

Lions of Georgia



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The Lions of Georgia State Office now has a new telephone number.
The new number is **706 363-6692**.



State News



Council received reports or comments as follows:

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT – LION JIM ERVIN:

PIP Jim Ervin stated that the Lions of MD 18 have voted for the redistricting plan and the upcoming year will be a time of preparing for the transition.

He asked all Governors Elect to schedule a workshop within the first 90 days of their year. He stated that Kembra Smith is available to help with the training. He also urged Governors to take advantage of one of LCI's New Club Development Consultants.

PIP Ervin stated that DGE training will begin next year in January and February for those that will be in the 2013-14 group. These DGEs will have to do the programs required of them in order to receive full reimbursement. He pointed out that Mark Miller will have the responsibility to train all the DGEs in the southeast for a day and a half or two day training here. This will cut by one day for the next convention the time the Governor Elect has to attend; and the following year by two days. This means the training here in the Multiple District must be extremely well done.

PIP Ervin introduced First Vice President and Incoming President, Lion Wayne Madden.

INTERNATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – LION WAYNE MADDEN:

Vice President Madden stated it was a pleasure to be in Georgia. VP Madden discussed the training of the District Governors Elect and the changes being made. He stated it was his feeling that the changes will mean that DGE will actually get the training they need that is unique to their area. He stated that a DGE who is not willing to do the assignments or what they need to do to become DG, then why should LCI spend the money to send them to the convention.

VP Madden discussed President Obama's program called "Champions of Change". Lions have been scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd; 170 Lions can be invited.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HAYNES TOWNSEND:

PID Townsend stated that he was looking forward to the convention in Busan. He stated it was a pleasure to be at the Convention this weekend and that he looks forward to seeing everyone.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR W. MYERS

BANISTER:

PID Banister stated that he had no comments to make at this time.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DR. JOHN F. PEARCE:

Dr. Pearce stated that PID Dr. Beverly Roberts is not present today because her mother is not doing well, and she feels she needs to be with her 100 year old mother.

Dr. Pearce thanked each of the Governors for the opportunity to have a speaker at one of their breakfasts to discuss annual giving, and particularly for 2012, with the matching grant. \$20,000.00 will be given if the districts can raise \$80,000.00 for the Lighthouse.

In Other Business:

REPORT OF MD 18 ALERT CHAIR – LION PEGGIE CHAPMAN:

Printed report from Lion Chapman, as follows:

I am still interested in getting all district ALERT chairs together for a meeting in order to come up with a Plan of Action per LCI guidelines. If I chair the ALERT committee for 2012-2013, I will make every effort to get the technological assistance needed to prepare a Webinar or other means in order to have communication with all of the district chairs. I think this committee is a critical need today and will continue to be so, but we must become effective!

At this time I have no further report and will certainly encourage whomever the Council of Governors appoints as chair to continue and to expand on the unifying effort, and for each of the governors to be sure to appoint someone as their district chair who is willing to follow through on the plan. I will be glad to pass on my "skeletal plan" of utilizing the Zone Chairs as a means of spreading the word, and they may do with it what they please.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the chair this year, and I apologize for not being able to make it a cohesive, functioning, and effective group.

MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Council Officers elected for the year 2012-2013:

DG Alan Bethel was elected to serve as Council Chair	
Council Vice Chair	Max Gallman
Council Secretary	David White
Council Treasurer	Troy Pullin
Council State Convention Chair	Olin Newby
Council International Convention Chair	Pat Powell
Council Special Projects Chair	Bill Holley

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
<p><u>Training</u> <u>Materials/Resources</u> Resources include Club Officers Orientation, Zone Chairperson and Vice District Governor Team Training. Also contains:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lions Position-Specific Training *Speaking Engagement Presentations *Training Curriculum Lionism and History *Activities / Icebreakers
<p><u>Development Programs</u> Development opportunities for current and future leaders:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Institutes *DGE Seminar *Multiple District Leadership Development Funding *Webinars
<p><u>Lions Learning Center</u> Online courses relevant to all Lions on leadership topics:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Leadership *Managing Others *Achieving Results *Communication
<p><u>Leadership Communication</u> Current news and shared knowledge:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The Leader Network e-Newsletter *Podcasts *Leadership Success Stories

PREPARATION, PREPARATION, PREPARATION

As a Lions leader, you know that it is necessary to make the most of our time to learn and prepare to be the best club leader, district leader, multiple district leader or international leader you can be. When you invest in preparation, you will maximize your effectiveness. You will accomplish your goals in less time and with less stress, and that is referred to as “working smart”.

Preparation is essential to work smart. At first, it may seem like drudgery, almost a waste of time. But preparation can make the difference between being productive and successful and just being tired.

Consider the following:

- **PREPARATION** will help you determine if something is worth doing. Few things waste time more than working on the wrong project or task. So check first to determine if something is worth doing. Is it the best use of your time and resources? Can it be delegated? Is there another project that might be better suited to accomplish your goals?
- **PREPARATION** will help you to identify the most efficient way to do things. Once you decide something is worth doing, the next step is finding the most efficient way to do it. Those with no preparation will use the first method that comes to mind or the one with which they are the most familiar. But chances are there are other better, faster methods out there. Do some research and find them. One good way is by watching how other effective Lions leaders work. Find several models and note the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. Pay special attention to the methods that are radically different from what you know. Then, combine the best methods to come create something that suits your style and situation.
- **PREPARATION** will make you ready for opportunity. Don't wait to prepare yourself only when you have a specific project or job ahead. Continuously enhance your leadership skills and expand your knowledge. Keep learning, keep growing and keep your eyes open. This will enable you to seize the opportunities that come your way. Remember, luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. It is not a magic formula – it is hard work. But when you invest your time and effort in preparation, you can be confident it will be worthwhile.

Former basketball coach, Bobby Knight put it nicely: “Preparation is the key to victory in any game you play. The will to prepare is far more important than the will to win.”

As Lions leaders, take advantage of the LCI training and development resources at your disposal to learn and observe and study and practice. If you do, under your leadership, our association will be the winner.

Program Debut: Zone Chairperson Training Program

The Leadership Division has launched a new training program designed to meet the diverse and unique needs of zone chairpersons. Now available in all LCI-official languages, the program provides districts with two options for implementation:



Option A, which consists of online/self-study materials, and Option B, which is a two phase blended learning approach that consists of an online course, a workshop pre-assignment, and an instructor- led training workshop.

There are three main components of the program:

- The ***Zone Chairperson Online Training***, which is a self-study module focused on the responsibilities and challenges of the position, and reviews the resources available to maximize performance.
- The ***Zone Chairperson Workshop Pre-Assignment***, which asks incoming/current zone chairpersons to communicate with Lions at the club and district level to gather and analyze information about the current situation in their zones. Information gathered in this pre-assignment is used as a basis for individual planning and group activities during the training workshop.
- The ***Zone Chairperson Training Workshop***, which consists of four interactive training sessions and includes topics such as ***The Role of the Zone Chairperson, Facilitating Cross-Level Communication, Serving as a ‘Club Consultant’, and Goal Setting and Action Planning for Success***

For more information related to this program, contact your District GLT Coordinator, GLT Area Leader or the [Facilitated Learning Department](#) at LCI Headquarters.

***By failing to prepare,
you are preparing to fail.***

Benjamin Franklin

What’s New with Webinars?

Webinar participation is still on the rise, with topics such as “How to Recruit New Members” experiencing participation of over 300 Lions in English and Spanish speaking countries! This virtual method of training is not only benefiting the Lions who join, as many participants are sharing the materials with members of their clubs and districts that were unable to participate. As awareness and positive feedback continues to spread, we expect registration numbers to continue to increase as well.

Upcoming webinars are tailored to train incoming club officers. With the release of the new WMMR site approaching, the Club Secretary and Club Treasurer Training webinars will assist these officers in fulfilling some of their responsibilities. They can expect to obtain training on how to use the new and improved site features and functionality, as well as view live demonstrations.

We encourage you to visit the [Webinars page](#) to view the complete webinar schedule and to access links to register. After completing a short registration form, you will be on your way to participate in training delivered by expert trainers and interact with Lions across the world ...with no travel required!

Join the Growing Number of Lions visiting the Leadership Resource Center

Thousands of Lions visit the [Leadership Resource Center](#) (LRC) each month. Have you taken advantage of the vast array of tools and resources that are available to you? The LRC is a gateway to developing your personal leadership skills and enhancing your Lions knowledge, along with the skills and knowledge of those around you.

Visit the [Lions Learning Center](#) to take online courses on various leadership topics. Do you need a presentation for your next meeting? The [Training Materials/Resources section](#) contains PowerPoint presentations that you can easily adapt to suit your needs. Stay in the know with the latest information in the [Leadership Communication](#) section which includes audio podcasts and leadership success stories submitted by Lions around the world.

The [Global Leadership Team](#) area provides detailed information related to the GLT along with guides and tools you can use. Are you wondering about upcoming institutes, or new webinar offerings? The [Development Programs](#) section is the place to go for a complete listing of dates and times for these opportunities.

With so many available resources, it’s no wonder the LRC has so many visitors! Will you be one of the many Lions that take advantage of the [Leadership Resource Center](#) this month?



18-A

David White

East Cobb Lions Club



Besides our normal contributions to the Lighthouse, Camp, LCIF and Leader Dog - East Cobb Lions are out and about getting involved within the community. Just a few things we do to keep our members busy and happy are below.

The East Cobb Lions Club presented seven (7) college scholarships to deserving East Cobb High School seniors at their May 8, 2012 meeting. The winners are (L. to R.) Jessica Stafford from Kell High School, Caleb Chauncey from The King's Academy, Alexandra Lilly from Lassiter High School, Sarah Mayer from Lassiter High School, Sophia Elias from Pope High School, Austin Niemeier from Walton High School, and Allison Zoino from Wheeler High School.

These outstanding high school seniors have earned their scholarships through academic excellence, leadership, and their on-going commitment to help others by performing outstanding community service.

We prepare and deliver Christmas Day Meals on Wheels to Cobb County residents. East Cobb Lions were joined by others from the Marietta Lions Club, the Kennesaw Acworth Lions Club and other are Lions to advertise which resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of community residents that participated in this vital community service endeavor. Over 100 meals were delivered to needy families within Cobb.

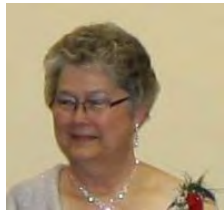


Over \$17,000 was raised at our Annual East Cobb Lions Charity Golf Tournament. We get over 90 golfers and over 80 sponsors participating in this event. Their support helped fulfill our club's mission of community service. This permits us to meet the full needs of our community by providing vision screening, blind & low vision services, and purchase of eyeglasses and exams for the needy.

Audrey, 6 years old, is valiantly fighting childhood cancer and has been an inspiration to all who have come in contact with her. She is joined by her father, Lion Ben, mother Jennifer and brother Scott. An Ice Cream Social in honor of Audrey was given by the East cob Lions. We sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner in honor of Audrey that raised over \$4,000 for CureSearch for Children's Cancer. CureSearch mission is to fund and support children's cancer research and provide information and resources to all those affected by children's cancer.



As in years past, East Cobb Lions have supported Habitat for Humanity through Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church with financial assistance, served B-B-Q lunch cooked by Powers Ferry UMC for volunteer workers and sponsored a 5 Road Race fun a fund raiser.



18-B

Patricia Powell

Woodbine Lions Club

Even before its initial founding, Joe Strickland was a member of the Woodbine Lions Club. Strickland was a charter member and has seen the club grow from its small beginning with members meeting in a small covered shed to the clubhouse that now graces the same ground. "We started off with just a little shed so we could get out of the rain to cook, and we would have fish fries and things like that and pray to the Lord that it wouldn't rain," said Strickland of the early days.

"Like any club, when you don't have an objective then membership starts to fade," Strickland said. So on March 9, 1953, the Woodbine Lions Club was formed. The county chapter had dissolved and some of the members decided that they would join the cause.

The club started out as a way to get the county to place the old Camden County High School in Woodbine and when that succeeded they needed to get a new project, so the group helped the school by donating land for a new football field. "The old field was just big enough for the football field," Strickland said. "They had the field roped off so you could just walk right up to the lines. " The new field was built with lights and stands and is now a baseball field across from the clubhouse.

Some of the main programs that all of the Lions Club chapters support are programs like eyeglass recycling, cataract surgery and helping people acquire seeing eye dogs. "We spend a considerable amount of money each year on buying glasses for people who couldn't otherwise afford them," said Harvey Fry. Over the years, the club has not limited its charity to one area and looks to local causes in their own community that need attention. "We give away every bit of money every year, we aren't in this to make money," said Charles Quattlebaum, who has been a member for 20 years. "You get to do things for people, just not here in the community, but all over the world."

The Woodbine Lions Club has given money to schools, charities and other organizations over the years and got Lions Club International to donate money to the city of St. Mary's when a tornado hit some years back. The club also supports a camp for the blind in Waycross every year that provides a place for blind children to have fun and participate in outdoor activities. "It is an amazing thing. We support the camp both monetarily and by going there and working with the kids," Fry said.

The club held the first Woodbine Crawfish Festival as a way to help out a fellow member. One of the members owned land that was previously used to grow rice and lettuce, but when he bought the land the member decided to try his hand at raising crawfish. "He decided he was going to put in crawfish. I don't think that he made any money out of it, but he got a world of experience," said Strickland. The festival was also a way to help him get rid of some of his crawfish. According to Quattlebaum, at the first festival they were expecting about 400 to 500 people and about 1,000 showed up. The festival now cooks close to 4,000 pounds of crawfish and draws roughly 20,000 people annually.

The club partners with the Woodbine Citizens Steering Committee now to make the Woodbine Crawfish Festival a success. The club members cook the low country boil. The festival helps to raise funds to support the club's charitable activities such as the Lighthouse, Camp for the Blind and Leader Dog program as well as many local projects. Local projects include a scholarship given to a Camden County High School student pursuing a vocational/technical education and projects benefiting Woodbine Elementary School.





18-C

Troy Pullin

Edison Lions Club

In May 2013 the 46TH ANNUAL BILLIE LANE KING COTTON HORSE SHOW (Riders' Cup): Located in the Lions Club Horse Show Grounds in Edison, GA. Contact Reeves Lane at 229-835-2211

Edison, Georgia is a fairly quiet town. Only about 1500 people live in this corner of Calhoun County.



Reeves Lane, Edison's mayor and chair of the Edison King Cotton Horse Show, rides his horse "Smooth Like JFK."

The quiet streets will be bustling with traffic. It's time for the annual King Cotton Horse Show. Show horses will parade around this patch of ground and be judged. It's a prestigious competition. "Horses that have won here have gone on to Sevierville, Tennessee to win World Championships," said Mayor Lane. Because of that pedigree, people come from more than just Georgia horse farms to take part.

Mayor Lane said, "they're coming from Florida, Alabama, Tennessee."

The show itself actually goes back to the 1930s, but was re-established by local businessman Billie Lane when his son took an interest in show horses.

"He had a horse that he had gotten from John Gates. And I told him one day I wanted to show it in the show in Cuthbert, Georgia. So in 1966, I showed up there. And that kind of inspired him to get this one going down here," said Mayor Lane.

About 10 years ago, Reeves took over the show and business from his father. In the last few years, it's become much more than just a horse competition.

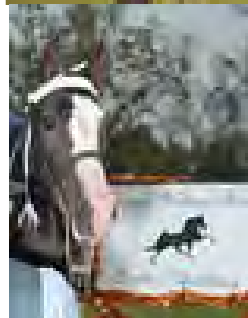
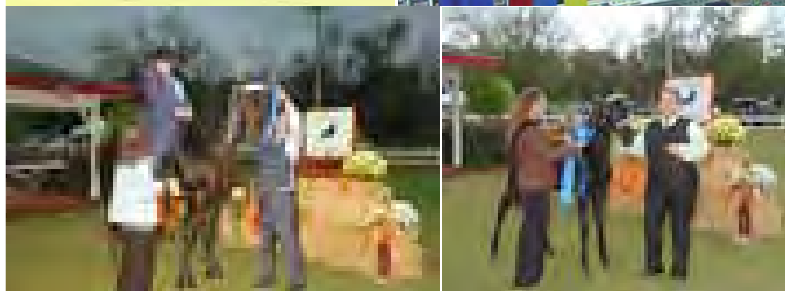
"It's a big day for our community. We start off that morning at 10 with a parade downtown. Then we have some vendors that set up with some food booths. Some have some arts and crafts. Then the show starts at three," said Mayor Lane.

Edison is like many South Georgia towns, looking for a way to keep the people who pass through here in town. So this weekend's show is a big deal in this town.

Mayor Lane said, "we look to have anywhere from 800 to 1500 people." That's as many visitors in town as actual residents. If they do stay around for a few hours, the benefits will last for months to come in this town.

"I like to come out and watch my daughter and granddaughter ride their horses," said Bill J. Jones, of Bainbridge. "My daughter started riding, I think in the fourth grade. She used to have a seat behind on her saddle for her daughter when she was 2." Jones' granddaughter Haley Lane, 17, described riding her horse as an addiction.

"It just gets in the blood," Lane said. "The ride is so smooth and the horse is so nice."



The show is sponsored by the Edison Lions Club.

"It helps all your stores, gas stations," said Mayor Lane. Which helps all of the people in this town.



18-D

Bill Holley

Lawrenceville Lions Club



We participated in 9 vision screenings with 200 being screened. We also had successful Vidalia Onion & Pecan Fundraising efforts. We collected 1618 pair of used Eyeglasses and 32 Hearing Aids along with cell phones in support of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Our Club participated in making the 2011 Georgia Lions State Convention in Duluth a Huge Success. We received accolades from Lions all over the State on how well the Convention went. We donated \$325 & food items to the Lawrenceville COOP. We paid for eye exams & glasses for many needy individuals, both children & adults. We cooperated with a local Boy Scout and planted a tree at Peachtree Ridge HS. We donated pizza for a Valentine's Party and a Christmas Party for Creative Enterprises Clients. To see the Joy coming from those clients was priceless. We donated \$100 to DEFACS to help school children that need school supplies. We Donated the Sno-cone machine & Syrup, twice to the Special Needs School so they could raise funds for their school. Through the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, we were able to procure 200 used eyeglasses for FATAD, a nonprofit organization working in Liberia. We also donated \$50 to a Cane Repair agency and procured 16 White Canes for FATAD. We, along with students from Collins Hill HS, participated in Vision Walk, and raised \$557 for the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

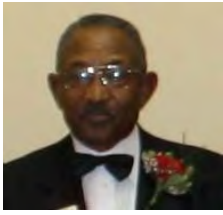
We also participated in all Cabinet & Zone meetings. We participated in New Officer Training. We met all of the District Governor's monetary goals. Our Club was one of six Lions Club that participated in the Gwinnett Braves/Lions baseball game in which \$666 was raised for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.





Villa Rica Garden City Lions Club

Therapy dog makes reading fun at BSMS



18-E

Max Gallman

Frank, a therapy dog certified in the READ program, listens as BSMS seventh-grader Si Acree reads to him from a Star Wars Character Encyclopedia.

by Spencer Crawford/The

School that dogs can be the best listeners.



For the past several months, Frank and his owner Jacki Dixon have been visiting the school’s community-based instruction students in Teresa Tipton’s class each Monday for about an hour so that the students can read to him. In addition to being a soft, lovable canine, Frank is a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.) that has been trained to be attentive as students read to him, regardless of their reading skill level.

“The natural instinct for all of us as teachers is to correct,” BSMS Principal Bruce Tidaback said. “Frank doesn’t do that. He’s just there to listen.”

Frank is also a therapy dog, visiting three nursing homes in the area once a month to the delight of residents.

When Frank enters Ms. Tipton’s class each Monday the students’ faces light up. Only four students each week get to read to Frank for 15 minutes each, but they are all happy to see him and greet him as if he’s an old friend. Besides being a weekly companion, Frank is boosting the students’ confidence level with their reading and they are showing improvement, according to their teacher.

“It’s wonderful,” Ms. Tipton said. “Frank is non-judgemental. Some of these students struggle with their reading and they’re afraid to read out loud in some of their other classes because they’re afraid someone is going to make fun of them, but Frank doesn’t judge them and he’s very calming. He loves them and they love him. It’s just been wonderful all the way around.”

Si Acree, a seventh-grade student, was reading to Frank from a Star Wars Character Encyclopedia on Monday, but in the past he’s read to him about wolves and dragons. Regardless of the subject matter, Frank attentively lays his head on the student’s lap and listens to the story. “I like reading to Frank. He’s nice,” seventh-grader Katherine Ortiz said.

Sixth-grader Jay Marrow said that after reading to Frank he’s also started reading to his dog at home and found that he is a good listener too. “I like reading books to Frank,” Marrow said. “I like it when he lays beside me.”

After the story is complete, the students usually have a little time to rub Frank’s head and give him a doggie cookie. Frank, in turn, gives the student a sticker and a bookmark. After each book read, the student gets a star and after the 10th star Dixon gives them a free book.

According to Dixon, it took Frank about a year of training to become R.E.A.D. certified. He actually started out as a guide dog puppy, but an injury to his hip about five years ago led Dixon to change directions with Frank by getting him certified as a therapy dog and a R.E.A.D. dog. “I wanted something positive to come out of his injury,” she said.

Dixon, a member of the Golden City Lions Club in Villa Rica, said the club sent out a community-needs survey two years ago and Bay Springs was the only school that responded.

“They said they wanted mentoring help with their students, so since they responded I decided to fill the need,” Dixon said. “I figured I could come listen to them read or I could have a more novel way to help out. This is just one way to help kids in school who need help and some special attention.”



18-F

Olin Newby



Oxford Lions Club

The Oxford Lions completed the building of a wheelchair accessible ramp at the home of long time Oxford resident Mrs. Annie Banks. Shown here with Mrs. Banks are Lions Richard Henderson, Andy Autry, Frank Davis, Larry Willard, and Mike Willard.

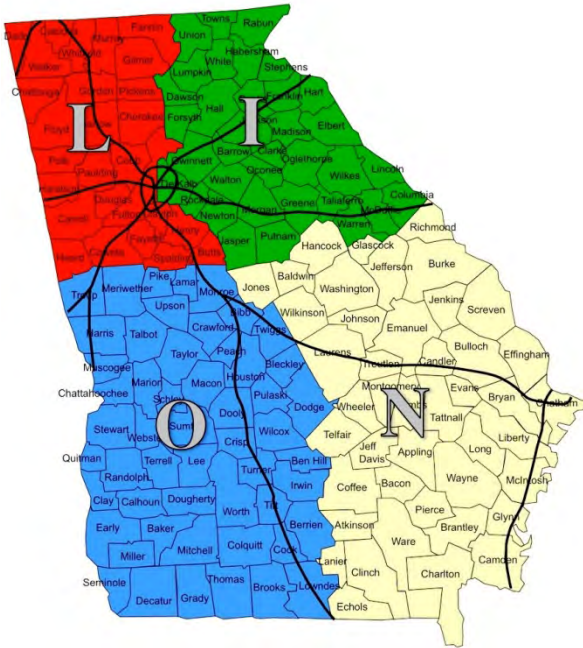
As seen above, the members of the Oxford Lions try to do as much as we can to support our community. We also support the local Boy Scouts. We have planted a total of forty nine trees thus far. We help with the literacy program. We support the Peace Poster Contest. Members enjoy having a fish fry at one of our members home.

At times the Club picks several of the members and blindfolds them and assists them in entering Lovern Hall. Then the seeing eye members aided the blind members in obtaining their food and told them where the food items were located on the plate.

Each year the Oxford Lions award a bicycle to a boy and girl from the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades at Flint Hill Elementary School whom the teaches have chosen as the most improved students. The Pilot Club provides helmets for each bicycle. At the 5th grade graduation recipients were Kewan Cotton and Lexi Wilbanks. Oxford Lions presenting are Andy Autry, Frank Davis, Richard Henderson, Sarah Davis, Larry Willard, Mike Willard, Ronnie Jones, John Burson, Nancy Henderson and Jim Patty.



The second picture is at the 3rd and 4th grade honors day when the recipients were Joey Kirkland, Neala Nickols, Carly Miller and Peyton Lilly. Presenters looking on are Lion John Burson, Pilot Club members Mary Barnes and Stephanie Scarborough, and Lions Mike Willard, Nancy Henderson and Jim Windham.



MD 18 District's L I O N

Effective 1 July 2013

If there are any new clubs – let me know so they can be added – if any clubs that should be deleted – let me know. Think of our future.....

District “L” (Original 18-A)

Adairsville
 Alpharetta
 Atlanta
 Atlanta Buckhead
 Atlanta Hellenic
 Atlanta Korean
 Atlanta Latino
 Atlanta Metro
 Ball Ground
 Blue Ridge
 Boynton
 Calhoun
 Canton
 Cartersville
 Chatsworth
 Chattanooga Valley
 Chickamauga
 Dade County
 Dalton
 Dalton Noon
 Douglas County
 Ellijay
 Jasper
 LaFayette
 Marietta
 Marietta East Cobb
 Menlo
 North Cobb

Paulding County
 Ringgold
 Rockmart
 Rome
 Rossville
 Roswell
 Sandy Springs
 South Cobb
 Tri-Cities
 Trion
 West Cobb
 Woodstock

 (Original 18-E)
 Buchanan
 Carrollton
 Greater Butts Cty
 Griffin
 Heard
 McDonough
 Newnan-Cowe
 Tallapoosa
 Villa Rica
 Villa Rica Golden
 City

District “I” (Original 18-D)

Athens
 Athens Campus
 Athens Classic City
 Athens Heritage
 Atlanta India
 Auburn-Carl
 Buford
 Carnesville
 Clarksville
 Clayton
 Clermont North Hall
 Colbert
 Comer
 Commerce
 Dacula
 Dahlonega
 Dawsonville
 Elberton
 Forsyth County
 Gainesville
 Hartwell
 Jefferson
 Lavonia
 Lawrenceville
 Loganville
 Loganville Legacy
 Martin
 Norcross
 Oconee
 Royston-Franklin Springs
 Snellville

Toccoa
 Towns County
 Union County
 West Jackson
 White County
 Winder
 Winder Noon
 Winterville

(Original 18-F)
 Atlanta Chinese
 American
 Conyers
 Covington
 Decatur
 Decatur North
 Eatonton
 Evans
 Grovetown
 LaVista
 Lincolnnton
 Madison
 Monroe
 Oxford
 Social Circle
 Thomson
 Thomson-Camellia
 Union Point
 Washington

District “O” (Original **18-C**)

Abbeville (Original **18-E**)
Adel Barnesville Lamar
Alaphaha Buena Vista
Albany Byron
Americus Columbus
Bainbridge Columbus Muscogee
Blakely Crawford County
Calvary Cross Keys
Camilla Ellaville
Chester
Colquitt Forsyth
Cordele Fort Valley
Cordele Evening Greenville
Cuthbert Harris County
Dawson Ideal
Donalsonville LaGrange
Eastman Macon
Edison Macon Cherry
Fitzgerald Blossom
Fort Gaines Macon Evening
Hahira Macon Rutland
Lake Seminole Manchester
Moultrie Oglethorpe
Ocilla Pike County
Plains Talbotton
Poulan Thomaston
Rochelle West Point
Sylvester Yatesville
Tifton
Unadilla (Original **18-F**)
Valdosta Evening Centerville
Vienna Warner Robins
Warwick Warner Robins
Houston Peaches
Warner Robins
Noon

District “N” (Original **18-B**)

Alamo (Original **18-C**)
Alma
Atkinson County Echols County
Baxley Lanier County
Bellville
Blackshear
Bloomingdale
Brantley County
Brunswick (Original **18-F**)
Brunswick Gateway Augusta
Bulloch Augusta Garden Cit
Claxton Dublin
Clinch County East Dublin
Cobbtown Fleming
Collins Glascock County
Darien Hephzibah
Douglas Jones County
Folkston Louisville
Garden City Midville
Glennville Milledgeville
Golden Isles Millen
Hazlehurst Jeff Davis National Hills
Hinesville Sandersville
Jacksonville Soperton
Jekyll Island Sparta
Kingsland Sylvania
Liberty Coastal Twin City
Lyons Wadley
McRae Waynesboro
Metter
Milan
Pembroke
Pooler
Port Wentworth
Reidsville
Richmond Hill
Rincon
Rincon Noon
Savannah
Savannah Port City
St Mary’s
Statesboro Noon
Vidalia
Waycross Okefenokee
Wayne County
Wilmington
Woodbine



Instructions for Reinstatement of Tax-Exempt Status

Dear Lions Club:

Recently, the IRS issued letters revoking the tax-exempt status of numerous organizations, including several Lions Clubs, for failure to file information returns for three consecutive years. In particular, the revocations resulted from a failure to file required annual electronic notices, known as the Form 990-N e-Postcard, for taxable years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Many smaller organizations were not required to file annual information returns prior to 2007. Every exempt organization must now file a return annually.

If your Club received a letter from the IRS stating that your tax-exempt status has been revoked, please follow the instructions in the attachment to this letter to reinstate your Club's tax-exempt status. If your application is accepted, the IRS will issue a letter reinstating your Club's tax exemption retroactive to the date of the revocation.

The packet you send to the IRS must include:

1. Cover letter to the IRS
2. IRS Form 1024 (Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(a))
3. Attachments to IRS Form 1024
4. Check in the amount of \$100

Please follow the attached instructions carefully to complete the IRS Form 1024 and attachments. Please carefully review the portions of the form already completed, and make changes to any responses that are incorrect. Please note that this information is provided as a guide and should you have specific questions related to your Lions Club, we recommend that you seek a tax professional for further guidance.

Important Note: Your Lions Club is only eligible to participate in this reinstatement program if its annual gross receipts were **less than \$25,000 in 2007, 2008, and 2009**. If this does not apply to your Lions Club, you will need to seek additional guidance through a tax professional to assist you with this process.

Very truly yours,

Amy J. Peña
Attorney

Go to this web site and print the 28 pages:

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

Go to this web site and print 5 pages of **Annual Electronic Notice — Form 990-N (e-Postcard), May 14, 2010 e-Postcard: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers:**

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

MyLCI - The New WMMR

Welcome and Congratulations Club Officer!

We would like to make you aware of some of the features of Lions Clubs International's Web site for reporting monthly membership and service activity reporting (MyLCI) which may assist you in your position as a club officer.

The MyLCI Web site provides the ability to keep track of Lions and Leo club officers, members and activities and submit monthly membership reports, generate service activity reports, club rosters and other reports.

* Club presidents and secretaries are able to modify club member information, view club statements and generate reports. If you use MyLCI to submit your monthly reports, you do not need to send a paper copy to headquarters.

* Treasurers are able to view member data, print reports, view club statements and make payments.

Access to MyLCI is password-protected. If you created your own user name and password for WMMR in 2011-2012 you will be able to use the same user name and password for MyLCI during your 2012-2013 officer term. If you haven't previously created a user name and password, just click the "New User? Click here to Register Now" link on the log on page and follow the onscreen prompts to select a user name and password. You will be asked questions to confirm your identity and you will be required to provide your member number and a unique e-mail address.

Important links

* To learn more about the password process and other features of MyLCI go to <http://extranet.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew>.

* To access MyLCI go to www.lionsclubs.org and click the "Submit Reports" link at the top of the page.

Gayle Whitmer • IT Services Manager •

Information Systems Department

Lions Clubs International • 630-468-6900 • mylci@lionsclubs.org

We would like to make you aware of the latest resource available for Club Officer Training on submitting membership reports. As you may know the WMMR membership reporting is being revised. The new membership reporting system is called My LCI.

Recently several webinars were conducted to preview the new My LCI for club secretaries and club treasurers. While more than 2000 Lions participated, the PowerPoint slides, the webinar recording and the participant workbooks are available to download on this LCI webpage:

[Lions Learning Center - Webinar](#)

Other resources for Club Officer training are located on this page:

[Club Officer Orientation page](#)

As leaders of the GLT, please share this information with the zone chairpersons and club officers in your area, and, as always, do not hesitate to contact us should questions arise.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to promote quality leadership.

Sincerely,

Irene Papaurelis, Manager

Leadership Administration Department

Lions Clubs International



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

Vision Clinic Program Celebrates Its Fifth Anniversary

This year, the vision clinic celebrates its 5th anniversary. The Lighthouse partners with 23 free clinics throughout the state and serves more than 5,000 residents each year. The idea of the clinic was born in Savannah in late 2006. A wealthy anonymous donor passed away and she left a charitable endowment to the Lighthouse Foundation.

The Lighthouse began developing a program to offer residents from all over the state the opportunity to receive a free eye exam. But who to partner with? The Lighthouse had to look no further than Sister Pat Baber, the Director of the St. Mary's Community Center. Saint Mary's had served low-income residents of Savannah for years, responding to the needs of the community and acting as a one-stop resource for families.

The need was great. Savannah is situated in Chatham County, a county with between 50,000 and 60,000 uninsured residents. The staff at St. Mary's regularly worked with individuals who clearly needed glasses but hadn't had an eye exam in years. There was no local resource that provided this service.

After a series of meetings between the Lighthouse, St. Mary's, and local ophthalmologists, the first Lighthouse vision clinic outside of Atlanta was born. The Community Center gets referrals from local free clinics of residents who are in need, and once a month the Lighthouse brings its own exam equipment down from Atlanta to host a vision clinic at St. Mary's. Volunteer doctors perform fully dilated eye exams, and clients receive glasses, proper medication and follow-up for serious conditions. "What the Lighthouse does here is essential," says Sister Pat. "Giving someone the ability to see is helping them fill a basic human need."

Between 2007 and 2010, the Savannah Mobile Clinic served over 2,400 residents in Chatham County. The growing demand forced the Center to cap the waiting list. But with the regular help of volunteer doctors and Lions supporters, the clinic continues to provide quality vision care for individuals and families in Savannah.

This past year, new locations were started in Vidalia and Waycross. Clinics throughout the state have enabled the Lighthouse to serve residents in all 159 counties. If you really want to see the Lighthouse' work first-hand, get involved by volunteering for a vision clinic! Learn more at lionslighthouse.org."



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 1 Jul 11 — 31 May 2012

District A

Eye Glasses: 858
Eye Exams: 401
Eye Surgeries: 84
Hearing Aids: 556

District B

Eye Glasses: 1180
Eye Exams: 706
Eye Surgeries: 34
Hearing Aids: 195

District C

Eye Glasses: 329
Eye Exams: 245
Eye Surgeries: 69
Hearing Aids: 262

District D

Eye Glasses: 224
Eye Exams: 172
Eye Surgeries: 46
Hearing Aids: 371

District E

Eye Glasses: 393
Eye Exams: 284
Eye Surgeries: 47
Hearing Aids: 371

District F

Eye Glasses: 1261
Eye Exams: 619
Eye Surgeries: 48
Hearing Aids: 378

Fiscal Year Totals:

Eye Glasses: 4245
Eye Exams: 2427
Eye Surgeries: 328
Hearing Aids: 2068

"When you give a little,
you get a lot."
-Lion Bret Wagenhorst, M.D.





Learn more at taseofchamblee.com!

Save the date!

The Lighthouse is partnering with the City of Chamblee to host the 5th Annual "Taste of Chamblee" outdoor festival.

Date: Saturday, September 15th, 2012

Location: Downtown Chamblee (on Peachtree Road down the street from the Lighthouse)

Time : 10AM-4PM (subject to change)

Admission: Free (although bring money to try our tasty samplings from local restaurants!)

Albany
[Samaritan Health Center](#)
 802 N. Jefferson St.
 Albany, GA 31701

Athens
[Mercy Health Center](#)
 767 Oglethorpe Ave
 Athens, GA 30606

Atlanta
[Ben Massell Dental Clinic](#)
 700 14th St.
 Atlanta, GA 30318

[Good Samaritan Health Center](#)
 1015 Donald Lee Holowell Pkwy.
 Atlanta, GA 30318

Augusta
[Lamar Medical Center](#)
 1448 Lee Beard Way
 Augusta, GA 30901

Brunswick
[Coastal Medical Access Project](#)
 2605 Parkwood Dr.
 Brunswick, GA 31520

Chatsworth
[Georgia Mountain Health](#)
 1008 North 3rd Avenue
 Chatsworth, GA 30705

Columbus
[Good Shepherd Healthcare](#)
 3679 Steam Mill Road
 Columbus, GA 31906

Dahlonega
[Community Helping Place](#)
 2030 Hwy 19
 Dahlonega, GA 30533

Fayetteville
[Fayette Care Clinic](#)
 1260 Hwy 54 W
 Suite 101
 Fayetteville, GA 30214



Clinic Locations

The clinics were piloted in Atlanta at Good Samaritan Health Center and St. Joseph's Mercy Care Clinic. They proved to be such a success that the Lions Lighthouse wanted to take them on the road to provide services all across Georgia.

In May 2007 that dream came true through the generous donations of Lions Club members, grants, and foundation gifts. Eye equipment was purchased, as well as a 16 passenger van, to take all over the state of Georgia.

The objective of these vision clinics is to be able to provide services to patients above and beyond what the local Lions Clubs are able to provide in their own communities. The Lighthouse partners with a free health clinic in each location. There are currently 3 sites in the state, with at least one in each Lions Club district, providing these services on a consistent basis.

We bring our mobile eye clinic to each of these locations once a month or once every two months. **Please do not walk up at these clinics for eye care, and do not call them regarding your Lighthouse appointment.** They are separate organizations and will not be able to help you. If you would like to attend a Lighthouse eye clinic, please fill out and return our [vision services application \(en español\)](#) along with the supporting documentation on page one. Once you are approved, we will contact you with a date, place, and time for your appointment. Thank you!

Jasper
[Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center](#)
 175 Samaritan Drive
 Jasper, GA 30143

Jonesboro
 137 West Mill Street
 Jonesboro, GA 30236

Macon
[W.T. Anderson Health Center](#)
 764 Pine Street
 Macon, GA 31201

Norcross
[Redeemer's Medical Center](#)
 6760 Jimmy Carter Blvd.
 #100
 Norcross, GA 30071

Rome
[The Free Clinic of Rome](#)
 315 West 10th St.
 Rome, GA 30165

Savannah
[St. Mary's Community Center](#)
 812 W. 36th Street
 Savannah, GA 31415

Statesboro
[The Hearts and Hands Clinic](#)
 17 N. College Street
 Statesboro, GA 30458

Temple
[Rapha Clinic of West Georgia](#)
 253 E Hwy 78
 Temple, GA 30179

Tifton
[Tift Community Health Center](#)
 2735 Central Ave
 Tifton, GA 31794

Thomson
[Thomson Medical Mission](#)
 307 Greeway St.
 Thomson, GA 30824

Valdosta
[Partnership Health Center](#)
 205 Woodrow Wilson Dr.
 Valdosta, GA 31602

Vidalia
[Mercy Medical Clinic](#)
 300 Arlington Drive
 Vidalia, GA 30474

Waycross
[Kingdom Cares Clinic](#)
 301 Tomberlin Road
 Waycross, GA 31503

July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Lions Day</i> CAMP FOR THE BLIND 36th Summer
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2012 Focus on Youth Global Service Action Campaign

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Global</i>	<i>Service</i>	1 <i>Action</i>	2 <i>Campaign</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Council of Governors Mtg, Augusta, Georgia GA Lions Lighthouse Meeting - TBA
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Send A</i>	<i>Kid To</i>	<i>Camp Month</i>				1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 USA -	14 Canada Tampa,	15 Forum Florida
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Fall Camp for the Blind Meeting, Warner Robins, GA	29 Fall Camp for the Blind Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
30						

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Lions and</i>	1 <i>LEO's</i>	2 <i>Membership</i>	3 <i>Growth</i>	4 <i>Month</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 District 18-D Hall of Fame - 12 Noon - Oconee County
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10 Council of Governors' Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



“Its Spring Fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want-oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!”

Mark Twain

When words fail...

This is one of those moments when words fail. When the inability to express oneself is met with the duty to give anyway. I know that normally I can wax on about camp for hours, but today I struggle to tell you exactly what I am feeling.

The campers are here and that is the most wonderful feeling in the world... no really. Yet, my heart is moved and resolved all the more that the state of Georgia NEEDS this camp. I wish so badly that you could hear what I hear and see what I see. These campers need this place!

Last week we had a little guy named "Carlos" at camp. Carlos had never learned to brush his teeth. Truth be told I am almost positive he didn't own a toothbrush. After several days of literally physically helping him brush his teeth, he walked into the bathroom and began brushing his teeth all by himself. You may not think this is a big deal but Carlos is eleven, blind and developmentally delayed. He walked around for the rest of the week telling people how he had brushed his teeth by himself. He took pride in the fact he learned how to do it by himself. I am not sure that he has had many moments in life where he was truly proud of himself.

This camp provided him the opportunity to try, and when he diligently tried, he was successful. What is going on around me is nothing short of amazing. I wish so badly I could truly share it with you, but honestly words fail.

I look forward to seeing you at Lions' Day!

"Defying Gravity,
Kristen

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2012 LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP
“HURRAY FOR US”

Being an election year, red, white & blue decorations came to mind when we began planning for the day. As ideas began being tossed around, we became centered on being happy, proud, and deserving of “Hurray” for the USA, the Lions, and our Camp. Then with red, white & blue, we became “patriotically” minded so we decided to honor our Lion veterans. And now we are inviting everyone to come to Lions Day at the Camp on July 21st, 2012 and celebrate “Hurray For Us”. We can all wear red, white & blue and the military veterans can even wear their uniforms, if possible?

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. The campers will be going through a routine day and we are invited to observe their programming. There will be a couple of activities in which the Lions will be asked to participate. The day will be hot so dress appropriately. Wear comfortable shoes. The day is celebrated so that we can learn just what our Camp does, is, and accomplishes. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn why you are a Lion!

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. in the Flash Foods Activities Building. Cost is \$10.00 per person. When you arrive at the Camp, check in at the Activities Building and you will be given your meal tickets. Depending on our numbers, those who do not have reservations will be given a ticket of another color and will eat last to ensure that those who did make reservations have food.

The Immediate Past President's View

Our Camp is doing well and is at full steam in preparation for the upcoming Camping Season. Some highlights follow:



- Kristen has been busy planning the upcoming Camping Season. She has had numerous meetings with her Programs Director and Staff. They are well on the Season ever.

- The Work Weekends were a great success and our Camp looks great! With the Lions of Georgia's hard work our Camp has never looked better! I am so proud of what we have done and where we are going!

- We are heading into Camping Season in poor financial shape. We are going to be frugal but with the amount of Campers we are going to serve, the costs are going to be there. I suspect that we will once again have to go to the Trust Fund to wrap up the Camping Season. Please do what you can to encourage the Clubs within you respective Districts to help us out and donate funds to our General Fund.

- o Other ideas for raising funds are being addressed. We have the Camp booked solid for August and

- September with Rental Groups and that will generate some much needed revenue after the Camping Season. Still we are short at the beginning of the Camping Season, any ideas or help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Some upcoming Camp events:

- Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention, Friday – May 24, 2012 at 1:00PM.

- Summer Camping Season starts on June 3rd with Family Camp and ends on July 25th with Teen Camp.

- Lions Day at the Camp will be July 21, 2011. Our President Elect is looking forward to hosting her first event.

- The Fall Joint Board Meeting for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and our Camp is still pending.

- Chairman Elect. Sandy and President Elect. Doy are working out the details.

So in closing my last Report to a Council of Governors, I say thank you for four great years. They have been four fast paced years filled with joy and some tension filled moments as well. It has been my pleasure to work with you and those that served prior to you in making our Camp all it can be. I look forward to seeing you all in Savannah!

June, 2012 Dear Lions, Lionesses and LEOs,

I am just now getting caught up from the State Convention. It was a great weekend of celebration of our Camp's successes and still a little sad for me. That was the last time for me to address the Board as your President. So it was a little bitter sweet. I also spent the weekend after the Convention at the Camp. I told Mike I would paint the Barn and now that is done as well. Our Camp looks fantastic!



Camping season is well under way now. Kristen and her Team are set up to have the best Camping Season ever. So far it has been just that! The next Big Event for us is Lions Day at the Camp. That will take place on July 21, 2012. That kicks off at around 9:00AM with the Lions of Georgia seeing our Campers in action and partaking in activities with the Campers. President Elect. Doy is once again planning a very special day for all of us. Please plan on attending Lions Day and help us celebrate our Camp's service to the visually impaired of Georgia.

President Elect. Doy has also started plans for our Annual Joint Meeting of the Camp and Lighthouse. She has been working with Lighthouse Chair Elect. Sandy and CC Elect Alan getting that event scheduled. More to come on that from Lion Doy at a later date as the details are defined.

In closing my final article, I say **thank you for four wonderful years**. The memories made will last for a lifetime. I have always had a special place in my heart for our Camp that will not stop on July 1st. Our Camp will always be dear to me and I will continue my work for the Camp in other ways! **Thanks Again!**

I'll see ya'll on Lions Day at the Camp,

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Spinney, President, Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.

MD 18 GLT CHAIR – LION KEMBRA SMITH, PCC:



New for this year is the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. This is an excellent opportunity for those Lions who have not yet held the office of Club President yet have every desire to take the first step in being involved in Leadership. It is a chance to learn skills required to be a successful leader at the club level and to build on for leadership positions in the future.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for the USA, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas will be offered in Tampa, Florida on September 17-20, 2012. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the club level.

The institute in Tampa is designated as an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and is targeted to Lions that have not yet been club president. For details, see the enclosed application materials.

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

Please help us to recruit qualified Lions for this institute by providing a copy of the application packet to Lions leaders in your district, including your district governor team, region and zone chairpersons, to remind them of this event. Please ask them to promote the institute and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. The success of this institute depends on the participation of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area. The application packet is available on the web site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/emerging-leadership/index.php>

We will be accepting seventy-five (75) Lions total for three English speaking classrooms.

Completed forms must be returned by

July 18, 2012 PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars
Lions Clubs International
Fax: 630.706.9010
E-mail: institutes@lionsclubs.org

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

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 630.468.6838 by fax at 630.706.9010 or by e-mail at institutes@lionsclubs.org

Sincerely,

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Need help joining our online communities? Step-by-step video guides are available for [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to help you open

accounts on these popular social media Web sites. Then, download the [Social Media 101 Best Practices Guide](#), which is a double-sided brochure that provides best practices for using Facebook and Twitter.

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

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Global Service Action Campaigns

Results

The global campaign totals (as of 5/8/2012) are below.

Campaign	Countries	Activities	Service Hours	People Served
Engaging Youth	104	14,978	1,235,341	10,225,676
Sharing Vision	95	11,228	915,577	10,806,846
Relieving Hunger	92	10,175	916,679	12,444,493
Protecting Environment	103	10,471	999,945	2,853,266
Total		46,852	4,101,786	36,330,281

Through service, Lions have impacted the lives of millions of people. Now more than ever, we are in a position to extend our network of care. To show this strength, Lions have the opportunity to participate in four special service action campaigns.



August – [Engaging our Youth](#)



October – [Sharing the Vision](#)



December/January – [Relieving the Hunger](#)



April – [Protecting our Environment](#)



Dear Lions and Friends:

Meet Sheila Rousey – new Leader Dog Chair for District 18-D =

That feeling of independence is one she plans to share. Sheila wants to be an example to her clients by showing them that life doesn't have to be limited by vision loss, or anything else for that matter. "My clients are at an age where we're not young people, we're not old people," she says, "You can't think you don't have choices because you're a certain age. You do have choices. As long as you're willing, you always have the choice to be independent."

Toccoa Lion Sheila Rousey personally won "Outstanding Blind Person of the Year" awarded by the Georgia Lions State Convention. Sheila has been a tireless worker in helping people with disabilities through the Council for the Blind, Lions and other organizations. She is currently a Braille teacher and has been a special education teacher in the past.

Sheila holds a masters degree from Clemson and received her undergraduate degree from Brenau. Sheila attended Leader Dog School for the Blind in February this year returning on March 1st to Toccoa with Grandt a golden retriever. You may see her walking with her Leader Dog in downtown Toccoa on a daily basis. Sheila is married to Roger Rousey who is employed by Eaton Corporation and they have two children.



A World Apart



Kerri had been sitting in a rarely-used, musty, back-office elevator. Sitting and waiting patiently as 20 minutes passed, thinking about the appointment she was soon to miss.

The elevator wasn't stuck and Kerri wasn't anxious. She just couldn't reach the elevator buttons from her wheel chair on her own. So, she sat there reflecting, waiting for the inevitably helpful stranger to arrive and assist with a simple task that was usually performed by her assistance dog, Abdul.

And then it struck her...what used to be a world filled with pitfalls, obstacles and constantly missed appointments had been transformed by Abdul - who was the first assistance dog provided by Canine Companions for Independence - by Kerri's side practically every moment for the past ten years. Except for this day when Abdul had his own appointment with his veterinarian.

"With Abdul by my side, obstacles were the farthest things from my mind. Because of Abdul, my self-perception shifted from being helpless to being capable, independent, and self-reliant. That day in the elevator, I realized that I'm the person I am because of my dog," Kerri says.

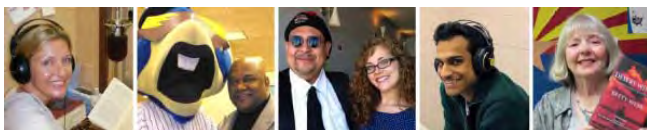
Today, nearly 35 years after receiving Abdul, Kerri's independence has bloomed. She's traveled extensively to study horses and runs her own adaptive riding institute. Additionally, she enjoys back packing and white water rafting. Kerri now has her third Canine Companions assistance dog, Nancy. But, she'll always remember Abdul, and how their partnership changed her life.



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

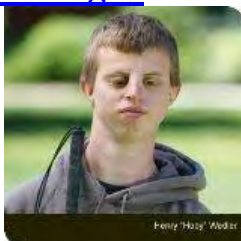


**From the desk of State
RFB&D Chair Lion
Fred Smith**
lionfredsmith@gmail.com



Thank You to the Lions Clubs of Georgia

UC Davis: White House Hails Blind Chemistry Grad as "Champion of Change"



"STEM is vital to America's future in education and employment, so equal access for people with disabilities is imperative, as they can contribute to and benefit from STEM," said Kareem Dale, special assistant to President Obama for disability policy. "The leaders

we've selected as Champions of Change are proving that when the playing field is level, people with disabilities can excel in STEM, develop new products, create scientific inventions, open successful businesses, and contribute equally to the economic and educational future of our country."



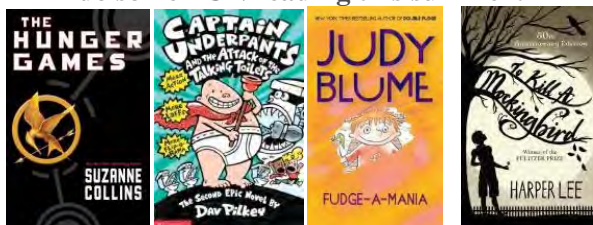
Hill Country News: "Filling In 'Holes' for Reading

"I used to spend a lot of time on just my reading assignments every week," said Mitchel Jannsen, a dyslexic teenager. "After I finished, my eyes were fried and I couldn't do anything else because I didn't have the energy. Learning Ally has cut the time I spend on reading in half."



HEY! Members:

**Want to catch up on the classics or
do some FUN reading this summer?**



Check our audiobook catalog and pick out some fun books
for enjoyable summer reading!



**Bart Butler was 47 and
a busy husband, father,
and fireman when he
lost his vision to
diabetic retinopathy.**

He withdrew from his active lifestyle and then endured a pancreas and kidney transplant. After regaining his health, Bart

wanted to be more self-sufficient and not have to rely on others to navigate. When he discovered that an old college friend and an acquaintance were both raising puppies for Southeastern, Bart soon applied. He graduated with his guide dog Teddy in 2010.

Teddy, a people-loving black Goldador, has that ideal combination of being both hardworking and mellow. Bart, too, for that matter! Bart worked incredibly hard to give back to the school that gave him Teddy.

"When I found out about the Walkathon, I decided to try to give back as much as I could," Bart shared. "I know the school has a lot of expenses." Bart set a personal goal to raise \$5,000, then increased it to \$7,500.

"I spent six months in Daytona at a rehabilitation center for the blind, and I had a lot of down time," Bart explained. "I got an iPhone for Christmas so I started sending emails and texting people. When I came home, I went around the neighborhood and did some fundraising in town. I became a real pest to some people!"

Bart estimates that he contacted about 300 people, and in the end, he raised \$12,275 from 110 donors and earned the distinction of being our "Walkathon Fundraiser of the Year." Now that's the kind of tenacity we appreciate!



Downtown Atlanta Step Out Event Details

The 2012 Downtown Atlanta Step Out Walk will take place on September 29th, 2012 at Historic Grant Park bringing together individuals, companies, organizations and families to raise money for a cure--and have a great time. The day will kick off with music, performances, and inspiring stories of those who fight diabetes every day. Then, after an invigorating warm-up, participants will take a 5k (3.2 miles) walk around Grant Park, which holds the Cyclorama and Zoo Atlanta with their families, friends, and company teams.

- 7:30am - Check-In Begins
- 8:30am - Walk Starts
- 11:00am - Walk Concludes



Walking is one of the easiest, most relaxing forms of exercise for many people, but especially for those living with diabetes. Walking helps control blood glucose levels in people with diabetes and improves overall quality of life. It is also an activity that can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes in people at risk.

Date: September 29, 2012
Location: Grant Park
Event Contact: M. Cole Jones,
mcolejones@diabetes.org

For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES x3096 or [Contact Us](#).

Go to this web site to:

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/A1ATG-AtlantaArea?fr_id=8361&pg=entry

Participate

[Start a Team](#) [Join an Existing Team](#) [Register as an Individual](#) [Volunteer](#)

Donate

[Find a Participant](#) [Find a Team](#) [Event Donation](#)



Camp Kudzu's 2012 V.I.P. Summer Camp Tour



Please join us to see firsthand the life-changing impact of Camp Kudzu's programs.

Session Three at Camp Barney Medintz
 4165 Highway 129 N
 Cleveland, GA 30528
 Starts 5 August

All tours begin at 10:30am
 Please RSVP to Amber Medley at
amedley@campkudzu.org or 404-250-1811



REPORT OF MD 18 DIABETES AWARENESS CHAIR – LION VANESSA STANLEY, PDG:

Printed report from Lion Stanley, as follows:

It has been a pleasure and a privilege serving you these past two years as State Diabetes Awareness Chair. I have learned a lot, talked a lot and listen a lot and traveled a lot. And it has been pure joy talking about a subject that is near and dear to my heart!

Diabetes is one of the fastest growing chronic diseases in the state, and there is a direct cause and effect related to obesity.



LIIONS 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.



LIIONS 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.

The contest theme is

"Imagine Peace"



STEPHEN HELWIG, MD18 LEO CLUBS CHAIR

Fellow Lions and Leos,

Georgia's LEOS and Lions should be extremely proud of what the LEO program has accomplished the past few years. We are adding new clubs around the state and strengthening existing clubs. We are one of only 30 LEO Multiple Districts **IN THE WORLD!** Officers for 2012-2013 were installed at this year's Lions State Convention in Savannah. They held their first Council meeting then and are taking on new challenges and growing in their roles as leaders. I am looking forward to watching what they do!

As MD18 Leo Club Program Chair one of my primary responsibilities is to make our young people aware of service and other opportunities available to them. These can be used for Leo club Presidents, Advisors, Faculty Advisors, and membership as you plan your year.

Each district represented at each MD18 Leo Council meeting

Goal - At least 2 clubs per district

Enroll LEOS (and other young people in your community-Scouts, other service groups) in Young Leaders in Service Awards program

Goal - At least 50 young people in each district (do not have to be Leos) Peace Poster Contests - should be in ALL Middle schools with LEO Clubs

Goal - Leos and Leo District Chairs coordinate with respective Peace Poster contest Chairs to increase number of contests and entries

Service-learning activities and projects and Leadership Development activities, including Quest

Goals - Promote Quest by coordinating with respective district Chairs. Have each Leo District Chair hold a Leadership Development seminar in their district this year School and/or community-based projects (service and fundraising)

Goals - Creative and fun ideas. Get information to the clubs concerning "how-to" - taking a project from idea stage through completion FUN fundraisers! Spotlight on Children projects (Banner patch)

Goals - Have every Georgia Leo club pick from one of the three types of projects listed on the LCI website, report results, and apply for banner patch Address 3 Issues in respective communities

Childhood hunger/obesity

Dropouts

Teen pregnancy

Senior Citizen projects

Goal - Leos interact with these still-valuable citizens to benefit of both

Environmental projects (Banner patch) Refer to - Leo and Lion Green Team

Goal - A better, cleaner Georgia and better visibility for the Leos. Continue planting trees

Sight Nights project (October)

Goal - Collect and turn in 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses, along with 500 cell phones and 50 hearing aids, to the Lighthouse. Recycle for Sight project (May)-may be done in place of or in addition to Sight Nights

Liberty Day/month project (usually held in March)

Goal - Raise awareness of our rights and responsibilities as Americans by distributing booklets with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and holding projects

ServiceVote project - raise awareness of the duty and responsibility as an American citizen to vote, assist in voter registration projects

World Youth Service Day project

Make a Difference Day project

LEO Awareness Month project (April)

Consider "twinning" with LEO club in another part of the world

Goal - At least one club per district "twinning" (Go to LCI website for more information on how to do)

Learning Ally awareness project LABR Reading Event

Goals - Leo clubs coordinate Reading Event in their community. Leo clubs promote Learning Ally and recruit readers

White Cane Month fundraiser - Lighthouse

Camp Raffle Fundraiser

Goal - Hold fundraiser or work with sponsoring Lions club

(Note - As Leo and Lions we MUST support the organizations we own! I cannot stress enough the importance of EVERY Leo club holding fundraisers or at the very least assisting their Lions club when they hold theirs!)

Kids 'N Coins fundraiser - Leader Dog

Conduct fund-raisers for other charities at Lions club's discretion. Budget for and contribute to: Lighthouse, Camp, Learning Ally, a guide dog school of club's choice (Leader Dog, Southeastern Guide Dog, Hearing Dog, Canine Companions for Independence, etc.)

Hold a Membership Recruitment event (recommended in October)

(Note - MD18 Membership Chair will be sending information, ideas)

Assist sponsoring Lions club with their projects and activities

LEO, Advisor, Faculty Advisor, and Lion representation at statewide LEO Conference/Gathering

Goal - At least two clubs/district attending this year's event-minimum of 13 clubs!

Review LCI, State, Camp, and other Awards with the goals of qualifying and applying

Goal - At least two clubs/district receiving the Georgia Leo Club of Service (MD18) and one/district receiving the Leo Club Excellence Award (LCI). In addition, one club/district receiving the Hank and Doy Barks Award (Camp) and Best New Leo Project (Lighthouse)

Remit MD18 Leo levy within 30 days of receipt (if in effect)
Review Lighthouse awards with the goal of applying (Best New Project, Best New White Cane Day Project).

Each LEO club is asked to submit a Quarterly Activities Report - I will forward this information to other Lions, including the LEO Committee and the Council of Governors. As State Chair I am required to file reports on a regular basis and will need this information to make a thorough report. The form can be found on the Leo website. The LEO MMR section on the LCI website is up and running and I am asking all Georgia Leo clubs to register and report. The annual Statewide Leo Gathering and Conference will be held sometime in the spring of 2013. A committee of Leos and Lions will determine the dates, locations, theme, etc. ALL Leos in good standing who wish to serve on the state level and gain leadership experience are encouraged to submit nominations for office on the 2013-14 MD18 Leo Council. Elections will be held at the Conference.

The MD18 Leo website (www.georgialeos.com) is there for YOU! PLEASE send me and the MD18 Leo officers (Reporter, Historian, Secretary) pictures, articles, and other items of interest so we can share with everyone. We are going to apply for the Best Website award from LCI so want it to be the best it can be!

I can't stress enough the importance of applying for Awards/recognitions. We all know that we don't serve others just to receive recognition - it is, however, important to show our Lions and fellow young people what has been accomplished as a beacon to light the way for others!

Elections/officers for 2013-14 need to be reported to me and LCI by May 31, 2013. Leo club Presidents should have a plan for their year. Please send that to me and your district's Chair as soon as it is done. PDG Don Wagner spoke at the May 26 Leo Council meeting about a \$2500.00 scholarship from the Pin Traders available only for Leos! Please contact him or me for more information.

I am once again asking all Lions clubs that sponsor a Leo club to make sure that we have current information for their Leo club. This includes # of members, list of officers, meeting data, and completed projects. The MD18 Leo officers will be getting in touch with each club with the goal of establishing Leo-to-Leo relationships.

Until and unless we form Leo districts the President of every Leo club in Georgia is a member of the MD18 Leo Council and encouraged to attend the meetings. President Rubi will be sending dates but I know they will be meeting during the joint Camp/Lighthouse weekend and next year's State Convention.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

In Service,

Steve Helwig
MD18 Leo Clubs Program Chair

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MD18 LEO

OLGA "RUBI" ACOSTA, MD18 PRESIDENT-ELECT 2012-13

212 11th Court S.E., Moultrie, GA 31768
229-454-9648 (c), 229-890-3350 (c)

Whatever It Takes!

June 16, 2012

Dear Fellow LEO members in Georgia and MD18 Officers for 2012-13,

I am looking forward to- and even highly excited about- the new year for Multiple District 18 LEOs. I hope that we achieve many diverse service projects, participation, and support for the Lions of Georgia. United, we can accomplish much more than just by ourselves or individual clubs. Attached is a graphic that outlines my Goals and Priorities for us. I sincerely hope that you will accept my challenge to embrace each of them in the upcoming year.

I propose that LEOs of Georgia show the Lions of Georgia and Lion Clubs International that we are willing to do "Whatever It Takes" to stretch our activities and projects to include the issues we have adopted and work collectively with Lions on their initiatives as well.

I sincerely look forward to meeting with each of you at various LEO and Lions meetings throughout the year. Specific meeting dates have not been set, but I will advise as soon as possible. Our first meeting will be in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp for the Blind on July 21st, at 8:00 am. It will be brief as the primary focus of the event is to interact with campers at the Camp.



In service,

President-Elect Rubi Acosta

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REPORT OF MD 18 YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE CHAIR – LION FAYE SMITH:

Four students from Finland and one from France will be arriving in Atlanta on 28 June and will be leaving on 31 July. The host families are: Lion Scott and Beth Rogers, from District 18-A, hosting 2 students, one from Finland and one from France; Lion Hannah Flynn, from District 18-E, hosting 2 students from Finland; Lion John Boshart, from District 18-D, hosting one from Finland. **The Lions of Georgia owe Many Thanks** to these fantastic lions for hosting the students.

In April, the Youth Exchange Chair from Finland, Pekka Sepka, paid a special visit to me to coordinate ways to improve the youth exchange program. Having worked with him for four years, I was very excited about meeting him in person. We shared information about the program, placing of students, and ways to improve methods of having students take advantage of the exchange program. He was very appreciative of all the work I had done in finding host families for his students. He hopes to make the trip again next summer.

This summer program has been successful, interesting, and encouraging since we have added another country. Now we have had students from Italy, Finland, and France.

One worthy endeavor for next summer will be to interest our local students to travel to foreign countries. Whether it's looking for students to go to foreign countries or finding host homes for students coming here – **WE NEED LOCAL DISTRICT CHAIRS TO GET INVOLVED.**



Lions Quest

A Novel Approach to Social and Emotional Learning



Research suggests that reading fiction is a powerful way to build social and emotional skills. When we read words like "cinnamon" or "smoke," our brains create a sensory response to them. Something similar happens when fictional characters

interact - the brain treats them like real-life interactions. Consider hosting a summer book drive for a local school, community center or library to increase literacy, the joy of reading, and social and emotional skills. [Read more about fiction and SEL.](#)



Numbers of Note:

- Every 26 seconds in the United States, a student drops out of school
- 160,000 young people miss school every day due to bullying
- One out of every 10 students who drop out of school does so because of repeated bullying



Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School Time Curriculum



Summer is here. As kids are putting on SPF 30, why not apply some SEL? If your local schools or youth centers are looking for a quality middle-school SEL summer program, tell them about Lions Quest's [SFA for OST](#). There's no training required! [Visit our Web site to place an order.](#)



Home Depot Community Impact Grants **Deadline: August 13**

[Grants are available](#) for up to \$5,000 to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public

service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials or services.

Community Impact Grants Program

At The Home Depot Foundation, we understand the impact of hard work and sweat equity. We believe in neighbors giving up their time, rolling up their shirt sleeves and getting dirty to improve their community.

More importantly, we understand that volunteering to improve the physical health of your neighborhood and community creates a healthier, more stable environment where families can thrive.

We recognize that committed and motivated neighbors accomplish an enormous amount of important work in communities across the country. That's why we support these efforts by lending a hand or a hammer or a shovel or flats of perennials.

Lending Hands, Serving Others

Through Team Depot, our associate-led volunteer program, The Home Depot Foundation provides opportunities for our associates and suppliers to contribute their home improvement know-how to create meaningful impact in communities.

In 2011, Team Depot completed more than 1,000 projects across the country; more than 400 of those were focused specifically on veterans. From building wheelchair ramps for disabled veterans and refurbishing a wounded warrior's home to planting community gardens and painting local schools, our associates work with local nonprofit organizations to improve the homes and lives of thousands of deserving families.

A Platform for Visibility

In addition to giving nonprofits the opportunity to earn funds from The Home Depot Foundation, Aprons in Action also provides a platform for them to increase their visibility both locally and nationally. In 2011, 44 nonprofits participated, and most of them reported attracting not only new supporters on Facebook, but also new local community partnerships and an increase in volunteers lining up to help due to the exposure they received through Aprons in Action.

GO TO:

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>

For FAQ's -

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/grant-faqs>



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 ?

International President Wayne A. Madden



In A World of Service

In a world of need, there is someone to help. In a world of suffering, there is someone who cares. In a world of destruction, there is someone to provide relief. In a world of illiteracy, there is someone to teach. And in a world of service, there is one name that stands out among others – Lions Clubs International. That’s what we do. That’s what we have always done. It is our motto, and the reason we exist.

I grew up in Indiana, in the Midwest region of the United States. It is an area of rivers and streams, of farms and villages, covered bridges and sycamore trees, schools and fine universities, where the fall harvest is still one of the most important events of the year. Most of all it is home to people who still care about their neighbor’s welfare. It’s where I learned the value of giving back to the community.

But as we can see all over the world, our communities are facing new challenges ranging from hunger to a growing lack of opportunity, especially for young people. And these needs seem to be getting bigger while resources are dwindling. Certainly our service is needed more than ever. If you’re from Indiana like me – or a dedicated Lion anywhere in the world – I

know you wouldn’t stand for it. Lions are simply too big hearted and too compassionate to let problems like illiteracy and empty book shelves exist – not when there is so much we can do about it.

So my theme for this year - “In A World of Service” - calls on Lions to not only celebrate our world of service but to expand our impact, rising up to meet new challenges.

To do that, we need to grow our membership and build stronger clubs. How? Well, another inspiration from my Indiana roots comes from the world famous Indianapolis 500 auto race. Whether you are a fan of auto racing or not, I think everyone can appreciate the dedication, preparation, and TEAM work involved to enable a car, often exceeding 200 miles per hour, to complete the race incident free and win!!

Successful race teams employ a well thought out strategy, and devise a formula for excellence. My winning formula is: Dedication + Preparation + Teamwork = EXCELLENCE.

From the club level to the district governor team, the Board and executive officers, we are a team of over 1.35 million, joining together for the purpose of serving others. In order for a team to be effective, each member of the team must work in unison, while fulfilling their individual role. No one team member is more important than the other.

Wayne A. Madden

As part of this year’s “A World of Service” theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service.

Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them.

The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs

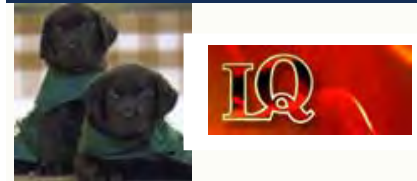
related to illiteracy within their own community.

Lions Can Make a Difference
Many clubs have already taken great strides to bridge the gaps in literacy and education. The following segment of the LQ - Lions Quarterly Video Magazine shows how Tucson Downtown Lions Club of Arizona, USA, introduces reading into one of its ongoing activities. The club promotes the [importance of parents and children reading together](#), while addressing the need for healthy vision. They donate books along with free eye exams for parents and their children.

Lions and Leos will be recognized for their accomplishments through the [World of Service Awards](#), including awards for Best Long-Term Reading Action Program and [Best Reading Action Program Rap Video](#).

We are excited to [partner with other organizations](#) that make reading and literacy a focus of their work, including:

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

[World of Service Awards](#)

View contest categories and nomination form.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

I am amazed and proud of all that Lions Clubs International Foundation has accomplished this past year with your help. The clubs and projects that Judy and I had an



opportunity to visit while I was Chairperson showed us just how much our Foundation gives hope and needed services to people around the world.

Through our commitment to help [eliminate measles](#), Lions and LCIF are responding to the challenge set forth by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise US\$10 million. By now, you should know the impact a single vaccine can have for a child - it can save the child's life and prevent serious complications that come with measles for just US\$1.

I thank our [generous donors](#) who have contributed to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. As the year ends, there is still work to be done to meet the Gates Foundation's challenge grant. In the upcoming Lion's year, I urge everyone to make a donation or hold a fundraiser for measles. We can help save 157 million children alongside our partners. What an accomplishment that will be!

Our other programs also have a significant impact around the world. As LCIF's flagship youth program, [Lions Quest](#) not only added new countries this year, teaching even more students positive life skills; it also gained new partnerships, like the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and tested new programs, like Out-of-School Time.

Our [SightFirst](#) program expanded its reach through SightFirst China Action III, now addressing issues like eliminating blinding trachoma and improving low vision services. LCIF also continues important sight saving work with partners like Bausch + Lomb, Johnson & Johnson and

the World Health Organization. With these partners, we work to combat childhood blindness.

The Foundation's [disaster relief](#) efforts show that Lions not only respond to immediate emergencies, but are also there as long as it takes to help give disaster victims their lives back: a new nursing school was completed in Haiti two years after an earthquake; a new school was built in Louisiana, USA, seven years after a hurricane; and needed relief continues to be provided in places like Japan one year after an earthquake and tsunami, and in Thailand after severe flooding.

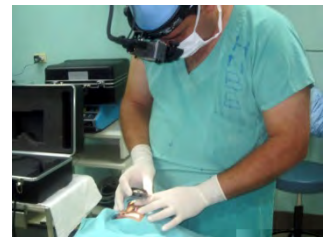
It has been an honor to serve as your Foundation's Chairperson, and as a Lion. I thank you all for your support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

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

Saving Children's Sight in El Salvador

For LCIF, blindness prevention is fundamental. In District D-2 in El Salvador, 37 percent of students at the Eugenia de Duenas School of the Blind are blind because of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) - a condition that occurs in premature babies' eyes. The severe scarring from ROP can quickly cause blindness if it is not diagnosed and treated in time. To save the sight of premature infants with ROP, the Lions Club of San Salvador worked with SightFirst to purchase equipment for a children's hospital in San Salvador to treat ROP and retinoblastoma, a cancer of the eye. Since April 2011, the hospital has saved the sight of more than 100 patients.



Typhoon Relief in the Philippines



LCIF has extensive experience in providing immediate and long-term relief following disasters. Last year, Typhoon Washi devastated the Philippines, affecting more than 338,000 people. Lions and LCIF were there, providing needed relief. In District 301-E, Lions received US\$35,000 from LCIF to assist their relief efforts. "The members of our club are mostly Filipino-Americans... Thank you LCIF for helping the affected cities in the Philippines," said Bert Caoili, a member of the Seattle Bituin Lions Club.

**Follow One Shot, One Life:
Lions Measles Initiative Online**



Friends of the Georgia Lions Cruise

Claudette Gallman Cruises 770-229-4826 or 404-451-8430

Artlady00@aol.com



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)
Vacation Protection \$95.00 Balconies Per Person \$65.00 Inside Per Person
Prepaid Gratuities \$70.00 Per Person

Deposit due: Final Payment 25-Jun-12

Cancellation Guidelines: 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

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

Sincerely, Claudette Gallman, Cruise Specialist

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 AFFLIATION: _____

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.

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin

In recognition of our 100th Anniversary in 2017, LCI is leading efforts to mint 400,000 silver dollars. This is the first step to commemorate our centennial - while raising millions to support our global mission areas for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by disaster. Lions from all over the globe are exploring similar commemorative campaigns locally.

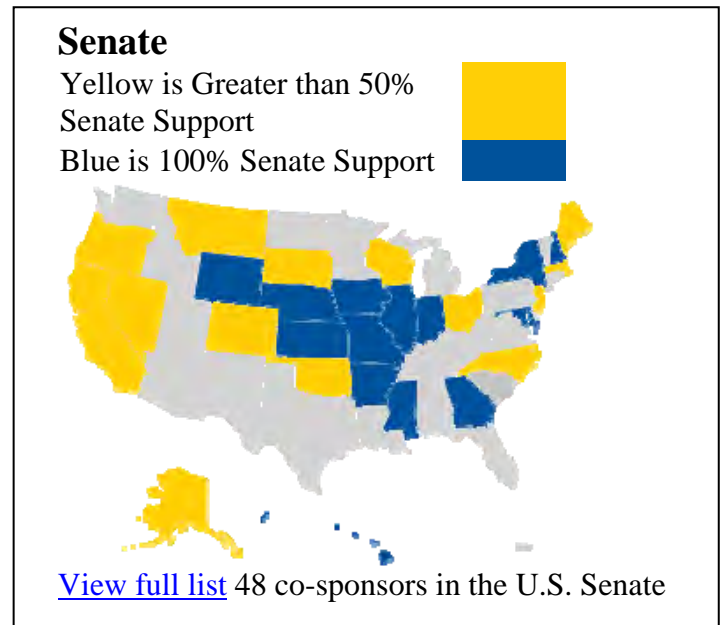
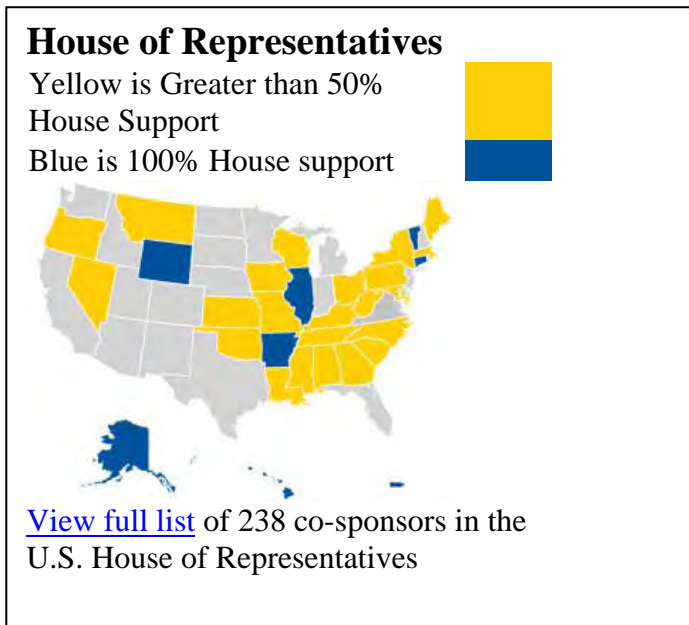
Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act

Less than 100 co-sponsors needed to pass the bill in the House of Representatives. Take Action Today! Contact your lawmakers!

In June, the "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act," S. 1299/H.R. 2139, was introduced in the U.S. Congress by Senator Jerry Moran, a Lion, and Congressman Peter Roskam thanks to Sandy Spring Lions Club, District 22-C, who formally proposed this opportunity to publicize our accomplishments and raise funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

In order to pass this legislation, 290 co-sponsors in the U.S. House and 67 co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate need to sign on to this bill.

TAKE ACTION NOW!



The following Georgia Congressmen are co-sponsors of this bill; Rep Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2), Rep. Hank Johnson(DGA- 4), Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA-8), Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (RGA-3). Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson are sponsors in the Senate.

Visit the LCI website for additional information and for contact information to contact the remaining Georgia Congressman in our state.

The following ARE NOT signed up as of yet – contact them at =

House District – 1) Jack Kingston 202-225-5831, 5) John Lewis 202-225-3801, 6) Tom Price 202-225-4501, 7) Robert Woodall 202-225-4272, 9) Tom Graves 202-225-5211, 10) Paul C. Broun 202-225-4101, 11) Phil Gingrey 202-225-2931, 12) John Barrow 202-225-2823, 13) David Scott 202-225-2939

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2013 MD 18 CONVENTION

Augusta, GA

May 31 – June 2, 2013

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2012	\$95.00	Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012	\$105.00
Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013	\$125.00	After April 30, 2013	\$140.00

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

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites
 2 Tenth Street
 Augusta, Georgia 30901
 706-722-8900 or 1-800-868-5354
 Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
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