upcoming events such as the MEC High School LEO Club meeting the Christmas Parade, the Festival of Trees & the TLC Christmas Party. They also discussed membership, the need for additional Lions to be trained on the Vision Screening machine & the February 2015 Pancake Breakfast. Dr. Kay adjourned the meeting at 7pm. The Official meeting minutes will be published separately.



**Toccoa Lions Club = Stephens County Hospital & Walmart team up for free Diabetes Screening**

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. On November 12th, the Toccoa Lions Club, Stephens County Hospital and Walmart teamed up to provide free diabetes screening, diabetes awareness information & vision screening. Diabetes can damage your cardiovascular system and is the leading cause of preventable blindness. You cannot necessarily tell if you have diabetes by the way you feel. The best way to be sure if you have diabetes is to see your doctor. Diabetes can be treated with diet, exercise and medication. Pictured are: Heidi Wilkerson, Stephens County Hospital & Lion Bill Graham at the Diabetes Screening Station and Lion Dale Graham at the Vision Screening Station.



**Union County Lions Club** = held its regular Board meeting at the Civic Center in Blairsville, GA on November 6, 2014. The board approved an eye exam and glasses for one local individual. The Board approved a donation of \$250 to the Alleghany Lodge's Christmas food basket program. The Board approved the following toward the District Governor's Goals:

- o LCIF - \$500
- o Georgia Lion's Lighthouse for the Blind \$500
- o Georgia Camp for the Blind \$500
- o Learning Ally \$ 250
- o Leader Dog \$250

WORKING LIONS - 64 hours  
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 102 hours  
 FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 5 hours  
 Total: 173 hours      Submitted: 5 news article

Lion President Gene Little reported that a local individual donated a low vision viewer to the club. The club now 2 working viewers. Lion Gene will check with the nursing home and Stonehenge to see if they need one.

**November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting** - Lion Louise Little gave a report of the recent Cabinet Meeting and Hall of Fame dinner in Watkinsville. Lion Betty Gurr introduced our guests, Walter Becky and Mary Mauney. Walter has been playing the guitar since he was 13. Daughter Mary started singing when she was 11. They are members of the Shady Creek Band. Walter and Mary entertained the club with several familiar country song and hymns. It was a very enjoyable program.

**Used Eye Glasses** – Chair Louise Little turned in the following at the recent Cabinet Meeting, 10 hearing aids, 34 cell phones, 220 pairs of glasses, 82 lenses, 39 pairs of sunglasses, and 8 shade lenses.



**Winder Noon Lions Club** = 138 dictionaries were donated and distributed to the 3rd graders enrolled at County Line Elementary School in Barrow County. The attached picture was taken when the club distributed dictionaries. The picture has 4 members of the club that was present. The 5th member present took the picture. The club supported the blood drive at the Winder First United Methodist Church in November by maintaining the canteen area during the day. This included making sure all donors were provided with a snack and a drink after they had given blood. 28 pairs of glasses were collected during the month. A \$50 donation was given to the Lighthouse for the Blind in honor of 2 club members.





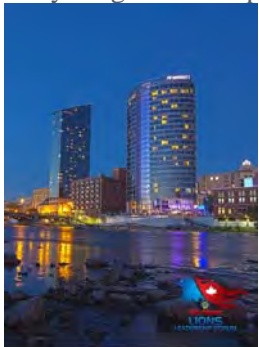
## Online Registration for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Is Open Grand Rapids Ready to Host a “Grand” Forum!

Have you attended a USA/Canada Forum in the past? Well, get ready for a whole new experience in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 17-19, 2015. Here are some of the exciting changes coming your way next year:

- A full day of training on Thursday, expanding the Forum to three full days
- “Festival of Lions” kick-off event on Thursday evening
- New Lions Club Handbook provided to every attendee
- World premiere of **We Serve On**, a production detailing a century of Lions service
- Mobile apps to make your Forum experience interactive and more enjoyable

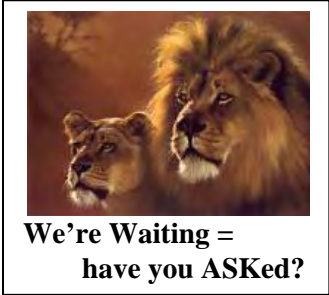
These are just a few of dynamic changes being made, but don’t worry — the core of the Forum will stay the same. It will be three days of learning, sharing, fun, and fellowship just like always!

Click here to register for the 2015 Forum and for more information about the featured entertainment, the motivational speakers, and everything Grand Rapids has to offer.



*Pictured to the left are the towers of the Amway Grand Hotel and the JW Marriott Hotel, two of the properties ready to play host to the Lions of North America. Make your plans now to attend what is sure to be one of the best Forums ever!*

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NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	Lion (Check)	Guest (Check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

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

	At 2014 Convention \$100.00	June 2 – Aug. 30, 2014 \$110.00	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2014 \$120.00
Cost of Hospitality Book:	Dec. 1, 2014 – Mar. 31, 2015 \$130.00	April 1– April 30, 2015 \$140.00	After deadline, May 1, 2015 \$145.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@ \$25	each	Total Amt.	\$
Make Checks Payable To: <b>Lions of Georgia MD Convention</b>				Total Amount Due: \$	
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 Rooms are also available at:  
**Holiday Inn Express** (814 West 7th Street, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-3300) \$95\* per night.  
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