

# Lions of Georgia



Put the pieces together and see what it means – what does planting a tree have to do with Membership? – check with your Membership Chair to get the answer.



*Check out President Tam's message.....Page 32*



**PLEASE** – Presidents/Secretaries = send in the name of your Club and the Name and Email address only of all club members who have DSL so we can send the State Mag to each of those members. Send to [edmcionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmcionh@bellsouth.net) or [lionga@bellsouth.net](mailto:lionga@bellsouth.net)

**Benjamin Franklin**

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man.



# State News



## Lions International Essay Contest

Congratulations to District E and DG Tim for having the winner of the MD18 Lions International Essay Contest. The winner is Jennifer Henderson, she attends MT. Zion Middle School in Bowdon, Georgia.

## Peace Poster Contest

Congratulations to District Governor Tim and District 18E for submitting the winning Peace Poster for Lions year 2011-12.



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## In Other Business:

State Convention Bids – 2012 - Savannah  
2013 – Augusta

2014 – Macon – Proposed  
2015 – Tifton – Proposed  
2016 – Possible bid from Columbus  
2017 – Possible bid from Jekyll Island



## 2012 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention



May 25-27, 2012  
Savannah, Georgia

### Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):

We will have “Night Out with Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden” at The Historic Charles H. Morris Center, located across from the Marriott Hotel. The meal will be catered by Paula Deen’s The Lady and Sons Restaurant. The Deen’s will be on hand to welcome the Lions!  
The cost will be \$35.00 – This includes a buffet meal and a talk with the Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden. Other activities are also planned for this exciting evening!

**Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance (TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!

**Saturday:** District Breakfasts; General Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor’s Banquet

**Sunday:** District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session.

### HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM:

Reservations are due no later than May 1, 2012

#### Hotel Info:

Savannah Marriott Riverfront  
100 General McIntosh Boulevard  
Savannah, Georgia 31401  
912-233-7722 or 1-800-285-0398



**Global Membership Team  
(GMT)**



Good afternoon!

After your participation in the Club Rebuilding - How to Invigorate Your Club webinar, the Leadership Division thought this upcoming webinar would support your clubs in your rebuilding efforts.

To ensure the Lions legacy remains, it is imperative that not only club officers and members of the membership committee, but all members are aware of the strategies and resources available to assist them in recruiting new members and marketing club activities. Register for the **How to Recruit Members** webinar to learn a three step approach to recruiting, how to combat invitation objections, and much more!

Kind Regards,

**Monique McGhee**

Training Specialist - Electronic Learning  
Leadership Division

**The Global Leadership  
Team (GLT)**



Dear District Leadership Teams

[A letter](#) along with the Zone Chairperson Training CD was sent to the English speaking GLT District Coordinators this week. As the non-English language versions become available, we will send the letter and CD to the remaining GLT-D Coordinators.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Irene Papaurelis, Manager  
Leadership Administration Department  
Lions Clubs International

**Lions Course Categories**

New Improved Login: Create a personal profile to take courses and keep a record of your completed courses. View a [quick video](#) on this process. Go to the [Course Registration Page](#) to login.

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

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<b>My Club, My Family</b> How to make clubs more successful Intended Audience: District leaders, zone chairpersons, and club officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar Recording Presentation Workbook</li> </ul>
<b>How to Recruit New Members</b> How to recruit new members and market club activities Intended Audience: Club officers, membership committee and club members who plan to recruit new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, January 11, 2012: 7:00 PM CST (Chicago)</li> <li>• Tuesday, January 17, 2012: 10:00 AM CST (Chicago)</li> <li>• Friday, January 20, 2012: 7:00 PM CST (Chicago)</li> </ul>
<b>Managing a Service Project</b> How to coordinate and manage a service project Intended Audience: Lions who are service project managers or would like to be a project manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, February 29, 2012: 7:00 PM CST (Chicago)</li> <li>• Tuesday, March 6, 2012: 10:00 AM CST (Chicago)</li> </ul>



Dear Lions,

It is hard to believe that half of your year as the leader of your district will soon be over. Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas and the New Year will soon be here. It is also the time of the year when the weather can have a big effect on our ability to accomplish our goals. I do hope you and your District Governor Team is making good progress on the goals you set for yourself and your district. If not, now is the time to reassess your district goals and develop a plan to reach those goals.

Completing an application for [CEP](#) or an [Extension Workshop](#), which are designed to help you with your membership goals, will revitalize clubs in your district and extend the opportunity of service to other communities in your district.

All Lions and Lions Clubs want to do good and have a positive effect on their communities. Going through the [Club Excellence Process](#) will give clubs the opportunity to reassess their resources, develop plans and provide direction toward increased membership and better service. I encourage you to talk with your coordinators and have them work with the Zone Chairs to put CEP on their agenda for their next zone meeting to promote this excellent program.

The [Extension Workshop Program](#) can benefit your district by rejuvenating and growing membership and engaging new types of members with new ideas and a fresh perspective of what the community needs. I believe membership is the life blood of our association and the future of Lions depends on our ability to serve our communities. We can do more and better work with a large, diverse membership. The program works and LCI has a group of qualified, committed New Club Extension Consultants eagerly waiting for you to schedule a workshop.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work and dedication to making service and membership a priority for our great association. If there is anything that LCI or I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help!

Sincerely,

PIP Jim Ervin  
GMT Constitutional Area Leader

**For all Lions within your DISTRICT's, I wanted to make sure that you were aware of two very special webinars that are coming up in January.**

**First, a session on club orientation**

**Next a very special session on how to start new clubs in your District**

**Member Orientation: Making Lions Feel At Home**

**Join us for a Webinar on January 17**

**Space is limited.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/720447064>

Orientation of new members or long time Lions is an activity that every clubs should do on a regular basis.

Join this discussion that will help you design a fun and educational orientation program for your club.

**Title:** *Member Orientation: Making Lions Feel At Home*

**Date:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST

**New Clubs 101: Everything about Extension**

**Join us for a Webinar on January 24**

**Space is limited.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/932172761>

Unlike other civic clubs, Lions Clubs International is growing. Learn how to bring this growth to your area by starting new Lions Clubs in underserved areas. The webinar will include a panel discussion with LCI New Club Consultants Dave Martin from North Carolina, Gunter Hirsch from Florida and Dick Smith from GA.

**Title:** *New Clubs 101: Everything about Extension*

**Date:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM EST

After registering for one or both - you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar

**System Requirements**

PC-based attendees  
Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees  
Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer



18-A

Alan Bethel

### Atlanta Metro Lions Club

Atlanta Metro Lions Club has been serving Southwest Atlanta for 18 (soon to be 19) years. The club was chartered on January 30, 1993 with 62 charter members. Atlanta Metro has been a driving force in our community every since we were chartered.

Since our charter, our club has worked to support Lions charities; as well as several local, state and national charities. A "Fabulous Food Tasting Extravaganza", the club's major fundraiser, supports all of these charities and club projects. The Extravaganza is a feast of "tasty delights" serving patrons with a variety of foods. It is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in October. Lion members serve as chefs along with celebrity and guest chefs filled with great food, fun and fellowship.

Some of the charities that our club supports are the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, LCIF, Diabetes Association of Georgia, National Diabetes Association, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, G.A. Towns Elementary School, Fire Station #16 & #19 5-K Fun Run, National Adoption Day, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Southeastern Guide Dogs and more. The club donates to local and international relief efforts. We hosted our first Liberty Day Celebration at G.A. Towns elementary school last year which was a lot of fun sharing with the students. We buy eyeglasses and pay for eye exams for those in our community. We concentrate most of our efforts on supplying eyeglasses for children. We also participate in the Send a Kid to Camp program by sending a visually impaired person to Summer Camp and Christmas Camp. We are serious about serving the needs of our community by volunteering on many projects and health fairs. We constantly do visual and hearing screenings throughout the community. Our club hosted our first Blood Drive and Health Fair this past August and hopes to improve on it by making it bigger and better next year. Each year our club receives used Christmas trees at the Cascade Home Depot and gets them ready for chipping in the Keep South Fulton Beautiful Program. Another of our yearly efforts is to collect monies in front of local grocery stores every 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April for White Cane Days by way of the Bucket Brigade. Another Atlanta Metro project is our annual Public Safety Awards Banquet where our club recognizes officers in our Public Safety Community who volunteer in their communities away from their jobs. We are a very busy club serving our community however we can.

One particular project that we are proud of is the Annual Fire Station #16 Christmas Party that is held each year to give toys to over 60 needy families in the community. Our club hosts an annual toy drive to collect toys for the children that attend the party. The club helps clean and decorate the fire station to get ready for the party. We also volunteer to receive the families (over 250 people, in all), serve food and help Santa bag the toys. It is a feel good day because you're providing a much needed service; but, it also makes you sad to see all of the need. This is a seriously depressed community that needs a lot of help.

Atlanta Metro is proud of our club's only Past District Governor Vanessa Stanley who serves throughout the district and the state. We have five District 18-A Hall of Fame members. They are: Lions Herb Eber, Moses Johnson, William Marshall, Preston McCoy and Vanessa Stanley. We have several Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. At the end of each president's term, the club thanks them for their service by donating \$1000 in their names to LCIF as Melvin Jones Fellows. We have had members serve the district, the state and international in several capacities over the years. We have members currently serving in district positions.

We take our motto, We Serve, very seriously and try to uphold that motto every day. When we see or are made aware of a need, we try and fulfill it. We are in the process of adding new members because the more members that we have mean the more service that our club can provide. It is our members' greatest joy to serve our community.





18-B

Joe Bill Brannon

### *Baxley Lions Club*

BAXLEY, GA - The Baxley Lions Club will host a Professional Cowboy Association Rodeo event Oct. 26-27, at the Baxley Lions Club Fairgrounds. This is the last rodeo of the 2012 Rodeo Season. Don't miss out on seeing the best of the best. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the rodeo will start at 7:30 p.m. There will be food available for purchase.

“ It will be unique because all of the rodeo banners (about 40) will be in Lions colors. Also, we are going to ask the entire audience to sing The Star-Spangled Banner, accompanied by a recording made by the Appling County High School band. We are encouraging children (and adults as well) to dress in cowboy outfits. The Stick-Horse Race will be incredibly cute and photogenic.

This is a Professional Cowboy Association sponsored event. Most of the contestants will be professionals. (There is a provision whereby talented amateurs may participate).

Anything you can do to encourage fellow Lions of GA to come to our Rodeo and help us out will be most appreciated.”



In addition, there will be a three bicycle give-away Friday night, but you must have a good-conduct certificate from your school in order to be eligible for the drawing.

Admission is \$10 for age 6 and older, ages 5 and younger get in for free. Students who have first 9-weeks perfect attendance also get in for free with a note from their Principal.

### **The Baxley Lions Club's RODEO**

A Professional Cowboy Association Event

This is the last rodeo of the 2012 Rodeo Season! The best of the best will be here.

Those in the top 15 will be here! Those who **want** to be in the top 15 will be here too!

Baxley Lions Club Fairgrounds, Baxley, Georgia

The gates open at 4:00 p.m. Come early. Eat here. Support our vendors.

Take pictures and get autographs from the cowboys and cowgirls!



18-C

Jimmy Black

### Plains Lions Club

Plains Lion Club report: We have worked on property- 1) Swimming Pool; Extend roof & paint as needed 2) Install property line fence 3-Replace 3 commodes & paint bathrooms, paint in kitchen, install large microwave.

**Fund raisers-** 1) Aug TV raffle won by Larry Harod Sr. 2) Plains Peanut Festival 2nd Sat Sept each year- sold a lot of drinks but did not sell out of food 3) Birthday Calendar 4) Brooms & Mops monthly 5) Dec 19th TV raffle.

**Donations-** 1 - Lighthouse 2 - Camp for the Blind 3 - Local community needs 4 - Children fund Roselyn Carter request.

The annual Plains Peanut Festival is centered around one of the Sumter County community's claims to fame, its peanut production, and features the community's most famous residents in active roles. The festival kicks off with a 1-mile fun run and a 5-K road race. People line the sidewalks of Plains each year to watch the unique entries in the parade downtown. Visitors enjoy the all-day event and educational exhibits are on display to accent the importance of agriculture in this region.

Plains Peanut Festival is fun for all ages. Activities include a road race, fun run, folk play, all day entertainment, Kiddie rides, arts & craft vendors, food vendors, SAM Shortline train rides, a parade, President & Mrs. Carter's book signing and ends with a Street Dance. Visit our national peanut sponsors for free samples in the Peanut Pavilion. Make plans to join us this year for our 15th Annual Peanut Festival. 2,500 attendees expected.





18-D

Ed Hashbarger

## Gainesville Lions Club

Gainesville Lions Raise Funds through Children’s Theater. On a crisp fall Saturday morning, the Riverbend Baptist Church began to fill with children, parents, Lions Club members and the puppet Guy. With kids everywhere on a Saturday out of school, there was plenty of excitement. The energy in the room reached a crescendo when the puppet Guy walked onto the stage. Soon, the young audience would be involved in the story of Jack and the Bean Stalk, told as only the puppet Guy could tell it. Once again, the Gainesville Lions Club Children’s Theater was under way.

For over 20 years, the Gainesville Lions Club has brought the Children’s Theater to Gainesville as a way to entertain area children and to raise funds for the club’s service projects. Twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall, the club holds this entertaining event, offering two show times for each production. The show rotates between a puppet show and a magic show. It is this event that provides the majority of the club’s project funds.

Until just a few years ago, the Children’s Theater was run by a professional fund raiser who would come into town, arrange for the entertainment and find a location for the show. A group of employees would then be hired to make phone calls to local residents and businesses asking for a purchase of tickets or sponsorships for children. The caller would explain that the proceeds from the show would go to Lions sight and hearing projects.

When the fund raising group left Georgia, Gainesville Lions decided to take over running the show and hang on to this project that had become quite successful over the years. The club set up a corporation and asked Herman Jones and Jim Schwartz, club members who had business and financial backgrounds to oversee the business. The office manager, Joe Jennings who had been working for the fund raising group was retained to take care of the day to day operations.

It took a few years for the Children’s Theater to build into the fund raiser that it is today. In fact, Lions members had some concerns when the show was first presented to them. The club needed to make sure that the fund raiser was above board and that our fellow citizens would not be offended by telephone calls asking for money. “The phone calls have always been low key with no pressure sales tactics, said Mike Hall, Gainesville Lions Club President. “The majority of the calls go to folks who have supported the previous show.” Hall goes on to talk about how the project has become the club’s major fund raiser. “I think there are a couple of reasons for the growing success of the Children’s Theater. The show has been around for a long time and people know what it is. When people in our town hear the name Lions, they know what we do. They know that we give away eyeglasses and that we sell brooms. I think that’s why that the show has been such a success, even without a lot of media attention.”

While the Children’s Theater has been a very good fund raiser for the Gainesville Lions Club, this program is now being affected by the nation’s economic slump. At one time, the club could expect proceeds after expenses of around \$10,000.00 per show. The spring show this year netted just over \$7,000.00. Final figures for the most recent show of November 19<sup>th</sup> are not in, but it appears that this show will only provide the club with just over \$4,000.00. The Children’s Theater committee is considering ways of shoring up the Children’s Theater. Some options being talked about include running ads in the local newspaper and seeking corporate sponsors. It is hoped that with a little more face to face effort and a little more recognition for the things Lions do in service to the community, this fund raiser will remain strong.

If you would like to learn more about the Gainesville Lions Club’s Children’s Theater, you may contact Lion Jim Schwartz, Children’s Theater Chairman at 404310-0905.







18-E

Tim Chisholm

# Villa Rica Golden City Lions Club



Chartered in August 2006, the Villa Rica Golden City Lions commemorated their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a community celebration at the city’s Pine Mountain Gold Museum. DG Tim Chisholm was the special guest speaker, and Lions and friends enjoyed a barbeque dinner in the museum’s outdoor pavilion and visited the museum exhibits. The Golden City club is small but mighty, with a strong record of service in their community.

Working with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, the club formed a partnership this year to provide free vision clinics. The Rapha Clinic, a free medical clinic in Temple, donates the use of its facility; the Lighthouse mobile clinic provides the equipment and coordinates the services; and local eye doctors donate their time to give eye exams. Volunteers from the Golden City, Carrollton, and Villa Rica Lions clubs assist with registration and eyeglass fitting. Since June 2011, our four vision clinics have served approximately 50 patients.

The Golden City Lions held their first Pet Parade and Games on November 5 as a benefit for White Cane and local vision services. Previously a city event, it was the club’s most successful fundraiser, with about 80 dogs and their owners enjoying the parade and contests at the Mill Amphitheater in downtown Villa Rica. Local businesses supported the event as sponsors and vendors, and pet entry fees and raffle ticket sales generated additional funds. The club is already planning for next year’s event.

The club also supports the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and sponsors a local visually-impaired student to attend the camp. Both sighted and visually-impaired students participated in the club’s peace poster and peace essay contests this year. In the spring, members volunteered in Villa Rica’s Great American Cleanup, picking up litter along city waterways to protect the environment. In the coming year, Golden City members plan to live up to the Lions motto We Serve by sending care packages to Afghanistan, planting trees, mentoring students, and continuing our other service projects.

Check out our website: [e-clubhouse.org/sites/villaricagc](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/villaricagc)





**18-F**

*June Phillips*

**WARNER ROBINS HOUSTON PEACHES**



The Warner Robins Houston Peaches Lions Club was originally the Warner Robins Lioness Club. Chartered in 1980 with Doy Barks as Charter President, the club instantly became very active in the Warner Robins Community. Members gave sight and hearing screenings on preschool students at the Houston County Health Department as one of their first projects that was on a weekly basis.

The club held an annual Little Miss Lioness Pageant for preteens to have something to do in the summer for several years. They also coordinated a ‘Lunch With Santa’ project with the Warner Robins Noon Lions each year, constructing a Santa’s Village to walk through and serving lunch. It was a huge project. Members sponsored a Bed Race in the Warner Robins City Festival, decorated a float in the city Christmas Parade, held Bingo Parties at a local nursing home, and provided scholarships for the counselors at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Members were very proud to sponsor contestants in the Peach Bowl Princess Pageants several years, twice having the winner for District E. The club began cooking Knockwurst & Bratwurst in 1983 at the Mossy Creek Arts & Crafts Festival, a project the club continues to the present.

In 1992, members voted to convert to a Lions Club. The new charter was presented to President Millie Falkner on September 12, 1992. Besides the Mossy Creek booth twice a year, members continue to support all Lions Activities on the local, district, state, and national level. Members are all Melvin Jones Fellows. Several members have served as Cabinet Chairpersons.

The club supports a local school with school supplies and a local food bank with food. Money from the sale of poinsettias in December for the past 14 years has been donated to “Send A Kid to Camp” project at our Lions Camp for the Blind. Since becoming a Lions Club, members work with the local school nurses providing eye exams and glasses for students in the city schools. The club annually supports the Senior Health Fair, both financially and with workers, and supports the hospital’s “Safe Kids” project, which provides car seats and bike helmets in the city. Liberty Day is a project each year in a school, as well as Red Ribbon Day in the school drug program. Money is sent for Disaster Relief when needed, such as Albany Floods, tsunami areas, and tornados victims, such as Ringgold. The club sponsored the winning Lions Outstanding Deaf winner, Robin Craig, in 2001. Members contribute annually to St. Jude’s Cancer Hospital in memory of little Sarah Parker, the granddaughter of member Eileen Parker. Members adopted a park to keep clean in the city and participated in the Georgia National Fair Parade in Perry, Ga. This club is a very small club with 7 members currently but they provide much in their community that would otherwise be missing. They are a group of close friends that does a lot of good work (as they grow old together).

## Claudette Gallman Cruises

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Jackson, GA 30233



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404-451-8430  
[Artlady00@aol.com](mailto:Artlady00@aol.com)

## Friends of the Georgia Lions Cruise

### Description of Cruise

**Date:** 9/16/2012  
**Duration:** 7 Days  
**Cruise Line:** Carnival Cruise Lines  
**Ship:** Legend  
**Itinerary:** Tampa-4pm      Sea      Cozumel      Belize      Isla de Roatan  
Grand Cayman      Sea      Tampa-8am

### Accommodations:

Balconies	8B	\$727.43 pp, double occ. (2 cabins available)
	8C	\$742.43 " (2 cabins available)
	8D	\$752.43 " (4 cabins available)
	8E	\$752.43 " (6 cabins available)

Inside	4E	\$562.43 " 5 cabins available)
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Vacation Protection	\$95.00 Balconies Per Person
	\$65.00 Inside Per Person

Prepaid Gratuities	\$70.00 Per Person
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Deposit due:	\$50.00 per person	Upon Booking
	\$200.00	10-Apr-12
Final Payment		25-Jun-12

<b>Cancellation Guidelines:</b>	4-Jul-12	\$250.00 Penalty Per Person
	3-Aug-12	50% Penalty Per Person
	19-Aug-12	75% Per Person Penalty
	3-Sep-12	Full Penalty

**Early deposits are required to guarantee the above rates after April 19, 2012 rates could increase.**

**PLEASE NOTE; PASSPORTS ARE NOT REQUIRED, BUT SUGGESTED.**

Payments by checks or money order can be made payable to Claudette Gallman Cruises and mail to 1377 Bucksnot Rd., Jackson, GA 30233 or by major credit card by calling 770-229-4826 or 404-451-8430.

Any questions contact me at the above numbers or Lion Kembra Smith.

Sincerely,

Claudette Gallman  
Cruise Specialist

*Claudette Gallman Cruises  
Jackson, GA 30233  
770-229-4826*

# FRIENDS OF THE LIONS OF GEORGIA CRUISE

September 16-23, 2012

## Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIVERSARY: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON SHARING YOUR CABIN:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

BALCONY: \_\_\_\_\_ INSIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT ATTACHED: \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSPORTS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT SUGGESTED**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO CLAUDETTE GALLMAN CRUISES  
AND MAIL TO 1377 BUCKSNORT ROAD, JACKSON, GA 30233**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 770-229-4826 OR 404-451-8430.**

How about if we plan on about 4 hours of training? The training that we do will be dependent on the attendees; if we get a lot of folks who have not served at the district or MD level, it will open up more opportunities. As of now, I'd be inclined to keep the sessions pretty general: something like (1) "Beyond Your Club: opportunities in the districts, multiple district, and at international; (2) public speaking/presentations session; (3) history of Lions & Georgia Lions; (4) Goal-setting. 12



# MY CLUB My Family



As Lions, we are part of a different kind of family. Our family doesn't require biological relation to one another. We are family because we share a common belief that by working together we can accomplish great things and change the world through service. It is important that we value our club members as family. The strength of our organization, our family, lies with our clubs, and our members form the basis of our clubs. By keeping members involved, instilling pride and treating them with mutual respect as we would our own family, our clubs will be successful.

Our philosophy should be **“my club, my family.”**

## How? BE A NURTURING FAMILY

To build a club with members that support and encourage one another is to build relationships, provide a sense of worth, mobilize participation and bestow care. As a Lions family with a mutual belief in service, this means getting to know each other's interests, abilities and passions and implementing them for service. Challenge your club to take on new service projects. And spend more time SERVING than MEETING.

### BE AN INVITING FAMILY

By welcoming more members into our network of hope, we spread the belief in the value of giving back. That one person can make a difference. That one person can help change the world even more than imagined. Give others this opportunity. Give others the opportunity to be a part of your Lions family.

But don't stop there. Successful invitation into the Lions family combines several elements, none more important than the other, including:

- Effective orientation
- Member involvement from day one
- Club leaders who listen more, and speak less
- Nurturing lasting bonds through community service
- Treating each other like family

To help ensure each new member feels like family, use the Welcoming New Members Pocket Card (TAM101) checklist, or draft your own. Lions Clubs International also offers the programs and tools below to help your club be more like family. Each are available for download on our Web site.

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Family Membership Program encourages families to volunteer together by offering a special dues structure to family members and programs to include children and adolescents in club activities and service. By inviting your biological family members living in your household to join Lions, your club will begin to feel more like a family unit.

TOOLS:

- \_ Family Membership Brochure (MPFM-8)
- \_ Family Friendly Lions Club Concept "How to Guide" (MPFG-1)
- \_ Family Unit Certification Form (TK-30)

### CUB PROGRAM

The Cub Program helps support family-friendly clubs by encouraging clubs to involve children under age 12 in Lions activities. Lions clubs that implement a Cub Program are encouraged to shape Cub activities to fit the lifestyles and needs of the Cubs, Lion members and families involved.

TOOLS:

- \_ Lions Family Cub Program Activity Guide (MPFM-33)
- \_ Family Cub Program Activities (MPFM-34)
- \_ Cub Brochure (MPFM-37)
- \_ Cub Patches
  - Level I: Under age 3 (CP-001)
  - Level II: Age 4-7 (CP-002)
  - Level III: Age 8-12 (CP-003)



Lion Peggie Chapman, chair of MD18 Lions ALERT team, showing a Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Back Pack. These packs are available through ARC and contain many essentials for most emergencies, but it is designed to be customized for each individual. A less expensive back pack kit can be completely customized for an individual by purchasing a regular back pack, adding supplies you might use in various circumstances. And remember, each person in the family needs their own kit.

Every family needs to have a plan of action in the event of an emergency — from storm warnings to house fires, from stay at home in a safe room or shelter to evacuation of your home with or without your vehicle.

As a rule of thumb, you should have stockpiled in your “safe room” or shelter, one gallon of water for each person in the family per day for at least three days, more if you live in a remote area where you might be without power and/or water for longer periods.

Be sure to have emergency rations, toilet articles, flash lights, candles, matches or lighter, first aid kits, radio and especially about two weeks supply of your prescription medications!!

There are many emergency supply lists. Here are some other basics, and as mentioned earlier, customize for each person!!

- Emergency blanket
- Non prescription drugs
  - Aspirin or other pain reliever
  - Anti-diarrhea medicine
  - Antacid
- Clothing
- Bedding
- Rain gear
- Tools—basic
- Sewing kit
- Matches in waterproof container
- Butane lighter
- Extra batteries
- Toilet paper
- Personal hygiene items
- Important family documents

#### NEW First Aid Kit Fundraiser

This is our best fundraising program ever! The program is now new and improved. It offers 10 different \$10 first aid kits and your club makes a profit of 40%. There are also \$20 and \$25 kits available for those who wish to have a more extensive kit. 20 members sell 5 kits each and make a profit of \$400

*Pat Van Hesteren, President, Toll Free 1-888-489-8122*  
Email [info@ultimatefundraising.us](mailto:info@ultimatefundraising.us)  
Website [www.betterfundraisingideas.com](http://www.betterfundraisingideas.com)

One of the most important items you can have is a hand crank operated battery charger that can recharge your cell phone!! These are available through the Red Cross or some of the Mall Specialty Shops. Be sure to include your phone charger cable! This is also a weather ban radio as well as am/fm radio.

There are dozens of other handy items—many that are important to just you. Remember the more prepared you are for an emergency, the more tolerable the situation can be. Get everything you think you might need and store it in a handy place. Also, rotate your water and drugs periodically to keep items fresh.

Every few months you might have a “practice session”. Select one evening and prepare your emergency meal. Use nothing but the materials in your emergency pack and prepare a simple meal. Did you have everything you needed? How could you improve it with supplementary items for your kit? Be sure to replace the items you used so you are ready! Hope you never need any of your supplies but suppose you do, remember better safe than sorry!

Lions, encourage your program chairman to get your club a program on Emergency Preparedness. Often programs are available though the American Red Cross, or your county’s Emergency Preparedness Unit.



# Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

**LION GARY VAUGHTERS, CHAIR, GA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.:**

**TO MY FELLOW LIONS,**

Year after year, the Lighthouse has grown services while being more efficient with our dollars. This year's Lighthouse winter meeting gives you an opportunity to learn how you can apply the same principles that the Lighthouse used to grow, to help your club grow as well.

**This is not just a meeting to let you know all the great things the Lighthouse has been doing and pat ourselves on the back. This is leadership training on how you can serve the people of your community in partnership with the Lighthouse.**

Please join me on January 21st at Holiday Inn– Atlanta Perimeter. The hotel has graciously given us meeting space for free in exchange for some Lions reserving hotel rooms. Consider making an Atlanta weekend of it.

Sincerely,  
Gary Vaughters  
Lighthouse Board Chair



## Lions Serve the Lighthouse

Highlights of the weekend include:

- Volunteer Training — Screenings & Clinics
- Using Facebook to benefit your club
- Tax Benefits to Charitable Estate Planning
- Special Speakers
- Elections

**More than \$0.90 of every \$1 you give goes directly to the Lighthouse Foundation programs.**

**For every \$1 donated, we can provide \$5 in medical services.**

## Summer Service

**Numbers**

**July 1—Nov 30, 2011**

### District A

Eye Glasses: 414  
Eye Exams: 191  
Eye Surgeries: 31  
Hearing Aids: 150

### District B

Eye Glasses: 522  
Eye Exams: 331  
Eye Surgeries: 17  
Hearing Aids: 54

### District C

Eye Glasses: 147  
Eye Exams: 104  
Eye Surgeries: 38  
Hearing Aids: 68

### District D

Eye Glasses: 96  
Eye Exams: 69  
Eye Surgeries: 20  
Hearing Aids: 93

### District E

Eye Glasses: 154  
Eye Exams: 99  
Eye Surgeries: 25  
Hearing Aids: 106

### District F

Eye Glasses: 492  
Eye Exams: 250  
Eye Surgeries: 21  
Hearing Aids: 104

### Fiscal Year Totals:

Eye Glasses: 1825  
Eye Exams: 1044  
Eye Surgeries: 151  
Hearing Aids: 575



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



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Saturday, January 21**

**7:45 a.m. –8:45 a.m.— Coffee Hour and Welcome**

This will include an explanation of the day's events and meetings, as well as a chance to mingle with your fellow Lions.

**9:00 a.m. –9:50 a.m.— Lighthouse Trainings**

- Vision and Hearing Screening — Room A
- Facebook, Social Media and Lions — Room B
- Lighthouse 101 — Room C

**10:00 a.m. to Noon —Brunch & Annual Lighthouse Volunteer Meeting– RSVP REQUIRED!**

- Lighthouse Annual Report
- Special Speaker—David Curry
- Board Elections

**About Saturday Brunch:**

Annual Report

*How the Lighthouse has served all of Georgia over the past year*

Brunch Served

*This will be lunch food served around 11 a.m. Menu will include a meat, two vegetables & roll.*

Special Guest Speaker:

*David Curry - Exploring the Art of Happiness*

Elections for open Board positions

*Candidates TBA*

**12:05 p.m.—1:00 p.m.**

- Optical Shop—Eye Clinic — Room A
- White Cane —First Giving Training — Room B
- Healthcare Reform Update — Room C
- Trustees — Room C

**1:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**

- Luminary and 1949 Club — Room A
- Tax Benefits of Estate Planning, Charitable Gift Annuities and Bequests — Room B
- White Cane II — Room C

**RSVP to Sarah Liz Buckley at 770-738-4678, [sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org) or Sarah Epting at 770-738-4679, [septing@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:septing@lionslighthouse.org)**

Reserve your \$69/night group rate today!  
Plus 2 breakfast tickets!

**Holiday Inn  
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Atlanta, GA 30341**

**For Group Rate Contact:  
Michael Vescio-770-296-6001**

**Just mention the Lions Lighthouse.  
Deadline to reserve January 8.**

## JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Glaucoma is a specific pattern of optic nerve damage and visual field loss caused by a number of different eye diseases. Most are characterized by increased pressure in the eye that destroys the optic nerve. Without the optic nerve, tunnel vision and then blindness occur. **Glaucoma is one of the most common causes of preventable blindness.**

Symptoms of glaucoma are usually not noticed until optic nerve damage has occurred.

Please check with you local healthcare facilities to see if glaucoma screenings are available in your area. If there is one, why not see if they could use additional volunteers to help with this community outreach? If there is not a screening available in your community, maybe the local Lions Clubs can organize one. Resources are available to help you get started at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sight-hearing/sight/sight-services/vision-services-glaucoma.php>

I found the National Eye Institute at [http://www.nei.nih.gov/health/glaucoma/glaucoma\\_facts.asp#1](http://www.nei.nih.gov/health/glaucoma/glaucoma_facts.asp#1) a good source also.

J.C. Coefield, Jr.  
MD18 Sight Preservation, Awareness and  
Action Program Chairperson



## Lions Club Makes the Most Out of White Cane



**Q&A with J.C. Coefield Jr., White Cane Chair and Centerville Lions Club member**

**How much money did you raise through White Cane?**

Last year we raised a total of a little over \$3500. About half came from fundraising efforts and the remainder from personal donations.

**What type of fundraisers did you do?**

We do a letter writing campaign to area businesses and several of them are regular contributors. Also, we host a 5 mile run and we utilized Wal-Mart grants, a Wal-Mart bucket drive location, and the Belk's Charity Day events.

**What lessons did you learn for next year?**

Ask anyone and everyone, especially businesses. Try anything to raise money for the Lighthouse surgery program!



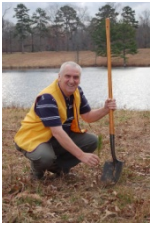


**January 2012** January – Relieving the Hunger

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Happy New Year LIONS</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Lighthouse Meetings Chamblee Georgia +</b>
22 <b>Lighthouse Meetings</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**February 2012**

**NOTE:**

Council of Governors meeting  
changed to February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hope all of the District's have started receiving tree's and plans are being made to get them planted.	Perfect weather here in North Georgia today so I thought I would plant my first seedling pine.	Just 999 more to go.  Before and after ----->	1 	2 	3 	4 <b>Council of Governors Mtg, Camp for Blind Meeting Warner Robins, GA.</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>18-E</b> Convention Griffin, GA
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>18-B</b> Convention McRae, GA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>18-C</b> Convention Cordele, GA
26	27	28	29			

## March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <b>18-F</b> Convention Doraville, GA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>18-A</b> Convention Roswell, GA
11 <b>18-D</b> Convention Dahlonega, GA	12	13	14	15	16	17 2012 Leo Gathering and Conference <b>(TENTATIVE)</b>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2012 Leo Gathering and Conference (**TENTATIVE**) or April 13-15, 2012).

## April 2012 LEO Club Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Club Excellence Award ENDS					

**May 2012** Recycle for Sight Month

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Council of Governors Mtg,	25 MD-18 State	26 Convention
27 Savannah, GA	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

**June 2012**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22 95th	23 Int'l
24 Conv	25 Busan,	26 Korea	27	28	29	30



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



**“Go Tell it on the Mountain...”**

**I absolutely adore this time of season because of the sweetness that is shared in fellowship with others. It is with that thought that I will begin to tell you how wonderful Christmas Camp was. We had the most wonderful time. Each year we try and do a service project in which the campers can participate. This year we choose to send Braille books to India. Lots of campers brought Braille books from home in order to pack and send them to India. This was a really neat way for each camper to help another visually impaired person.**

**Christmas Camp is by far the icing on top of the cake. As I sit and reflect on this past year, I can think of no better way to end it than by spending a weekend with those we serve. I watched as over 75 people, including volunteers, descended upon the camp to spend a weekend growing and learning together. It was truly wonderful!**

**This Christmas as you count your blessings, know that there are campers all over this state that count you as a Blessing, and I do too!**

**Merry Christmas,**

*Kristen*

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**"I Played My Drum for Him"**

Dear Georgia Lions,

I thought after my first summer camp experience that I had seen it all. But then came Christmas camp! The campers, as usual, were amazing. My heart was full the entire weekend. I don't think I stopped laughing or smiling the entire time. They were all happy and excited to be back, and already asking me about this summer. It was a joy to hear them singing Christmas carols and there were special performances that, to be honest, just blew me away. Thank you so much if you sponsored a camper.

We really appreciate all that you do for us. I promise it does not go unnoticed. I have met so many caring and hardworking people. No matter what we've needed, someone has always stepped up to the plate, and often times provided more than we prayed for. I also got the privilege to witness Kristen becoming Mrs. Robinson. It was a beautiful ceremony and we are so fortunate and blessed to have Richard here with us. I love my job so much and I am thankful to be here to share all of this with you. Thank you for all your cooperation and patience throughout the year. If there is anything you need, please let me know.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

Merri

## The President's View

I just spent a wonderful weekend at our Camp celebrating the birth of our Lord with some very special Campers. WOW – How blessed I am to be able to do that. Once again, Kristen and her Team did an outstanding job in facilitating the needs of our Campers. A very special thank you goes out to Kristen's family for cooking all weekend long. The Campers love their food and enjoy their friendship!



We have some upcoming dates that are very important for us:

January 7th @ 9:00AM – A meeting of the Organizational Assessment Action Committee. This will be a working meeting that will last 3+ hours.

January 7th @ 1:30PM – Special Meeting of the Finance Committee and Executive Committee to draft the 2012-2013 Budget. This will be a working meeting as well and will last 3 to 4 hours.

Both of these Meetings will be held at the Centerville Lions Club House.

February 4th and 5th is The Winter Board Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. The Standing Committee Meetings will be held on Saturday, February 4th. The Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th at the Centerville Lions' Club House.

- o At this Board Meeting we will be voting for the President, Secretary and Treasurer that will serve our Camp for the next two years. It is very important for you to attend
- o This Meeting and cast you vote for the Lion you want to serve in these positions.

If you wish to run for one of these positions; you must submit your name and qualification in writing to the Nominations Committee Chair by January 6th. The Committee Chair is Lion Wade Hodges and his contact information is located on the [GLCB.org](http://GLCB.org) Web Page.

o The qualifications for the above positions are laid out in the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind's Constitution. Please contact Lion Wade or myself if you have any questions about the positions being voted on or the process for applying.

Giving to others is what makes this season so special. We the Lions of Georgia are so blessed to be able to give and serve others year round. I thank you for giving to our Camp and for helping us live up to our Lions motto of "WE SERVE". Your sustained support of our Camp is appreciated and I ask you now to continue and yes even increase your support in 2012. What better gift can you give the Visually Impaired Youth of Georgia than an opportunity to attend our Camp? Camp helps them grow, helps them gain trust in themselves, help them to gain trust in others and prepares them for their life ahead. That is what we do at OUR Camp!

*Camp dates to remember:*

- Winter Board of Director's Meeting February 4-5, 2012
- Work Weekend March 23-25, 2012
- Work Weekend April 27-29, 2012
- Board of Director's Meeting @ Sate Convention May 25, 2012

In closing, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
God Bless!

*Frank Spinney*

Frank Spinney  
President

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.



Hello Lions,

Well the end of this year is fast approaching and I have so many things that I have been truly blessed with: Jesus, a wonderful wife, three fabulous children, ten grandchildren and another that will be here any day now, friends, and a wonderful job. My boss isn't bad either!

As you all know by now, Christmas camp 2011 has now come and gone! Let me tell you that it was as much a blessing the second time as it was the first. All the campers, young and mature, seemed to enjoy their short time together. It was a jam packed three days that kept them all very busy. My favorite part this year was the hay ride. I enjoyed pulling them around and listening to them sing Christmas songs.

It was a little cold, but the camp fire and the hot chocolate topped off the evening event and I think they enjoyed themselves. Once again, the counselors were a blessing just to see their dedication and hard work they put in for just a short while. Also, we had so more fabulous food and the kitchen staff worked really hard. This was Kristen's family. When you meet them, you will see what generous and giving people they are. My thanks to all of them. Also, we had a little help from some of the Lions of the Woodbine club. They came over on Friday night and helped serve.

After the weekend was over, there were some tears shed because no one (the campers) really wanted to go home. But they were encouraged that it would be summer camp before you know it. I will be looking forward to the summer events and I hope you will take a little time out of your busy schedules to try to come and see what we are doing at this facility that you all help support. Keep that support coming!

A couple of items of interest that I would like to give you an update on is that the fountain for the Memorial Garden has been installed, and the dead trees that we discussed in our winter meeting have been removed. Well, I have got to start planning on what we need to do next year on our scheduled work days, and as you know, there is always plenty to be done. So, I had better get up from this computer and get busy!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!  
Mike Williams - Building & Grounds, GLCB

## Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. Triple Option Raffle



John Deere Gator

or  
**\$5,000.00**  
Cash or



Street Legal Golf Cart

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. is a Lions of Georgia funded project that provides blind children, teens and adults with an opportunity to grow and become self-reliant. We do this at our beautiful 62 acre camping facility in Waycross, Georgia.

Please help us continue this service to those in need by purchasing a Raffle Ticket for the price of \$1.00. You could win your choice of one of the Triple Option Prizes shown above and will also win by helping a Blind Georgian attend our Camp!

**We all can be Winners!**

We will draw the winning ticket on February 5, 2012 at our Winter Board of Director's Meeting in Warner Robins, GA.

Thank you for your support!



**We sometimes forget who we are and what we are supposed to do.....**

I truly hope we are not the only club with members in attendance! This is a long drive and we had asked for it to be held in close to the majority of its officers due to the fact that all officers are from one District. I understand the desire to hold the meeting in a central location, but that never happens and we seem to be the only District having to (or that actually does) travel great distances every time.

I am an advisor with no real help and I believe I am not alone with that problem. What I see is that Lions want to claim LEOs and probably realize that they are the future, but few will actually get involved physically. Those who are involved are younger Lions with children in LEO or are teachers, etc... and though they are willing, they are also the ones with the least amount of time to give due to other commitments and busy schedules. It seems to me that if LEOs are expected to be bound by policies and procedures set forth by Lions (usually the older Lions) then those Lions need to be actively and physically involved with the LEOs in order for them to fully understand (or remember) the difficulties faced (finances, logistics, scheduling, transportation, etc...) when dealing with young people who are dependent upon adults.

It seems that every step forward we make for the LEOs is followed by a push backwards from the Lions. I know that LEO is a service organization and our primary function is to serve others, as is Lions, but LEO is comprised of young people who will gladly serve but need that service to be fun and exciting. Traveling hundreds of miles for a meeting

is neither fun nor exciting and is rather disappointing when (as was the case at the last State Convention) they are turned away from the fun part due to funding.

Now, with the elimination of Young Ambassador at the State level, even the inclusion in the opening ceremonies has been eliminated. If you haven't gathered from my statements, I am very frustrated and discouraged.

Sincerely,



**Do you want a LEO Club within your community – then you should take heed –**

### **What is the relationship between the sponsor Lions club and a Leo club?**

The sponsor Lions club **is responsible for guiding and counseling** its Leo club. By working closely with Leos, Lions ensure that their sponsored club operates within the policies of Lions Clubs International. Lions work with Leos in an open, constructive manner. What is a Leo club advisor?

In consultation with the Leo club, **a Lion is appointed to serve as an advisor** for the Leo club. This individual should be someone who enjoys working with youth. The leadership provided by an advisor often affects the success of a Leo club. The advisor, along with two other appointed Lions, forms the Leo club advisory committee.

Often, school-based Leo clubs are required to have a faculty member as an advisor. If the faculty member is not a Lion, **a Lion co-advisor should be selected to maintain close rapport** with the Lions club.



Dear Lions and Friends:

Our own Toccoa Lion Sheila Rousey is pictured in this month's issue of the "Update>>>" magazine from Leader Dogs for the Blind School. Sheila attended the one week course in mobility training at LDSFB earlier this fall. She walks every day in downtown Toccoa with her white cane and Kaplan GPS device that she received from the school. Sheila just received word last week that she will be returning to LDSFB to train with a dog in January.

See below.

Bryan the Lion  
Toccoa



Dear Leader Dog,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the wonderful instruction that you provided my wife Sheila [pictured right] last week. From the moment I saw her coming down to the baggage claim area of the airport, I knew that she had a life-changing experience. She was getting around without assistance from anyone. When I met up with her, I found a confidence and independence that is going to take some getting used to. But, I think I really like it.

So, can you give some suggestions to an old guy like me about what to do with this new woman? SMILE!

Fondest regards,  
*Roger Rousey*

Lion Sheila is scheduled to go to Leader Dog School after the first of the year. Once she completes' the course – we hope she will be back and become the District Leader Dog Chair.



## Together!



**B**y the glow of her bedroom nightlight, 9-year old Te'a is asleep in her bed, snuggling so close to her beloved Canine Companions assistance dog,

Babette, it's hard to tell where the covers end and where Babette's fur begins. This isn't the first time that Te'a's mother Julie has found the two of them curled up together...in fact they have been sleeping together every night since they were matched with Babette in November of 2010...but Julie knows how difficult the journey was to get to this point...and also knows that the best moments for her daughter and her newfound best friend are still to come. Now the favorite part of their day is the end. Te'a, who never slept through the night before receiving Babette, at bedtime pulls out a book and starts to read to Babette, until one, or both of them drift off to sleep.

## Meet Scully!

**A** friendly dog with a wagging tail who likes to have his ears scratched and is always willing to "sit" and "stay" is sometimes the perfect dose of medicine for many patients at WakeMed Rehab Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. Scully, a Labrador/Golden Retriever cross, has donned his Canine Companions blue vest since 2008 and goes to work with his facilitator Elizabeth, a licensed/certified Recreation Therapist. Scully has helped patients improve their memory and word retrieval, their socialization skills and balance and range of motions. Patients who have worked with Scully often experience more self-confidence and the motivation to participate in daily life activities, explains Elizabeth.







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Making reading accessible for all.



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

## Mike's Journey Through Dyslexia

"Before we started with the accommodation of Learning Ally, Mike's homework would just take hours; it was a labor of love every night and involved the whole family. Mike has a younger brother who is quite bright, and we had to consider his meltdowns because all the attention was constantly going to Mike, and he needed it too.



"My husband and I would take shifts – 'Who's going to read what book tonight to him?' Bob and I were Mike's readers and it's very time consuming. We love the kid to death and we'd do anything to make his life easier. We certainly went through the gamut of many arguments. Like *'Please try harder'* ... and you know that whole thing – you'd feel like if he would just somehow work harder, we could get through this. But he was doing the very best that he could the whole time. It's hard not to be a hovering helicopter mom when you have a kid with a learning difference.

"And so once Mike started with the accommodations offered by Learning Ally, it made a huge difference. His comprehension went up. And not only did it cut down on the number of hours he was spending on homework, but his independence and his self-esteem and self-confidence just blossomed because now he could do it on his own. He could feel like he was an independent learner. And by the time you're seventh, eighth, ninth grade, you want to be independent. You want to be able to grow and feel like you're doing it on your own.

"Mike has worked really hard in the last four years and once his independence and self-esteem improved and grew, it was so much easier to pull away. And in the last two years he really has been on his own. At this point, you know, we wouldn't be sending him to college three thousand miles away, had he not achieved this level of independence.

"And it's fun for *me* now, too. I mean, I finally joined a book club myself about a year ago and I'm reading as an adult, you know, and enjoying this process tremendously! But I have no regrets for all the time I spent with Mike getting him to the point where he is as a student."



## Walkathon 2011: 25 Years of Fabulous

Wow, wags, and whew! What a fabulous 25th anniversary Walkathon! Thanks, thanks, and many more thanks to all of our graduates, supporters, friends, neighbors, and dogs who unanimously agreed that this was our best and brightest Walkathon yet.

Oh what a beautiful day it was! The sunshine smiled on us this year, and we heard rave reviews on the new location at Rossi Waterfront Park. The warmth, the water, the breezes, the happy faces...it couldn't have been a more perfect setting.

What incredible generosity you showed! Thank you! It takes friends like you to keep our mission strong.

And what a tremendous turnout we had! Before the Walkathon, more walkers than ever used our convenient online Sit-Stay-Give pages to simplify fundraising efforts. At the event itself, we counted about 2,200 people and over 500 dogs who came out to celebrate our Walkathon's silver anniversary. It was so much fun to see the different individuals, families, babies, teens, grandparents, and community organizations all mingling together for a concerted purpose. And for dog-watchers, what a delight! There were so many sizes and flavors of dogs, all sporting adorable Walkathon bandanas and excitedly greeting new friends.

Thanks again to our extended Walkathon family and friends. Whether near or far, you are close to our hearts. We can't wait to see you again next year!



## DiabetesPro SmartBrief

### Diabetes in Focus

- Daily exercise for less than a minute may curb diabetes**  
Study participants who performed two 20-second cycle sprints thrice weekly for six weeks attained a 28% improvement in insulin function, British researchers found. The findings in the European Journal of Applied Physiology suggest that incorporating less than one minute of exercise daily may help stave off and even treat type 2 diabetes, the researchers said. [Google/The Press Association \(U.K.\)](#) (12/8)
- Hypoglycemia protocol bolsters patient care in diabetes rehab**  
The use of a hypoglycemia protocol in rehabilitation hospitals resulted in a 48% decrease in rapid response team codes and an 84% reduction in acute care hospital transfers among insulin-dependent patients with diabetes, experts reported at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists meeting. Researchers also noted significant improvements in patient care and declines in insulin-related events and health care costs. [MedPage Today](#) (free registration) (12/8)
- N-3 fatty acids may cut heart risks in diabetes patients**  
Diabetes patients who used an n-3 fatty-acid-fortified margarine had an 84% decrease in ventricular arrhythmia-related events, compared with those who took a placebo, according to an analysis in Diabetes Care. Researchers said n-3 fatty acid supplementation also appeared to have protective properties against cardiac arrest and sudden death. [MedPage Today](#) (free registration) (12/8)
- Dapagliflozin-sulfonylurea combo improves HbA1C**  
Patients with type 2 diabetes who took a combination of dapagliflozin and sulfonylurea achieved better HbA1C levels at 24 weeks compared with those who had a placebo-sulfonylurea treatment, according to a study presented at the World Diabetes Congress. Researchers also noted significant improvements in fasting plasma glucose, postprandial glucose and total body weight in those who received the dapagliflozin-sulfonylurea treatment. [Endocrine Today](#) (12/8)

### Nutrition & Wellness

#### Intermittent diet holds promise for weight loss

Women who did not eat carbs for two days and had normal food intake for the rest of the week lost an average of nine pounds, compared with only five pounds in those who cut back to 1,500 calories daily, researchers reported at the CTRC-AACR San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium. Researchers said those in the intermittent-dieting group also had better levels of the hormones insulin and appetite-regulating leptin. [MSNBC](#) (12/8)

#### Heart risks can show up by age 3 in overweight children

Significantly high cholesterol levels and artery inflammation, which leads to heart problems, may start as early as age 3 in overweight children, a study in Obesity revealed. The results underscore the importance of open communication between providers and parents about the adverse affects associated with excess weight even in young children, experts said. [The Miami Herald](#) (free registration) (12/8)

#### Study looks at gastric bypass benefits in teens

Obese adolescents who underwent gastric bypass surgery had decreases in hemoglobin A1C, fasting glucose, blood pressure levels, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and C-reactive proteins despite continued obesity two years after the surgery, a study presented at the World Diabetes Congress showed. Weight regain between one and two years after surgery did not appear to reverse the cardiometabolic benefits of gastric bypass in patients, researchers said. [Medscape \(free registration\)](#) (12/8)

### Practice Update

#### Southeast states have longest office wait times, data show

Physician office wait times are the longest in Southeast states at an average 23.5 minutes, according to data from the physician rating website Vitals. The national average wait time is 21 minutes and states in the West and Midwest came in under that time. Mississippi had the longest wait at 25.06 minutes and Wisconsin had the shortest, at 15.43 minutes. [Medscape \(free registration\)](#) (12/7)

### Trends & Technology

#### Survey: More children adopt healthy behaviors in Maine city

A telephone survey of about 800 parents in Portland, Maine, this year found that 31% of children had adopted at least three of the 5-2-1-0 behaviors from the "Let's Go!" program, compared with 22% in 2007. Researchers found that 26% of the respondents said their children consumed the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables, compared with 16% in 2007. [The Wall Street Journal/Health Blog](#) (12/7)



LIONS QUEST



"Vision of Peace"  
2010-11 Grand  
Prize Winner  
**Raj Phairembam,**  
**a 11-year-old boy**  
**from Moirang,**  
**Manipur, India.**

## ***"Imagine Peace"***

### **Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

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

### **Promoting the Arts**

Each year's contest consists of an original theme incorporating peace. Participants use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express the theme. The works created are unique and express the young artists' life experiences and culture.

### **Awards**

International winners will be notified on or before February 1.

- One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). During the ceremony, the winning artist will receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize of **US\$5,000**.
- Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of **US\$500** and a certificate of achievement.

The cost is US\$10.95 each, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The order form will be available on our website at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/peace-poster/index.php> by January 15.



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

Dear Lions,

Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest is **"Imagine Peace."** Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on 15 November 2012, are eligible to participate. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

### **Contest Guidelines**

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. Please note the deadlines for submission. The postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the District Governor is 15 November – to the MD Council Chair is 1 December and to LCI Public Relations Dept by 15 December.

MD's may send their essay entries and forms to: Essay Contest, Public Relations Dept, Lions Clubs International, 300 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Entries and forms may also be sent to LCI by fax at 630-571-1685 or e-mail to [pr@lionsclubs.org](mailto:pr@lionsclubs.org) (the words "Lions Essay Contest" must appear in the Subject Line of the e-mail).

For more information about the contest, including the complete rules and entry form, visit: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/official-contests/lions-international-essay-contest.php>

Thank you for your consideration.

The grand prize winner will be notified on or before 1 February.

The contest theme is

***"Imagine Peace"***

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## STEPHEN HELWIG, MD18 LEO CLUBS CHAIR 18-D LEO CLUBS CHAIR

This year's Statewide Leo Gathering and Conference will be held at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross March 16-18, 2012. ALL Leos are invited and encouraged to attend. Leos interested in running for an office to serve on the MD18 Leo Council for 2012-2013 are especially encouraged to attend (Note: Leo club must be in good standing). I have listed the offices currently approved under the By-Laws so the Leos can determine for which office they would like to run.

At a subsequent Lions Council meeting the Governors approved a levy of \$1.25 per Leo member of each club. A levy is required under the Standard Leo Multiple District Constitution. This amount is billed annually based on the membership of the club on October 31st of that Leo fiscal year. Each Leo club (and/or their sponsoring Lions club) is asked to provide their membership information no later than November 15th of each year. The monies collected are put in an Administrative Account to be used for the expenses of the Leo Multiple District, but only with the approval of the Leo AND Lions Councils. The Leo Multiple District Treasurer and I, as MD18 Leo Chair, are responsible for the accounting and reporting of both the Administrative and Projects accounts to the Leo and Lions Councils. As of October 2010 there were 39 Leo clubs in Georgia. Out of these 39 Leo clubs only 4 paid the levy. It has been brought to my attention that perhaps this is because Georgia's Leos and Lions do not completely understand the purpose and use of the levy and, more importantly, the purposes, goals, and aims of MD18 Leo.

My primary goals as MD18 Leo Chair are to work with our Lions clubs to charter new Leo clubs, develop the leadership skills in these service-minded youth and prepare them for a life of service (hopefully as a Lion!). Those that we have been working with have benefitted from our program. My big regret is that I have not been able to have Leos from across Georgia involved with what we're doing. That's where we as Lions need to step up and reach out to our Leos, invite them to get involved (and get involved yourselves!) and "buy in" to what we're trying to accomplish!

### Important Points:

- The President (or designated representative) of every Georgia Leo club in good standing (all past and current levies paid) is eligible to serve as a voting member of the MD18 Leo Council. Each club should be represented at each meeting of the MD18 Leo Council. (Note: Next meeting will be held Saturday, December 10 at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in Chamblee beginning at noon.)
- Every Leo from a Leo club in good standing is eligible to, and encouraged to, run for any MD18 Leo office

- (pursuant to MD18 Leo Constitutional requirements).
- One of the long-term goals is to form Leo districts so that Leos and Lions in their areas can work with each other as well as on a statewide basis. In order to accomplish this we need to get involvement from Leos in ALL the districts.
- The Statewide Leo Gathering and Conference annually brings Leos and Lions from across Georgia to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The 2012 event (March 16-18, 2011) will be the sixth year in a row we've gathered to assist the Camp, learn leadership skills, elect MD18 Leo Officers, and have great food, fun, and fellowship! The committee is working on a theme and schedule currently and will report progress at the 12/10 MD18 Leo Council meeting. Once details are finalized we will be sending invitations and forms. ALL Leos, Lions, and adults are invited! If your Leos have not been to a Gathering, I STRONGLY stress that you encourage them to go - they'll have a WONDERFUL time! I even invite them to contact Leos that have been to a Gathering and ask them if they enjoyed themselves and were better for the experience!
- MD18 Leo is an official project of the Georgia Lions and under the direct control of the Lions Council of Governors. Any action or decision must first be approved by the Lions Council and, in some cases, the Lions International Board of Directors. As MD18 Leo Chair I submit a report of MD18 Leo activities and financial position to the Council for each of their meetings.
- The Leo-72 form should be completed each year after club elections are held in April and sent to LCI with copies to the District Chair and me. This report will provide the contact information we need.
- Each Leo club should hold a Membership Recruitment event in October (see LCI Leo calendar), then report results to respective District Chair and me no later than November 15th of the same year. As stated earlier the number of members as of October 31st is what is used to send the MD18 Leo levy statement. If membership number is not provided the Leo club is billed for 20 members.

Georgia's Lions should be justifiably proud of their young people who have taken up the challenge of service as Leos. MD18 Leo is the next level of dedication and service and is here to benefit ALL of Georgia's Leos. I want to once again encourage all Lions and Lions clubs - ESPECIALLY those that sponsor a Leo club - to take an active role in getting their Leos involved on the state level. As always, my fellow Leo Program Committee members and I are available to answer any questions and/or assist the Leos and Lions to make their clubs as strong and active as possible.

Georgia's Leos - the NOW as well as the FUTURE of the best Service Organization worldwide! Let's help them be the best they can be and we'll ALL be better for it!

In Service,

Stephen R. Helwig  
MD18 Leo Clubs Program Chair

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*SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs and YOUTH (and these will help adults as well) \*\*\* What are the characteristics of Service-Learning?*

**\* When planning your next community service project, ask yourself and your group these questions:**

**1) Will students/ LEOs / LIONS be excited about the project? Have you built in a 'fun' or social component?**

**2) Does the project offer opportunities for student leadership development, real learning, sharing, and friendship?**

**3) Have you set aside time for orientation, reflection, and evaluation?**

**4) Will the service be challenging, meaningful, valuable, and necessary?**

**LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-C:** Colquitt County > Clubs at MS-JH-CCHS //Starting new LEO Club at CCHS // Students helping with English as a Second Official Language classes// Helping Moultrie Lions // Assisting with Christmas projects // Contributions to Camp at Banquet; Early County > Club at ECHS // Working with SO officials to re-start Special Olympics for schools //Read for The Record and Literacy Day at ECES // Helping with Holidays On The Square and ECES Movie Night // Held Fall-Christmas Recognition Banquet with ECHS Principal and EC LEOs Charter President Christopher Sumner // New EC t-shirts in platinum and burgundy; Seminole County >Several local and community projects // Collecting donations for Lions and LEO projects // Environmental projects for community and Lake Seminole //Assisting Donalsonville and Lake Seminole Lions // Christmas projects //Helped with Chicken-Que.

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## **e-LeoClubhouse launched November 2011**

If you're looking for a free and easy way to create a Web site for your Leo club, the e-LeoClubhouse is for you!

[LionNET](#) is proud to provide this resource to help Leo Clubs around the world build a useful, professional looking Web site. Alpha and Omega clubs can choose between two predesigned Web site

templates that incorporate the Leo brand. Designed with fill-in-the blank fields, the e-LeoClubhouse allows you to:

- Build and maintain a Web site for your club using a simple set of tools that make it easy to create a club Web site.
- Keep your members – and community – up-to-date on the projects the club is working on.
- Promote your club's activities – and recruit new members.
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Learn more about e-LeoClubhouse features or [Submit an application to create a Web site for your Leo club today.](#)

Go to this web site: <http://eleoclubhouse.org/start.php>

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## **Eagle Scout Award**

A Lions certificate is available for presentation to young men who have attained the highest US Boy Scout rank – the Eagle Scout.



Scout leaders may contact their local Lions club and request the suitable-for-framing certificate. After verifying that the young man is indeed an Eagle Scout, forward the request to the Youth Programs Department at international headquarters.

An award certificate and a letter from international headquarters will be sent to your club for formal presentation to the Eagle Scout.

It was an honor for PDG David Sargent to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for James M. Connor on 18 December – Lion David presented the Lions Club International Certificate of Achievement to Eagle Scout Connor.



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### **Lions Family Cub Program**

The Cub Program helps support family-friendly clubs. Formulated special to encourage families to volunteer together, children under age 12 have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping others. Cubs are divided into three age categories:

- Level 1: Under age 3
- Level 2: Age 4-7
- Level 3: Age 8-12

Lions clubs that implement a Cub Program are encouraged to shape Cub activities to fit the lifestyles and needs of the Cubs, Lion members and families involved. To help support the program, LCI offers the Lions Family Cub Program Activity Guide and Family Cub Program Activities, filled with age-appropriate activities and distinguishing Cub Patches by age level to help Cubs feel like part of the club and get them excited to participate.

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### **Lions Quest**

#### **Skills for Adolescence**

*Skills for Adolescence* (SFA) is based on highly targeted research of students in grades 6-8. Included are "Making Healthy Choices" units covering drug, alcohol and tobacco use; interactive, student-focused lessons; sessions on anger, conflict and stress management; and cross-curricular activities to encourage team-teaching. This extensive curriculum has been expanded to help students manage conflict and anger and to help teachers and administrators deal with the critical issue of bullying. Supplemental bullying prevention lessons, developed in 2009, can be found in the [Curriculum Updates](#) section of this Web site.

Our 40-session "Introduction to Skills" implementation model was proven effective by a rigorous evaluation study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). However, we recommend the school-wide model as the optimum implementation model because the entire school community creates and sustains a shared vision for positive youth development. Similarly, we recommend the three-year models as our ideal models because they provide "booster lessons" and continuous practice that reinforce the skill-building potential throughout the middle school experience. When the three-year model is not possible, we have seen much success with the two-and one-year models as well.

All options, from one to three years, include one lesson per week taught as a 45-minute class or split into two 20-30 minutes classes. Three lessons per month are scheduled for a total of 30 lessons per school year. Unit coverage varies according to time frame. Visit [Program Resources](#) to view a variety of curriculum maps and state learning standards correlation guides.

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#### **Lions Quest Expansion Pilot**

Lions Quest continues to expand beyond typical school programs. LCIF is beginning to pilot our new Lions Quest [Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School-Time \(OST\)](#) program in six community schools in the Chicago Public School system, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Chicago, Illinois, USA. This marks the first step in bringing Lions Quest to community centers, afterschool programs and other organizations -- the very places where Lions help youth every day. Lions Quest is eager to partner with Lions clubs everywhere to expand this new initiative. Lions continue to play a key role in expanding the program worldwide. A training was recently held for Lions leaders from South Asia. In January, meetings will be held in Europe and Africa. The meeting in Africa marks the formal launch of our US\$150,000 project with the U.S. State Department to expand the program in five countries.



# LCI NEWS



## Where in the World

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

Lions News Network  
• LQ-Lions Quarterly ?

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## Wing-Kun Tam President of Lions Clubs International



Our International Convention ended today with the election of [Wing-Kun Tam](#) as our 2011-2012 International President. Tam, a Lion from Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), The People's Republic of China, is the chairperson of a world-wide group of air transportation companies – and the first person from China to serve as international president of the world's largest service club organization.

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Dear Lions,

First of all, in this season of belief, let me offer best wishes to all my fellow Lions, their loved ones, friends and families. We have come a long way in five months. My belief in the power of what every Lion can do to change the world is as strong as ever.

The early success of our campaign to plant 1 million trees makes me both proud and so humble. Whether

it's planting trees in lands scarred by the tsunami in Japan or tornadoes in the United States, or planting trees to restore our planets critical forests in Africa or South Asia, we have succeeded in unifying Lions all over the world. These acts of service are fun and rewarding to do. They bring clubs together and bring smiles to ourselves and to people in the communities we serve. Through mid-November, together we planted more than 5.7 MILLION trees in more than 60 countries. Isn't that amazing?

Some Lions ask me if I will set another target. I politely say "no" because I believe the target lies in each of our hearts. It is the Lions who determine how far we go and how many trees we plant. Every tree counts, even if you can plant only one. Every member matters, too.

Planting trees is certainly good for the environment. But to me, it's also a strong symbol of our association's commitment to the future and a reason to invite friends, families and others to join us in making it happen.

You see, if we as Lions can identify the right tree saplings, plan them in the right place, and take care of them - then certainly we can also invite a new member, give them a meaningful role in our club, and nurture them like we would a member of the family.

This is why I am also proud and humbled by Lions' response to this year's "[My Club, My Family](#)" initiative. We have strong membership growth this year, exceeding a 16,000 net gain through mid-November. But inviting new members is easy; treating them as if they were family and involving them in meaningful service will ensure they stay.

So my fellow Lions, with all we have done in five months, I am now

happy to say that "I Believe" has clearly transformed into "We Believe." It's because of you and your belief in what we can do. Your belief, and more importantly, your actions, have given me the greatest gift of all as your international president.

Consider this special issue a holiday gift to all Lions. The story's message is that Lions are indeed a precious gift to our communities. May the warm glow of family be part of your regular household and your Lions club as you believe in our great service mission.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam  
International President

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## "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign

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

### Take Action

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

Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.

Visit [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you. If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available,

you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

## Help Relieve Hunger in Your Community

International President Tam encourages us to believe that the world can be changed when we come together as Lions. During January, you can make a difference by joining our "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign. As part of this campaign, we're providing resources to help you assess local needs, mobilize your club and plan a project. Consider organizing a community food drive, delivering food baskets to families in need, or planting a school vegetable garden. [Find out about project resources.](#)

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**Lions Clubs International**

## Projecting Our Image

Increased public awareness is one leg of the triangle of success for all Lions clubs. Projecting the Lions image is a crucial step in bringing new, quality members into our clubs. More members have a direct impact on meaningful service projects, which in turn, create new opportunities to increase awareness.

To keep this cycle turning, Lions must take a broad approach. It is vital to keep traditional media well informed about Lions service projects, but it is increasingly important to master online social media such as Facebook, Flickr and YouTube. These media enable us to tell the Lions story directly to people around the world and are especially important for reaching young people.

Is your club or district reaching all the people it could?

Does it:

- Have a Web site? (If not, create one in minutes using our [e-Clubhouse](#) tool.)
- Have a [Facebook](#) page?
- Upload videos on [YouTube](#) and photos on [Flickr](#)?
- Have a PR or IT chairperson that has a good working knowledge of the internet and social networking?
- Share your successful stories and photos using the new [service activity reporting system](#)?

Lions rap video "Rockin' the Vest." In the video, real Lions members dance and sing along with an original rap song, created for Lions by Serve Marketing, while they perform community service.



Our hope is to make this rap video go viral, to expose as many people as we can to the great work that we do and excite them about serving their communities. Partnered with four new and fun public service announcements, this rap video is designed to have potential members view us in a new way.

Do you rock the vest? Watch the Lions "Rockin' the Vest" rap video and help us spread the word by sharing this video with your club members, friends, family and neighbors.

Go to this web site:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YGsi8EeC3M&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you for helping us go viral.

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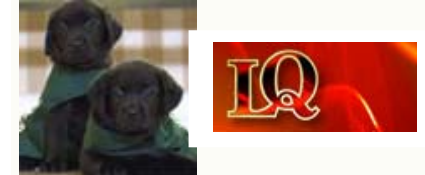
## Service Activity Report

Did you know that you can use the search feature in the Service Activity

Report to learn more about projects organized by other clubs around the world? Searches can be narrowed down by geographic location or activity types. For example, you can search for project ideas related to the Sharing the Vision Campaign or look at projects taking place in a specific district. Try it!

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## LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ video magazine](#) to see how canines become life-changing companions.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

### [Fun New PSAs](#)

Share our new PSAs – and help attract new members.

## CONTESTS

### [Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community.

### [Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Organize a club-level contest to showcase the beauty of nature.

## EVENTS

### [2012 International Convention](#)

Learn about our 2012 event in Busan, Korea.

### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE







Dear Lion,

As 2011 comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on our many successes during this year. Last year our Foundation was able to help millions of people around the world. Our [Lions Quest](#) program has grown to six more countries, now totaling 69 countries, and is reaching more than 12 million children around the world. Our [SightFirst](#) program has expanded to include new program areas, such as education, rehabilitation and research. Our partnerships have increased, including a record donation from the Gates Foundation to help us fight [measles](#). We have helped rebuild lives following some of the worst natural [disasters](#) in recent history. These are just a few of the numerous highlights in the past year.



It is because of your generosity that LCIF is able to expand to meet even more needs worldwide. Last fiscal year, donations were up by 40 percent. I am excited to tell you that through the first four months of this fiscal year, our donations are up an additional 62 percent, from US\$15.1 million to US\$24.1 million. As a result, many more people worldwide are benefiting from your kindness and humanitarian service. Nearly 1 million people will benefit from the [grants awarded](#) at the October board meeting alone.



This coming year promises to be another remarkable year. I look forward to sharing with you additional successes in the new year and thank you for your continued support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

*Sid L. Scruggs, III*  
 Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

**One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Update**

Everyday a quiet storm needlessly takes the lives of 450 children. Yet for less than US\$1, we can provide life-long immunity and the chance at life. Lions, we can save **157 million children** through [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#), a partnership with the Measles Initiative.



The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million with a matching grant of US\$1 for every US\$2 raised by Lions. Last month LCIF received two large donations to help meet this challenge:

US\$250,000 from Multiple

District 300, Taiwan, and US\$10,000 from International Director Seiki Yamaura from Japan. All Lions are encouraged to support this program and help meet the challenge. [Donations](#) are eligible for MJF recognition. Many others around the world are also expressing their support. Last month International President Tam met with the President of Nepal and Vice President of Kenya, both of whom pledged their support to vaccination campaigns planned in their countries.

All donations to the Lions Measles Initiative are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credit.

**Melvin Jones Fellowship Eligibility**

As explained previously, there will be four special areas of giving and one general funding area:

- Disaster
- Sight
- Youth
- Humanitarian Needs
- Area of Greatest Need (general)

Donors can donate to each of these four special areas as well as a general area of funds called 'Area of Greatest Need' and receive MJF credit. Below is a chart with examples of donations that are eligible and are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit.

MJF Eligible Donation (Donations to the special areas of funding)	Non-MJF Eligible Donation (Donations to specific programs or events)
<i>Youth focused fund</i>	<i>Flood relief in Nova Scotia</i>
<i>Sight focused fund</i>	<i>Diabetes Awareness program</i>
<i>Disaster focused fund</i>	<i>Lions Quest program</i>
<i>Humanitarian focused fund</i>	<i>Sight for Kids program</i>
<i>Measles Initiative</i>	<i>UNICEF School in a Box program</i>
<i>Area of Greatest Need (general donation to LCIF)</i>	<i>Donation to a specific country or club</i>
	<i>Haiti earthquake relief</i>
	<i>Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP)</i>
	<i>Special Olympics Opening Eyes program</i>
	<i>Pediatric Cataract Initiative</i>

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**Raffle Prize for**  
**Lions of Georgia**  
**2012 MD 18 • State**  
**Convention**  
**May 25-27, 2012**  
**Marriott Riverfront Hotel**  
**Savannah, Georgia**

The price of the raffle ticket is \$1.00.

Winning ticket to be pulled at Convention.

Winner need not be present to win. To receive Raffle Tickets, contact: Lion Chip Nedza via email at [chip993@msn.com](mailto:chip993@msn.com)



**Lions of Georgia**  
**2012 MD 18**  
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**May 25-26-27, 2012**  
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Convention Booklet Ad Specs & Rate Sheet  
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Note: Please embed all fonts and images. All files & images used MUST be a minimum of 300 dpi to ensure adequate print results. Please check all supplied files prior to submission. We are not liable for color or copy errors.

**NOTE:** If you have any problems submitting ads as specified above, please just mail all information wanted in the ad to Lion Chip Nedza at the address below.

**Deadline for submitting artwork for ads:** January 30th, 2012

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Georgia MD Convention

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Richmond Hill, Ga. 31324

Please submit all ads to: [chip993@msn.com](mailto:chip993@msn.com)

**2012 Georgia Lions MD 18 State Convention**  
**May 25-27, 2012 Savannah, Georgia**

**Special Thursday Event (For those coming in early):**

We will have "Night Out with Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden" at The Historic Charles H. Morris Center, located across from the Marriott Hotel. The meal will be catered by Paula Deen's The Lady and Sons Restaurant. The Deen's will be on hand to welcome the Lions!

The cost will be \$35.00 – This includes a buffet meal and a talk with the Incoming International President Wayne A. Madden. Other activities are also planned for this exciting evening!

**Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony; Special Live Performance (TBA) Following the Opening Ceremony!

**Saturday:** District Breakfasts; General Convention; Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor's Banquet

**Sunday:** Dist. Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Conv. Business Session.



International  
President  
Wayne A.  
Madden”

# LIONS OF GEORGIA

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MAY 25-26-27, 2012

## HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	# Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	Lion (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

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

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

Cost of Hospitality Book is:

Before Sept. 30, 2011	\$90.00	Oct. 1, 2011- Dec. 31, 2011	\$100.00
Jan 1, 2012-April 30, 2012	\$120.00	After April 30, 2012	\$130.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	#	@	\$35.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention			Total Amount Due:	\$	
Check #/Cash:		Date Paid:		Amount Paid:	\$

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:**

Lion J. Stan Bazemore, PCC  
P.O. Box 868  
Lyons, GA 30436  
912-526-8808 – Home  
912-538-9700 – Work  
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**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Savannah Marriott Riverfront  
100 General McIntosh Boulevard  
Savannah, GA 31401  
912-233-7722 or 1-800-285-0398  
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel  
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!



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