





# State News



*Council received reports or comments as follows:*

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION HAYNES TOWNSEND:**

PID Townsend stated that PIP Jim Ervin sends his best regards and his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting today. PID Townsend stated that International Second Vice President Joe Preston will not be able to attend the MD 18 State Convention this year. He stated that they are working on several other possibilities and should have this finalized by the USA/Canada Forum in Tampa. PID Townsend reported that the Forum is over the 2000 mark at this time and hoping for 2,200. He reported that President Wayne Madden has initiated an ad hoc committee at LCI this year to study the ethics and governance of the Association, and to that end they are talking about transparency and openness by the Association and how it needs to be improved upon; district level guidance; how we use our funds; the election procedures; and to make things more women friendly in other areas of the world. Personality issues and how they affect the ethics and governance of the association. Another issue which will be discussed is how to resolve complaints filed with LCI in a more economical manner.

### **REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION – LION OLIN C. NEWBY, DG 18-F:**

DG Newby stated that the 2013 State Convention scheduled for Augusta is being chaired by Lion Jon Winters. Frank Spinney is serving as Co-Chair. DG Newby stated that after the meeting today he would be contacting the District State Convention Committee Chairs with the opportunity for all to travel to Macon, Jekyll Island, Tifton, and Columbus. These are areas where there is interest in holding a convention. The committee would survey the area, and talk with the local people about their interest in having a convention. DG Newby asked Governors to contact their District State Convention Chair and encourage them to participate in these investigative trips.

### **REPORT OF MD 18 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHAIR AND STATE LION TAMER – LION RICK MIZELL, PDG:**

Lion Mizell stated that the website has been updated. He stated he appreciates all the input. CC Bethel presented a certificate to Lion Mizell: "Honorable Mention – International Website Contest – Multiple District – Multiple District 18, Georgia, USA – for creativity and content and design – Judged at the 95th annual convention in Busan, Korea." Lion Mizell stated that this makes # 6, in addition to five 1st Place Awards. Lion Mizell stated he would appreciate receiving ideas or suggestions on the type of items put into the store for sale. He asked Governors to let him know whether or not they want the store available at their District Conventions.

### **REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG:**

CC Bethel called attention to a printed report in each file, since Lion Helwig could not be present for the meeting: We are beginning the third year of the Leo Multiple District in Georgia. One of the primary goals this year is to have a Policy Manual and By-Laws completed, voted on at the MD18 Leo Gathering and Conference, and sent to the Council for their consideration. Any input on this topic from the Council would be appreciated. PDG Don Wagner spoke to the Leo Council in Savannah concerning a scholarship opportunity for Leos through the pin traders' organization. I spoke with him further at the first 18-D Cabinet meeting in Dawsonville and he told me he would be sending information about application requirements and I will be sending those out as soon as received. Their website link ([www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org)) is currently not operational but I will keep checking and advise. We will be working with the Camp to set dates for the 2013 Gathering and Conference. The Leo Council has asked for two dates in March but they will set dates at the September Council meeting.

### **REPORT OF MD 18 STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, 1ST VDG, 18-D:**

VDG Hashbarger reminded Council that this might be his last year as editor for the magazine, and that they should see if there is anyone in the state who would like to take over as editor.

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### **New Business:**

CC Bethel reminded all of PIP Tam's visit to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse on September 11th. PID Townsend stated that he would know more about the visit the first part of next week.

PIP Townsend presented a summary of Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Japan, as a Candidate for LCI 2nd VP was presented by PID Townsend last evening. DG Newby, 18-F, made a motion that Council endorse the candidacy of Dr. Yamada for 2nd VP, LCI. DG Powell, 18-B, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Georgia Lions Pins were discussed. CC Bethel pointed out that Council is waiting for the committee to submit a design and this should be available by the next Council Meeting.

DG Newby stated that the Children's Eye Care Center has been moved to the fifth floor in a brand new clinic. It was on the third floor of Emory Eye Clinic, and this was the floor used for the Eye Tissue Center, and before that the Georgia Lions Eye Bank. He pointed out that thanks to the Lions, the center was able to purchase a salt water aquarium and some games and toys to entertain the children. There are three specialists available; one for retina, for glaucoma, and for cornea. He pointed out that Emory is one of the few centers in the southeast where corneal transplants are done. Emory is willing to send people to present a program on the Eye Care Center. DG Newby asked each Governor to check out the website and encourage clubs to contribute to the Eye Care Clinic thru the Lighthouse.

[http://eyecenter.emory.edu/clinical\\_specialties/pediatric\\_ophthalmology.htm](http://eyecenter.emory.edu/clinical_specialties/pediatric_ophthalmology.htm)

## **The Global Leadership Team (GLT)**



*Dear District Leadership Teams*

### **MD 18 GLT COORDINATOR – LION KEMBRA SMITH, PCC:**

Consistent with my reports for 2011-12, I am pleased to report that your MD 18 GLT has continued with the training session and activities as directed by Lions Clubs International's ("LCI"): "Identify [ing] and Develop[ing] Future Leaders," we have

- "Educate[d] members about leadership development opportunities" through the MD 18 state newsmagazine, sub-district newsletters, and emails. Each of the GLT coordinators has been advised to provide information about the upcoming Southeast Lions Leadership Institutes ("SELLI") and Advanced (Senior) Lions Leadership Institute ("LLI") to their district members;

- "Encourage[d] potential leaders to assume leadership roles and responsibilities to enhance their skills" by identifying those members who have taken leadership classes and providing their information to current district governor teams.

We had a number of Georgia Lions who participated and graduated from the July 2012 Train Southern: Faculty Development Institute ("FDI"), including District Governors David White and Olin Newby. The names of the FDI graduates and the Lions who served as "faculty" during the MD 18 2012 Convention training sessions have been provided to each of the district GLT coordinators, who have been encouraged to use these individuals in district training opportunities. We continue to encouraging all Lions to complete the leadership profile information provided on the LCI and [www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us) websites.

- "Promote[d] the active involvement of Lions Leadership Institute [LLI] graduates and other trained Lions in leadership responsibilities. Each of the district GLT Coordinators have been requested to encourage applicants from their districts for the LCI Emerging Lions Institute, SELLI, and LU, and to use the graduates of these programs in developing and presenting programs in their districts. "Train, Educate, Mentor and Motivate Leaders to Maximize Effectiveness":

- "Establish[ed] annual leadership development plan." The MD 18 GLT coordinators are finalizing their leadership plans for 2012-13.

- "Ensure[d] effective delivery of vice governor training." For 2012-13, vice district governor ["VDG"] training was substantially changed, and will involve online training and mandatory assignments, Multi-District training, regional training, and District Governor-Elect ("DGE") seminar in conjunction with the international convention. Although the complete curriculum has not yet been received from LCI, the VDGs will receive their first MD training session today, and Council Chair Alan Bethel will assist with the training. The regional training is scheduled for January 4-6, 2013 in Atlanta. Each of the district GLT Coordinators will be invited to assist with the training and will work with the VDGs in the development of their plans for their year as District Governor.

- "Organize[d] training for zone chairpersons, guiding Lions, and others." Since July, training classes have been held for zone chairs (18-A, B, D, E, and F), for Certified Guiding Lions (18-F), on the Club Excellence Process [CEP] (18-A), and for club officers (18-A, B, C, D, E, and F). We have encouraged our members to participate and have ourselves participated in the webinars or the recording of the webinars for various club officers (Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers) and for the GLT Coordinators.

- "Ensure[d] effective delivery of club officer training." As noted above, club officer training has been offered in all of the districts. Further, all of the GLT coordinators have been requested to encourage their club officers to participate in the upcoming club officer webinars.

- "Implement[ed] CEP workshops." As noted above, a CEP orientation session has been held in one district, and others are planned in other districts (18-B, F). We continue to work on meeting the LCI recommended activities that we've missed: "Identify[ing] potential leaders based on objective criteria," "Motivat[ing] Lions to seek out proven leaders in the community to join [Lions] as new members," and "Encourag[ing] active coaching through Lions Mentoring Program." These activities are being incorporated into the 2012- 13 GLT plans.

Lion Smith pointed out that the GLT team is available to help present the Club Excellence Process and Certified Guiding Lion Programs in the Districts. As of August 31st, Lion Smith will be retiring from the Federal Government and will no longer have access to that email or phone #. She stated that her NEW office number will be: 404 593-2710. All other numbers are correct.

### **SE AREA GLT COORDINATOR – LION C. MARK MILLER, PCC:**

He reported that the Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute is returning to the southeast. The one he recommends for Georgia Governors to promote (since it is not in conflict with a council meeting) is being held on October 12-14 in Lake City, Florida. Lion Miller commended those Districts who have in place some type of scholarship available to those who would like to attend the SELLI. PCC Miller addressed the 1st VDGs, and stated that Leadership Development Training is changing this year. Although Lion Kembra Smith will be doing a MD level training, there will be additional training that will be offered on the area level.

On January 4-5, 2013 there will be a training event for First VDGs as well as the other seven Multiple Districts in the southeast, in Atlanta. It will be held at one of the Atlanta Airport hotels. There will be some reimbursement available for attendance at this event, since this is officially part of the DGE School.

PCC Miller pointed out that there are a series of Lions Webinars going on, and he emphasized some that are going on which it is important for the Governors to promote in their Districts. Newsletter editors should be asked to publish information on these.

(1) October 2nd Zone Chair Webinar that LCI is putting on. The most critical person in our organization for making sure they're available to provide quality support for existing clubs is a qualified, trained, motivated and educated Zone Chair. Even if the ZC has been through district level training it will be a great refresher or new material for some of them.

(2) Also in October there are three Club level Webinars being hosted that Governors should take advantage of and promote: Effective Club Meetings on October 10th at 6:00 PM; Building club membership on October 17th at 6:00 PM; and Conflict Resolution on October 24th at 6:00 PM. He pointed out that these are all courses which will qualify for degrees in the Lions University.

PCC Miller stated that the emphasis this year is on each District's job; three functions:

(1) Quality support of existing Lions Clubs. What are you doing to help your clubs build their communities?



(2) Sustainable extension efforts; not building clubs that are going to fold, but building quality new clubs and supplying them with support.

(3) Dynamic District and Multiple District programming. District Governors and Vice District Governors have a responsibility to make sure that their meetings are dynamic.

PCC Miller stated membership numbers for the following: Rotary, -12,500; Optimist, -8,625; and Kiwanis, -32,158. Last year LCI grew by 28,000 people for their third year in a row of positive gain. Each Governor should take a message of success and build it in their community and clubs. Don't get bogged down in trivia.

### ***MD 18 Global Leadership Team Update***

The Global Leadership Team ("GLT"), your resource for leadership training and support, has been busy, and is ready to assist you and your club with leadership training and development. Each district in Georgia has a GLT Coordinator with trained members who can provide and facilitate training within your district and club. Training is available for club officers and for club support, including membership orientation and recruitment, and the Club Excellence Program ("CEP"); Certified Guiding Lions ("CGL") to assist with both the revitalization of a club and new clubs; and for the vice-district governors ("VDGs"). Additional training opportunities are available through the upcoming Southeast Lions Leadership Institutes ("SELLI") and Lions Clubs International's ("LCI") Advanced (Senior) Lions Leadership Institute ("ALLI") and webinars, offered both through our Area's training website, [www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us), and [www.lionclubs.org](http://www.lionclubs.org).

#### Recent training sessions

During the past few months, MD 18 Lions have provided training for and received training as: (1) club officers, in membership orientation and recruitment, and in CEP at district cabinet and zone chair meetings, and on a cruise; (2) CGL at individually and at district sessions; (3) Lions training session faculty at the Train Southern: Faculty Development Institute; (4) CEP facilitators on a cruise; and (5) VDGs at a MD meeting. In addition, Past International Director ("PID") Beverly Roberts served as Program Chair for the 2012 USA-Canada Forum, with numerous Georgia Lions acting as moderators and presenters at the Forum, which was attended by many Georgia Lions. Following the Forum, PCC Mark Miller served as faculty during the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute ("ELLI"), while 18-E Past District Governor ("PDG")/First VDG Steve Humphry and I presented sessions during the cruise. The cruise sessions, offered in conjunction with the Western Caribbean Georgia-Lions fundraiser cruise, were attended by Lions from Georgia, other states, and Canada. With the Forum and ELLI being held in Tampa and the cruise sessions on a ship between the United States and Mexico, you, your club and district are a lot more convenient for the district's trainers and facilitators to visit!

#### Scheduled and future training sessions

As a Georgia Lion who has not yet served as DG, you are eligible to attend a SELLI. These institutes, which include courses that will help you in your development as a more informed Lion, club member, and a future Lion leader, are held over three-days and are subsidized by LCI, keeping the costs reasonable. There are two scheduled sessions which you may wish to consider: one in Tupelo, Mississippi in November 2012, and one in Batesville, South Carolina in April 2013. For more information or to register, see [www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us).

The First VDGs have received their first assignments from LCI, and will be attending a regional training session in Atlanta in January 2013. The district GLT Coordinators will be working with the VDGs on their assignments and in the development of their plans for their year as District Governor.

There are available recorded and active webinar sessions for various club officers (Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers) and for the GLT Coordinators at [www.lionclubs.org](http://www.lionclubs.org) and [www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us).

If you or your club are interested in scheduling any Lions training activities or sessions, including a session on Roberts Rules of Order, please contact me at [Kembra@gmail.com](mailto:Kembra@gmail.com) or 404.403.9210, or your district GLT coordinator: PDG Vanessa Stanley (18-A) at [vstanley@comcast.net](mailto:vstanley@comcast.net) or 404.799.3999; PDG Jesse Powell (18-B) at [jpowell@coastalnow.net](mailto:jpowell@coastalnow.net) or 912.369.5440; PDG Duncan Sinclair (18-C) at [dcsinclair@windstream.net](mailto:dcsinclair@windstream.net) or 229.985.8211; PCC Grace Clower (18-D) at [graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net) or 770.972.9989; or PDG Marlene Humphry (18-E) at [mhumphry@cox.net](mailto:mhumphry@cox.net) or 478.956.3854. We look forward to hearing from and seeing you!

## **District Pit Stop Checklist**

### **Pit Stop Two (October – December)**

#### Service

- Encourage clubs to participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Sharing the Vision](#).
- Continue to encourage clubs to support a [Reading Action Program](#) and report their activities through the service activity reporting system.
- Participate in [World Sight Day](#) on October 11th.
- Encourage clubs to conduct the "[Community Needs Assessment](#)" as part of the Club Excellence Process (CEP).

#### Membership and Public Relations

- Conduct [October Growth Membership Campaign](#) with the GMT.
- Consider district-wide promotion of [family membership](#) opportunity.
- Review results of the "[How Are Your Ratings](#)" analysis conducted by clubs. Encourage positive change.

#### Operations

- Encourage potential leaders to participate in online [Leadership Resource Center Courses](#).
- Assess progress related to district goals. Refine action plans.
- Continue to monitor the [Club Health Assessment Report](#) to track club health.

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

Benjamin Franklin



18-A

David White

### Dalton Noon Lions Club

The Dalton Noon Lions Club is located in North Georgia and is part of the Lions of Georgia, District 18-A. Please bring your used eyeglasses to Braun Eyecare Center and add to the collection box to help us in this very worthy project.

The Dalton Noon Lions Club will resume sponsorship of the Dalton Christmas Parade again this year! This year's theme is "*Christmas in Fantasy Land.*"

The Dalton Noon Lions Club along with the Dalton Chamber of Commerce, and other local agencies, will host a parade with JR Martinez, our local hometown hero. The themes are Patriotic, Dancing with the Stars or Dalton High Catamounts.



### Sandy Springs Lions Club

Formed in May of 1954 the Sandy Springs Lions Club is a part of the world's largest service organization. Since 1925 when Hellen Keller addressed the Lions and asked them to be "Knights of the Blind," the main focus has been to work with the blind and sight impaired individuals in our communities.

The Sandy Springs Lions have led numerous fund raising projects to support Lions Club charities including the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, the Georgia Camp for the Blind, the children's Eye Center at Emory University and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Locally we have helped in providing glasses and sight services for those in need within the local community. Along with all Lions we have been in the forefront with efforts in disaster relief worldwide.





**18-B**

*Patricia Powell*

## ***Bellville Lions Club***

Lions Club of Bellville, Georgia was chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs on 26 May 1984. The charter lists 21 Lions. The charter was witnessed by the signatures of Lion Eugene Linday, International Staff Representative and Lion Thomas Williams, District Governor, 18B.

The Bellville Lions Club was sponsored by the Cobbtown Lions. The charter president was Lion William Pryor who continues to be an active member of the club.

It meets on the third Monday of each month at the Bellville United Methodist Church Social Hall in Bellville, Georgia at 7:30 pm. Women were admitted to the club on 21 July 1987. The club has 25 Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients.

The Bellville Lions Club has always helped those in need in Bellville and Evans County with eye exams and glasses with children and elderly getting top priority. The club also supports the Georgia Lighthouse, The Georgia Camp for the Blind, White Cane, Leader Dog, Georgia Unit for the Blind and Dyslexic, LCIF, and The Georgia Lions All State Band.

To raise money for projects, the club has tried many activities including Sausage Suppers, BBQ Chicken Dinners, October Ogeechee Fair and various other fund raising activities. These activities allow the club to raise enough money to meet its charitable obligations.

The club also actively supports the Special Olympics, C.A.R.E.S and the Head Start Program.

### **Sausage Suppers**

The Bellville Lions Club sponsors two Sausage Suppers each year, one in November and another in February. These suppers have had a long history with our club and the community. The supper includes fresh southern sausage, grits, eggs, biscuits, juice and coffee. The sausage suppers are held in the Bellville United Methodist Church Social Hall and are a good time for all. The sausage suppers are major fund raising events for the club.

### **Barbecue Chicken Dinners**

Each year the Bellville Lions Club sponsors two BBQ Chicken Dinners, one in September and another in April. These dinners are held at the Bellville United Methodist Church Social Hall and are major fund raising events for our club. The dinners consist of half a BBQ chicken, potato salad, green beans, rolls, desert and a beverage.

### **Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Security**

Each year, if invited, the Bellville Lions Club members provide security for the exhibits at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair in Statesboro, Georgia. This fair is held every October and is one of our most important and most financially successful events of our Lions year. It is also one of the most demanding in terms of "people" requirements.







18-C

Troy Pullin

## Lanier County Lions Club

Chartered in 1951, the Lanier County Lions Club has been serving Lanier county for almost 60 years. Since its beginning, our members have strived to service our community to the fullest and we seek to make life better for the citizens of Lanier County. Our Club currently has 34 active members and with the help of these individuals we are able to raise funds needed to help service our community the Lions way. By utilizing [multiple projects](#), including the sponsoring of two major events, we help bring people together as well as to our community.

**Annual Flatlanders Frolic-** Each year the Frolic attracts thousands of visitors to our wonderful community we serve. Held on Labor Day weekend, you will find plenty to see, buy, eat and enjoy while you are in our community during this time. The Frolic originated in 1971 with the help of six founders: Lion Ben Copeland, Lion Larry Lee, Lion Helen Strickland, the late Lion John Strickland, former Lion Donald Patten and former Lion J. H. (Sandy) Sanders. Led by the Lions President at that time, Tom Kell, they started the framework of what we all enjoy today.

**Annual Milltown Open-** The annual golf tournament is a highlight of the year for the area golfers. This is a joint effort with the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce that allows everyone to enjoy a great day of fun, food and fellowship in the spring on our local Circlestone Country Club seated near Adel. The Club also sponsors a team of boys from the local high school golf team to play as well.

**Sight-** With the aid of [Dr. Tim Sellars](#), another Lions from nearby Adel, the Lion Club has assisted multiple persons in eye exams and glasses. Fulfilling the Lions goal of bringing sight to those in need, Dr. Sellars helps by offering our club a discounted rate for the appointment and glasses. With his help, our Lions Club is able to sponsor approximately two people per month to once again be able to see clearly.

**Leo Club -** The Lanier County Lions Club began the Leo Club at the Lanier County High School two years ago and are happy to know that it is going well again this year.

**Boy Scouts of America-** Our club is the currently the sponsor of three divisions of the BSA. We sponsor a cub scouts den, a Boy Scouts troop, and as of this year we became a sponsor of a Venturing crew.

**Star Student and Star Teacher -** Our Club recognizes the Star Student and Star Teacher of the year during our May meeting

We would love for you to join us on our journey. You can find us every 2nd and 4th Wednesday for lunch at the Dogwood Cafe located at 852 W Thigpen Ave, Lakeland, GA. If you have any questions feel free to contact any one of our [officers](#) and we will be glad to assist you.





18-D

Bill Holley

### Dahlonega Lions Club



Dahlonega Lions Club was chartered September 29, 1932, under the sponsorship of the Atlanta Lions Club; now know as Atlanta Capital City Club. The chartering membership totaled twenty and was an excellent representation of the community. Included were educators (public and college), public office holder, clergy, engineers, and business men. Today the current membership of the Dahlonega Lions Club consists still of public office holders, retired military officers, the current Sheriff of Lumpkin County, retired business persons, local business persons and retired teachers (public and college).



On January 15, 1953, the Club saw the chartering of the Dawsonville Lions Club under its sponsorship. This continues to be an active, viable organization today. Other activities consistently supported through the moral and financial efforts of the Club have been community scouting, summer day camp programs, youth athletic activities, the Community Center which at one time housed the county library, historic points of interest. The club purchased the first fire truck for the community and assisted in the establishment of the Chamber of Commerce. Today the club holds two annual fundraisers, "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" in May and December.

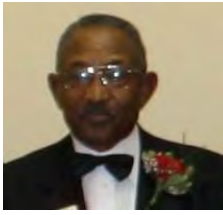
In October 1987, the Club admitted its first female as a Lion. This Lion was the first female Lion in District 18D. She remains an active Lion in the Club today.

In addition to the leadership provided by the Club to the various activities of the community, the Club has, through its members, also provided leadership through those members who have served as Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, District Governors, Chairman of the Council of Governors of Georgia, Chairman Board of Directors Georgia Lions Lighthouse, and International Director.

There are an untold number of citizens of Lumpkin County whose quality of life has been enhanced during these 80 years because of the Club's involvement in vision, hearing and other community activities. The Dahlonega Lions Club provides the community with a Vision Clinic in partnership with the Community Helping Place Free Medical Clinic and Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Vision Program. From the year 2006 to present day there have been over 200 plus people provided eye exams and eyeglasses at no cost to the individual.

As Dahlonega Lions Club celebrates its anniversary, we believe the past will serve as a firm foundation for an even greater level of involvement in assisting those with sight and hearing needs. It is believed if the chartering membership were with us today they would say "Well done".





18-E

Max Gallman

## McDonough Lions Club

White Cane  
 Camp for Blind weekend events  
 Spring BBQ  
 Geranium Festival  
 Lions Lighthouse  
 Hands on Henry  
 Peace Poster  
 Georgia Dome Events  
 Road Race Run for the Cubs  
 McDonough Christmas Parade  
 Eyeglasses Recycling & Old Cell Phones and Hearing Aids

### When:

2nd & 4th Monday of each month.  
 Socializing begins at 6:45pm. Club meeting begins at 7:00pm.

### Where:

Season's Bistro 41 Griffin Street  
 McDonough, Georgia 30253 770-288-2544 [www.theseasonsbistro.com](http://www.theseasonsbistro.com)

It's been a very busy year for the McDonough Lions Club! We have recently acquired a beautiful Lion statue by local artist Chris Moore, to increase visibility at our annual outings. The Lions debut was at the 2012 - 35th Annual Geranium Festival which as usual was a great success due to Ed Galbreath and all our wonderful volunteers. Along with the statue, a United States Post Office mailbox was donated and has been transformed into a brightly colored drop box for eye-glasses and has been placed in front of the Moye's Pharmacy in Hampton. One of our goals is to have a similar drop box at all Henry County Moye's Pharmacies for donation of eyeglasses. In conjunction with the request of our Inter-national Lions President, the McDonough Lions planted over 250 crepe myrtle trees in Henry County. Including, the new Fortson Library, Downtown McDonough, Downtown Hampton and at the Old Train Depot in Hampton. We have had a very busy and fun year with President Mike Watson and are very excited to see what this next year will hold with in-coming President Alex Mercado.



### Activities :

February ?? : [White Cane](#)

March ? : [ACC tournament](#)

April ? : [Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind](#)

April ? : [Hands on Henry](#) 8am - 12Noon

May ?? : Annual Spring BBQ

May ?? : Interclub Picnic. Bring Family

May ?? : [Geranium Festival](#)

Oct ?? : First Annual McDonough Lions Road Race

Dec ?? : [McDonough Christmas Parade](#)





18-F

Olin Newby

## Augusta Lions Club



### WHO ARE THE AUGUSTA LIONS?

The Augusta Lions are men and women who work together to serve the needs of the Augusta community. We have proudly served the Augusta community for more than 90 years! Throughout our tenure as a club, we continue to serve in the following ways:

- Recycle eye glasses for the Lions Lighthouse of Georgia
- Host an annual golf tournament to fundraise
- Recycle hearing aids
- Sponsor the Leader Dog program
- Purchase eye glasses for under-privileged children in the CSRA



Our club is diverse, we have members from all walks of life, but we all share one thing in common – We Serve. If you, or someone you know, would like to become involved with the Augusta Lions Club, you can contact us in the following ways:

1. Call us at 706-860-1984
2. Email one of our club officers
3. Visit one of our weekly meetings, held every Tuesday at 1pm at the Forest Hills Golf Course, 1500 Comfort Road, Augusta, GA 30909

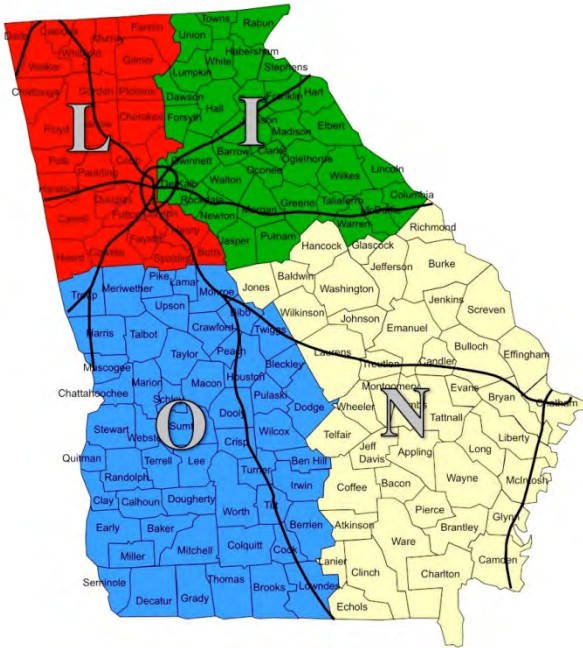
### *Augusta Lions International Club Hearing Project - Help Them Hear What They've Been Missing*

Did you know an estimated 26 million Americans suffer hearing loss! If you or a loved one has a hearing aid that is no longer in use, donating it can help others to hear. The mission of the Augusta Lions Club is to help hearing-impaired populations throughout the world to hear better. Your donation can help our efforts to provide free hearing devices to those who need them most. All hearing aids, regardless of age, model, make, or condition, may be donated to the Augusta Lions Club. For some, hearing loss is present from the time of birth (congenital). For others, hearing loss occurs later in life and may be due to one or more causes: infection, injury, excessive noise exposure, heredity or aging, to name a few. We want help hearing-impaired populations throughout the world to hear better. Your donation helps in efforts for providing free hearing devices to those who need them most.

Jimmy Fortune will headline the Augusta Lions Club's 2012 concert.

The show, billed as "#1 Hits & Country Classics with Jimmy Fortune," will be at 7 p.m. Friday in Stuarts Draft High School's auditorium. The opening act is High Ground, a bluegrass band from Stuarts Draft. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The concert will be the ninth the Augusta Lions Club has sponsored. Proceeds are used by the organization for Lions sight, hearing and youth projects.



## 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 Rutland  
Hahira Manchester  
Lake Seminole Oglethorpe  
Moultrie Peachtree City  
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

## Resources for Helping People with Vision Problems

**Hadley School for the Blind** – [www.hadley.edu](http://www.hadley.edu) = Our mission is to promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for people who are blind or visually impaired, their families and blindness service providers.

**National Eye Institute** – [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov) = As part of the federal government's National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Eye Institute's mission is to "conduct and support research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to blinding eye diseases, visual disorders, mechanisms of visual function, preservation of sight, and the special health problems and requirements of the blind."

**Disability Resource Center** – [disabilityresourcecenter.org](http://disabilityresourcecenter.org) = The mission of DRC is to assist people with disabilities to live more independently and to remove architectural and attitudinal barriers in society that limit independence.

**Northeast Georgia Talking Book Center** – [www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/talkingbooks](http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/talkingbooks) = The Northeast Georgia Talking Book Center provides free library services for patrons with visual, physical, and reading disabilities. The Center loans books and magazines in audio and Braille formats, as well as the necessary players. Books and players are mailed back and forth at no cost to the patron. The recorded books, players, and catalogs are provided by the [Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#). The Center is housed in and administered by the [Athens-Clarke County Library](#). We serve 22 counties: Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hancock, Hart, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Rabun, Stephens, Walton, and White.

**VISTAS (seniors)** – [www.vistascenter.com](http://www.vistascenter.com) = Our mission is to promote self-sufficiency for the visually impaired in the Athens Metropolitan Area and throughout the state of Georgia. VISTAS uses advanced technologies to provide clients and their families with training, education, and advocacy services.

**Veterans Administration Blind Rehabilitation Centers** – <http://www.va.gov/blindrehab> = Blind Rehabilitation Service will provide high quality care in a timely and appropriate manner enabling blinded Veterans to acquire the skills and capabilities necessary for the development of personal independence and emotional stability.

**GA Dept of Labor Vision Rehabilitation** – <http://www.visionaware.org/directory.aspx?action=profile&AccountID=561> = Provides vocational rehabilitation services. Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over who are severely visually impaired (Older Blind Program).

**GA Radio Reading Service** – [www.garrs.net](http://www.garrs.net) = As the State's only radio reading service, the Georgia Radio Reading Service (GaRRS) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit closed circuit radio station whose mission is to improve the quality of life for every Georgian who is blind, visually-impaired or has difficulty with access to the printed word by broadcasting current information via sub channel radio transmission and streaming on the internet. Founded in 1980, GaRRS broadcast is provided by more than 200 volunteer readers from across Georgia who deliver approximately 150 different radio shows each month including cover-to-cover readings of magazines, newspapers, and books, population-specific programming (Seniors, Veterans and Hispanic/Latino News), public service announcements and information regarding community-support programs and activities. GaRRS programs are broadcast 7 days a week, 24 hours a day by way of special sub channel (SCA) radio receivers and a password protected audio streaming link from our website.

**American Foundation of the Blind** – [www.afb.org/seniorsitchohome.asp](http://www.afb.org/seniorsitchohome.asp) = If you are an older person with an eye condition such as [macular degeneration](#), [cataracts](#), [diabetic retinopathy](#), or [glaucoma](#), you will most likely have questions about your vision problems and how you can continue to carry out your everyday life. This section of VisionAware was created to help you and your family. Find out about reading, driving, using a telephone, retirement living, continuing to work, hobbies, and more. [Join our VisionAware community](#) and receive ongoing tips and advice.

**Braille Bibles International (Braille & Talking Bibles)** \$20.00 charge – [www.braillebibles.org](http://www.braillebibles.org) = Braille Bibles International provides Bibles to blind people in Braille, Large Print and Audio formats. Some of these Bibles are provided at no cost while others are provided at low cost. Braille Bibles are available worldwide; however Large Print and Audio Bibles are only available to blind individuals in the United States. We require certification of blindness and reserve the right to limit the quantity and frequency of our services.

**Maxi Aids (products for the blind)** – [www.maxiaids.com](http://www.maxiaids.com) = Welcome to [MaxiAids](#), your one source for products to support your healthy, active and independent lifestyle. From [handheld](#), [stand](#) and [electronic magnifiers](#) for those with [low vision](#) to [talking watches](#) for the blind... from [amplified telephones](#) for the [hard of hearing](#) to [vibrating alarms](#) for the [deaf](#)... from [blood glucose monitors](#) for [diabetics](#) to [wheelchairs](#) and [walkers](#) for those with [mobility](#) challenges... whatever you need, MaxiAids has you covered. Over the past 23-plus years, MaxiAids has grown to be the industry-leading supplier of products for independent living. Our many loyal customers enjoy an unequalled variety of products, the lowest available prices and superior service. Shop [www.MaxiAids.com](http://www.MaxiAids.com) today and start living an easier, more independent life tomorrow.

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

**Webinars** are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. To register and login, participants are directed to an Internet address. Please [review our Guide to Register/login](#).

Most webinars have one or two instructors and a moderator/host. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation and polling questions on their computer. They listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. The participants may use the phone for audio/speaking or a computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructors, similar to training conducted in a classroom.

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

### 2012-2013 LCI Webinars

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p><b>Club Secretary Training</b> How to login, submit membership and service activity reports, and use club member data</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Club secretaries who want to become more effective in using the WMMR site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Webinar Recording</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">PowerPoint Presentation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Workbook</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Session Q&amp;As</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Club Treasurer Training</b> How to login, run reports and download club billing invoices, and how to submit payments online. This webinar will include discussion of your responsibilities as treasurer and a demonstration of using the WMMR site</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Club treasurers who want to become more effective in using the WMMR site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Webinar Recording</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">PowerPoint Presentation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Workbook</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Session Q&amp;As</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Role of the Zone Chairperson</b> Learn how the role of zone chairperson is vital to support of clubs, coaching club leaders and motivating club leaders to a level of excellence.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Zone Chairpersons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tuesday, October 2, 2012: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, October 10 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Friday, October 12, 2012: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Managing a Service Project</b> Thinking about planning a new project focused on the Reading Action Program? Join this webinar to learn the phases of project management.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Lions who are service project managers or would like to be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tuesday, November 6, 2012: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, November 14th: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Friday, November 16th: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>The Role of the Cabinet Secretary</b> The cabinet secretary plays a key role in communication, scheduling, and providing resources and to the district leadership team. The secretary is the oil that helps make the district team function. Join this webinar to learn and discuss ways cabinet secretaries can be more effective.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Cabinet secretaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tuesday, January 15, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, January 23 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Friday, January 25, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Conflict Resolution</b> Learn to recognize the benefits of conflict, and apply appropriate conflict-management strategies.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tuesday, March 12, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Wednesday, March 20, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Friday, March 22, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time</a></li> </ul>





**Georgia Lions  
Lighthouse Foundation**

*Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need*

***International Chairman Tam Taps Lighthouse as Model Organization***

On September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Chairman of the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), Wing-Kum Tam traveled from his home in Hong Kong to Atlanta to meet with the staff and board of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

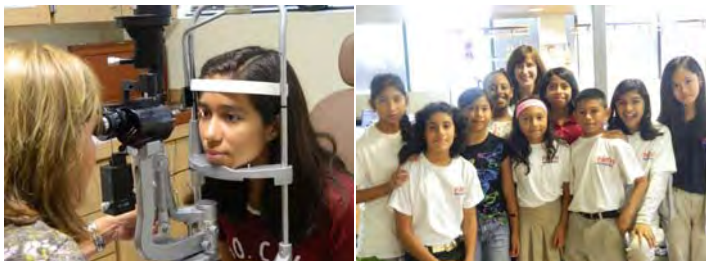
Lions Club International and Essilor recently entered into a partnership with the Lighthouse to provide 10,000 uncut single vision lenses to the organization’s optical lab, which made over 5,000 pairs of eyeglasses for uninsured Georgians last year. The Lighthouse’s vision clinic fills a gap not filled by any other organization in Georgia.

During his visit, Chairman Tam met with Lighthouse clients and Lions Lens recipients as well as volunteer at the Lighthouse’s on-site vision clinic. He also joined the Lighthouse clinic staff for a visit to Crimm High School, who is a partner in the Lighthouse’s new children’s clinic initiative. \*See article about children’s clinics.

***Back to School***

When kids go back to school a lot of new things happen. From new notebooks to new friends and teachers, everything is a clean slate and a fresh start. However, many families in Georgia can’t afford the new pair of eyeglasses that these children need. Now that students are settling into classes, teachers are contacting us about students who have experienced vision loss over the summer.

Eighty percent of what a child learns is visual. Without corrective lenses, students with poor vision are missing out on the new subjects they are learning this year. The Lighthouse is partnering with schools all across Georgia to fill this gap and provide vision care to children with limited resources.



Many parents have seen their children’s grades improve after receiving eyeglasses from the Lighthouse. Studies show that if children do not do well in school, the chances that they will drop out are much higher and the rate of incarceration more than triples for high school drop outs compared to those who graduate. By starting now with support for students in need, you can take the first step to break the cycle. Our goal for this year is to see 400 children and provide them with vision care that they have no access to otherwise. Please keep see your monthly newsletters, visit our website and contact Judith Kerr at [JKErr@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:JKErr@lionslighthouse.org) for updates on this exciting new program.

**Summer Service  
Numbers**

***1Jul12 — 31 August 2012***

***District A***

*Eye Glasses: 141  
Eye Exams: 64  
Eye Surgeries: 12  
Hearing Aids: 127*

***District B***

*Eye Glasses: 200  
Eye Exams: 128  
Eye Surgeries: 2  
Hearing Aids: 30*

***District C***

*Eye Glasses: 50  
Eye Exams: 37  
Eye Surgeries: 5  
Hearing Aids: 77*

***District D***

*Eye Glasses: 72  
Eye Exams: 49  
Eye Surgeries: 2  
Hearing Aids: 55*

***District E***

*Eye Glasses: 76  
Eye Exams: 51  
Eye Surgeries: 9  
Hearing Aids: 60*

***District F***

*Eye Glasses: 199  
Eye Exams: 103  
Eye Surgeries: 7  
Hearing Aids: 88*

***Fiscal Year Totals:***

***Eye Glasses:  
Eye Exams:  
Eye Surgeries:  
Hearing Aids:***

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



## White Cane Chairs, Ads and Club Presidents,

Thank you for volunteering your time to help with this year's White Cane campaign. White Cane contributions help fund the eye surgery program at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The Lighthouse is a major service partner with the Lions of Georgia and it is the obligation of every Lion to help the organization continue to provide services to Georgians in need.

The last few years have been extremely difficult for Georgians. The unemployment rate in our state is over one in ten and increasing numbers of people are losing their insurance every day. When those individuals develop sight-threatening conditions such as cataracts, they often feel trapped. They cannot afford their surgeries without a steady income and insurance, but they cannot return to work until they have sight-saving surgeries. The Lighthouse fills this gap and allows the uninsured a chance to rebuild their lives.

This year's state-wide White Cane goal is \$125,000.00. Over the past few years, White Cane contributions have gone up and down, averaging around \$118,000.00. In order to reach this goal, we are emphasizing a few key points:

1. Remember White Cane is not a one day nor a month but is a "year round" project. "Everyday in Georgia is White Cane Day."
2. White cane fundraisers are not limited to bucket drives. Clubs have been very successful with letter writing campaigns, calendar sales, recycling drives, product sales and a variety of less common fundraising techniques.
3. Each year, funds that are meant to be designated for White Cane are recorded as regular club gifts instead. To ensure your White Cane gift is used toward the Lighthouse's eye surgery program, please make sure your treasurer writes "White Cane" in the "for" or "memo" section of the check.

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

J.C. Coefield, Jr., MD-18 White Cane Chair  
[coefield@cox.net](mailto:coefield@cox.net) or 478-922-9023

**\$400,417**



The amount that our Georgia Lions Lighthouse has received from LCIF over the past few years. Read more about the partnership below page 32.



Decatur, Georgia  
Brothers Immanuel and Isaiah, ages 9 and 10, received new spectacles fitted with the Lions Lens® from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Their mother remarked, "without these types of programs, I don't know what a lot of us would do!"

## See. Hear. Run. 5k - November 3, 2012

The fall 5k Run/Walk features a route through the heart of Chamblee. It typically takes place around October/November. The inaugural 5k in 2011 raised nearly \$13,000 for Georgia's uninsured. Stay tuned for details about this year's event!

Please join the  
**Georgia Lions Lighthouse**  
for the 1st annual  
**Benefit Breakfast**

*Prescription for a  
Better Georgia*

Friday, October 12, 8am  
At the City Club of  
Buckhead  
3343 Peachtree Road NE,  
Atlanta, GA 30326

Featuring guest presenters:  
Patrice Harris, M.D., M.A.  
Director of Health Services, Fulton County  
Mary Lynch, M.D.  
Director of VA Medical Center

Want to attend? Questions? Contact  
[SGardner@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:SGardner@lionslighthouse.org),  
404-325-3630 ext.306

**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.**

## October 2012

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

## November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Diabetes</b>	<b>Awareness</b>	<b>Month</b>		1	2	3 District 18-D Hall of Fame – 12 Noon - Watkinsville, GA
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
<i>Relieving the</i>	<i>Hunger</i>	<i>Global</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Campaign</i>	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					

<i>~ January 2013 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Glaucoma</i>	<i>Awareness</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Month</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ga Lions Lighthouse Meeting
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	

*~ February 2013 ~*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Council of Governors' Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> District C (O) Convention
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> District B (N) Convention
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	

*~ March 2013 ~*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Eye</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>Awareness</i>	<i>Month</i>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> District D (I) Convention
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> District A (L) Convention
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Camp Work Weekends	<b>16</b> Camp Work Weekends
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Leo Convention at the Camp 2-3 March</b>					



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



*"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."*  
*Helen Keller*

I love Fall. I love the nice crisp mornings, and the beautiful sunny afternoons. I love to see the leaves change and eventually fall to the ground. I always love Fall because it ushers in Winter. Around here we are already getting excited about Christmas Camp. You would be surprised just how much work goes into the weekend. We have already begun to work on small details... it is never boring!

One of those details is an opportunity for Lions to not only help with the visually impaired, but the surrounding local community of Waycross as well. This year we are going to take the campers to Wal-Mart and allow them to buy for local kids that will not have Christmas without someone's help. We have done this exact project one other time since I started here, and I can tell you it was a huge success. HUGE!

I will never forget the night that we divided the campers in to their shopping groups; and, when the teenage boys picked their child, they picked a little 6 year old girl. It was such a sweet and tender thing to be a part of. So how can you help? On top of what you normally give, we are asking clubs to send Wal-Mart gift cards or donations specific to this project. Last time we raised over \$1000, and I have no doubts that this year we can exceed that amount.

On another note, I would like to say that if all goes as planned, we will have another addition to the camp family next month. Brock Robinson is set to make his grand appearance sometime in the next few weeks.

*Kristen*

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**President's View**

100 Lions spent the Fall Weekend of September 29 & 30 discussing all facets of our Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. Committees worked hard thinking of ways to enhance our buildings & grounds, our awards, our future, and our fundraising. Many new ideas were introduced for consideration and much discussion was held.

Following the meetings all afternoon, Lions enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by the always gracious and hard working Centerville Lions and Lioness members. PCC Lion Stan Bazemore provided an entertaining program of humor he finds in his life as an Assisted Living Director. Money was raised during the meetings to purchase a lift for our mower so the blade can safely be changed (\$533). Lions also contributed enough money for a screened porch (with a door and a lock☺) to be added to the Buildings & Grounds Manager's house (\$520).

Other items on the "To Do" List include the following:

Repairing the Tree House	\$ 215.50
Gutters for the Girls Dorm	\$ 172.00
Repairs for "Limo" Golf Cart	\$ 850.00
Office Entrance Driveway Repair	\$ 410.00
Mortar Mix for Herb Garden	\$ 47.62
Wax Stripper/Floor Buffer	\$1,200.00 and up
Miscellaneous items to complete Bunk House i.e. shower curtains, paper towel holders, soap dispensers, trash cans	\$1,175.00
Sitting Sofa for Lounge of Bunk House	\$???????
Shower chairs for Bunk House	\$375.00
Seal & Wax Bunk House floors	\$250.00
Cement for Bunk House ramps to sidewalk	\$314.00









## Simple Tips for Healthy Eyes

Your eyes are an important part of your health. There are many things you can do to keep them healthy and make sure you are seeing your best. Follow these simple steps for maintaining healthy eyes well into your golden years.



**Have a comprehensive dilated eye exam.** You might think your vision is fine or that your eyes are healthy, but visiting your eye care professional for a comprehensive dilated eye exam is the only way to really be sure. When it comes to common vision problems, some people don't realize they could see better with glasses or contact lenses. In addition, many common eye diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and age-related macular degeneration often have no warning signs. A dilated eye exam is the only way to detect these diseases in their early stages.

During a comprehensive dilated eye exam, your eye care professional places drops in your eyes to dilate, or widen, the pupil to allow more light to enter the eye the same way an open door lets more light into a dark room. This dilation enables your eye care professional to get a good look at the back of the eyes and examine them for any signs of damage or disease. Your eye care professional is the only one who can determine if your eyes are healthy and if you are seeing your best.

**Know your family's eye health history.** Talk to your family members about their eye health history. It's important to know if anyone has been diagnosed with a disease or condition since many are hereditary. This information will help to determine if you are at higher risk for developing an eye disease or condition.



**Eat right to protect your sight.** You've heard carrots are good for your eyes. But eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, particularly dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens, is important for keeping your eyes healthy, too. Research has also shown there are eye health benefits from eating fish high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, tuna, and halibut.



**Maintain a healthy weight.** Being overweight or obese increases your risk of developing diabetes and other systemic conditions, which can lead to vision loss, such as diabetic eye disease or glaucoma. If you are having trouble maintaining a healthy weight, talk to your doctor.

**Wear protective eyewear.** Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home. Protective eyewear includes safety glasses and goggles, safety shields, and eye guards specially designed to provide the correct protection for a certain activity. Most protective eyewear lenses are made of polycarbonate, which is 10 times stronger than other plastics. Many eye care providers sell protective eyewear, as do some sporting goods stores.

**Quit smoking or never start.** Smoking is as bad for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body. Research has linked smoking to an increased risk of developing age-related macular degeneration, cataract, and optic nerve damage, all of which can lead to blindness.

**Be cool and wear your shades.** Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job is to protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays. When purchasing sunglasses, look for ones that block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation.

**Give your eyes a rest.** If you spend a lot of time at the computer or focusing on any one thing, you sometimes forget to blink and your eyes can get fatigued. Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds. This can help reduce eyestrain.

**Clean your hands and your contact lenses—properly.** To avoid the risk of infection, always wash your hands thoroughly before putting in or taking out your contact lenses. Make sure to disinfect contact lenses as instructed and replace them as appropriate.



**Practice workplace eye safety.** Employers are required to provide a safe work environment. When protective eyewear is required as a part of your job, make a habit of wearing the appropriate type at all times and encourage your coworkers to do the same.

## Can a Guide Dog "Know" Its Owner Is Blind?



### Does a Guide Dog "Know"?

It's an interesting question: Can/Does [a guide dog](#) know (or "know") that its owner/handler is blind? Dr. Herzog explored this question, too:

But what about trained guide dogs? I vaguely recall mumbling on the radio that night that a [guide] dog would surely know that its owner was blind. Was I

correct?

Three of my experts referred me to a set of elegant experiments recently conducted by a French cognitive ethologist named Florence Gaunet. If I was right, guide dogs should be less prone than pet dogs of sighted owners to look toward their owners' faces for help when it comes to, say, [locating hidden food](#) or [soliciting a round of play](#).

To my surprise, however, Gaunet found that this was not the case. Indeed, in one of the articles she flat out wrote, "Guide dogs do not understand that their owners cannot see them."

### Perspectives from Animal Science

The [comment section](#) contained several interesting perspectives from a number of cognitive and animal scientists who are also wrestling with this issue.

From [Stanley Coren, Ph.D.](#):

Dogs have what psychologists call a "Theory of Mind" ... That is one reason why, when a dog is trying to solve a problem, he will look back at the human that he is with frequently, trying to see if he can get clues or information that we might have to help him with his task.

If the dog's owner is blind, it is unlikely that he will understand that condition; however, he will recognize that there some things in the world which he sees, but his owner does not respond to and he may, in fact, try to compensate or to assist his owner by providing information about those things.

From [Stephen Zawistowski](#):

I do think that the dog in question will know that something about the blind owner is different. This would be similar to the ability that predators have to pick one member of a herd out because it is a bit slower, more awkward and easier prey.

I do not think the dog will know that the person is blind. This would imply that the dog understood vision as a sense, and blindness as a loss of that sense, and I don't think we have evidence in hand to support this. The conservative position would

be that the dog can determine that the blind person is not functioning the same as a other people and alter their behavior towards the person in response.

### A Guide Dog User's Opinion

What struck me, however, was the paucity of responses from blind people themselves, including blind and visually impaired guide dog users. I found only one such response on the comments page, from a blind guide dog user named Kerry Levins:

I do not believe my Dog (Pedro) has any concept that I am blind; I do not believe the concept means anything to him at all. He does, however, adapt to my limitations, certainly more so than my fellow man seems to.

In practical terms, this means that he will move out of the way if I am walking toward him in the house. When we are out of the house and in social situations he will maintain physical contact with me pretty much constantly.

At the end of the day, though, it is entirely possible that these behaviors are simply responses with the psychology of a pack where I am the Alpha. In this way, that I have a handicap ... is rendered a moot point in my relationship with my dog, simply because I fulfill the role of his Alpha and I don't believe he cares much beyond that!

### The Bottom Line: Science Isn't Sure

Dr. Herzog concluded his essay with the following statement:

The bottom line is that even the best scientists are unsure whether Leo's dog knows that Leo can't see. Though it has not been done, we could easily design an experiment to find out whether the pets of sighted and blind individuals treat their owners differently.

But Leo raised the much more difficult question - what do our pets think about us? Leo goes a step further than the philosopher[s]. He asks, Can we ever really know what a dog knows about what its owner knows?

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October – [Sharing the Vision](#)



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



April – [Protecting our Environment](#)





Dear Lions and Friends:

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD about Leader Dog's Accelerated Mobility Program (AMP)**

Learning to Travel independently with a White Cane

For over 15 years Leader Dogs for the Blind has provided orientation and mobility training in a unique, condensed seven-day program at our facility in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Our Accelerated Mobility Program (AMP) is not intended to replace traditional orientation & mobility (O&M) training – it is a supplement to the training an individual has or is receiving at home from their O&M Specialist. Our goal is for our client to leave a safer and more independent traveler.



AMP is available to everyone who is blind or visually impaired regardless of whether they ever plan to use a guide dog. Some of the many reasons people have attended AMP training include:

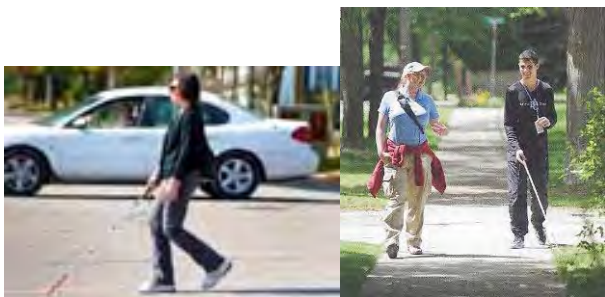
To jump-start their cane travel training and quickly build a strong O&M foundation.

To boost their travel skills to the next level.

Because they do not have local O&M services available to them

Because they have reached a milestone (such as age, ability or end of service provision) that makes them ineligible for additional services.

To prepare to receive a Leader Dog.



Facility Dog Teal is also known as Doggie, Dog, Super T, Tealy Bear, Mr. Tiki, T-dog, T-friend and T the Helper. He is partnered with Melissa, an occupational therapist who works in schools and a private therapy clinic. Together, they are referred to as Melt. Their nicknames were given by the special education children they work with daily, helping them improve their communication, sequencing and motor skills. "When we started working together, I thought I would have to teach T to do the Tango in order for him to be an effective treatment modality with my kids!" Melissa laughs. "Now, I see the slightest change in my kids with just his presence in the room. T has truly made me a better therapist."



Some of the children Melissa and T work with have developmental disabilities including autism. "The low-functioning, non-verbal kids LOVE taking T for walks!" Melissa says. "Usually, they are led around by an adult and many will run off or just drop to the ground."

It is super-cool to see a three-year-old independently holding T's yellow leash and walking at his slow pace. There is something so calming about it for these kids that they might be crying all day except when they are walking—with purpose—outside with T!" T is also a great conversation starter. "I always ask the kids about T," says Melissa. "I ask, is he happy? How do you know? Is he being a good listener?" Then, a simple game of fetch is the best reward, as well as an opportunity to work on sequencing. "We make T sit and stay. If he listens, we say 'Good boy!' and then we throw the ball and say 'Okay.' The kids have been earning points all year to take Mr. T to their classroom and show off his fetch skills!" Melissa shares.

Children with physical disabilities work on their motor skills with Melissa and T. Brushing T's coat and teeth are great opportunities to work on coordination. Even more challenging is when they play a game Melissa invented called "T Has Fleas," in which they use oversized tweezers to pinch off big, plastic bugs. Melissa also has older kids kneel on a bosu ball and play tug with T, which addresses core control and bilateral motor coordination. The children never realize they are "working" because they are having so much fun!





From the desk of State  
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## Blind Chef Christine Ha Crowned 'MasterChef' in Finale



**MasterChef Says Learning Ally Satisfies Hunger for Literature**

"I will likely be a member for life," explained [Christine Ha](#)

Christine Ha has taken contestants, judges and viewers by surprise as she continuously prepares visually appealing and, from what the judges tell us, incredibly good-tasting food on the FOX competition series, [MasterChef](#). Christine was chosen from about 30,000 people who auditioned for MasterChef with hopes of winning the title and \$250,000 grand prize. At age 33, Christine is a member of the Learning Ally family. We are proud to support her and wish her the best of luck on the show as she uses her keen senses of smell and taste to prepare meals for the competition each week. Learning Ally will also be supporting her for many years to come, as she explains, "I will likely be a member for life."

"When my vision decreased to the point where I could no longer read large print, I was depressed because I loved to read. Audiobooks were the only way for me to get my hunger for literature satiated. I found Learning Ally to have the most abundant library," Christine says.

[Learning Ally's library](#) includes more than 75,000 accessible audio textbooks and literature titles, the largest of its kind in the world. Christine says she's recently listened to *Becoming a Chef* by Andrew Dornenburg and Karen Page, and also Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*.

Christine is currently a Master of Fine Arts student in creative writing. "Obviously, this comes with a lot of reading assignments," she says. "Learning Ally has been my main resource for obtaining audio versions of all the books I have to read for graduate school."

You can also learn more about Christine at her own site, [theblindcook.com](http://theblindcook.com) and follow her on Twitter [@theblindcook](https://twitter.com/theblindcook).



Many adults fondly recall the day that they received their first driver's license, which afforded them the independence to get behind the wheel of a car and go ... well, anywhere! **Suzy Wilburn**, Director of Admissions and Student Services at **Southeastern Guide Dogs**, remembers that rush of exhilaration well. In an interview with *This Week in Sarasota*, she recounted "that feeling you get of giddiness, where you think, 'I'm in control and I can do what I want, and I have this unfound freedom that I had no idea was out there!'"

Wilburn was talking about driving when she said this, but that's not all she was referring to. The emotional experience of getting behind the wheel for the first time is a metaphor that she uses often to explain to people the feeling of empowerment and liberation that a visually-impaired person is likely to feel when he or she is matched up with a guide dog for the first time.



Wilburn is able to make this comparison because she knows both experiences first-hand. At age 27, she was diagnosed with Stargardt disease, an affliction that results in progressive vision loss that often surpasses the threshold of legal blindness. Although Wilburn's eyesight is usable in daylight, she is unable to

see at all in the dark.

"I didn't go outside at night for about eight years, because I wouldn't do it alone," she said. "I couldn't see what was coming." Since Wilburn was matched with her faithful guide dog Carson at the Southeastern campus in Palmetto about eight months ago, much has changed for her. "We go on a quarter-mile walk every night, alone," she said. "It's really changed my life and I wouldn't trade him for the world."



Diabetes is a leading cause of heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and amputation. It also leads to more sick days and less productivity on the job. The good news is, type 2 diabetes can be prevented, and it isn't as hard as you might think. Losing just 7% of your body weight (which translates to 15 pounds if you weigh 200 pounds) and exercising moderately (like brisk walking) 5 days a week can reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes by 58%. Lifestyle changes also can prevent or delay diabetes complications.

The Stop Diabetes @ Work initiative can help you and your colleagues take charge of your health and reduce your risk for this growing epidemic. Employers, [contact us today if you'd like to learn more about Stop Diabetes @ Work.](#)

This healthy worksite program provides:

**1) Online Employer Portal**

Employers will have access to a password-protected portal with resources to share with your staff including:

- Handouts that can be co-branded
- Newsletter articles and recipes to communicate healthy lifestyle messages on a monthly basis
- Online and paper tools to track progress
- Facts to help make the business case for worksite wellness
- Resources to integrate health into the corporate culture

**2) Online Employee Portal**

Employees will have access to a co-branded webpage that will provide seasonal materials to help them learn about healthy lifestyles and track their successes.

**3) Evidenced-Based Program**

Employers will be asked to complete a survey about their current workplace wellness resources, what future resources they feel could improve the health of their employees, and what outcomes they would like to see as a result of an enhanced

wellness program.

Employees will be asked to complete a survey about their health needs, the specific wellness activities and materials they believe they would utilize, and what they feel could help them reach their individual health goals. Results from these surveys are confidential. Individual employee data will not be shared with employers.

Findings will be used to develop evidenced-based programs for your workplace.

**4) Local American Diabetes Association Resources**

You can work with your local American Diabetes Association to develop an evidenced-based healthy worksite program that will meet the needs of your employees.

In addition, you can work with your local American Diabetes Association on team-building activities that take place in your community. By participating in one of the Association's signature events, Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes or Tour de Cure, you can reinforce the physical activity components in this program and be recognized in your community as a company who is dedicated to wellness.



**Do-It-Yourself Fundraising**

Are you looking to set up an online fundraiser? We have three ways for you to do it.



**Join Team Diabetes**

By joining Team Diabetes you can participate in an athletic event of your choice -- a marathon or triathlon, for example -- while helping to raise vital funds to support the mission of the American Diabetes Association.



**Create a Local Fundraiser**

Whipping up a bake sale? Hosting a golf event? Want to use your efforts to support the American Diabetes Association?

Use our peer-to-peer online fundraising system to get the word out to your friends and family, and give them the opportunity to make an online donation to support your efforts on behalf of the Association.



**Community Walks**

A new, exciting, and important way for you to raise awareness in your community about diabetes and raise funds to find a cure.



"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.



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

Dear Lions,

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

The contest theme is

***"Imagine Peace"***



### **Lions Opportunities for Youth**

When asked to serve as the Multiple District 18 Lions Opportunities for Youth Chair last year, I wasn't quite sure what to expect, or even what the job meant. I knew that Lions International provided many programs designed to help us impact our young people and I was somewhat familiar with the many ways in which some clubs were reaching out to the youth in their respective geographical areas. But I was not sure where, or how, I would be able to make a difference. So I began researching the various programs and tools that are currently available to us, as Lions, for use in developing and nurturing better future leaders. I also tried to learn more about the many resources available to us in assisting those less fortunate young people in our communities in obtaining the help that they need.

WOW! I found that, through Lionism, we can host foreign exchange students, foster a spirit of peace through an art contest, improve the interaction skills of young people through oratorical competitions, strengthen leadership skills by developing and supporting our Leo clubs, work with educators through Lions Quest to better prepare our youth for upcoming educational challenges, obtain and distribute materials that will give our students the necessary tools to survive and advance in a very competitive world work force as well as many other ways for us to grow better young adults.

I discovered that, through our organization working with groups such as UNICEF, we can offer hope to the children in our communities and around the world that are waking up every day without adequate clothing, nourishment, shelter, health care or other basic needs.

What I did not find, and had hoped to, was a way to get each and every Lions club in Georgia to make a commitment to getting involved in these programs. While we have many outstanding Lions clubs in our state, our future depends on our current membership investing in our future membership. Every day we are each charged with determining our purpose here on earth and then fulfilling that purpose. If you feel that you can make a difference in a young person's life, contact your club's youth leader. If your club does not have an active youth leader, then you should become that leader. Next, contact your zone youth leader and if

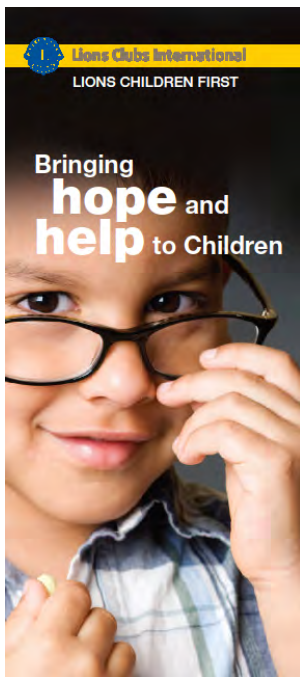


you cannot find a zone youth leader, take that opportunity as well. Then contact your district youth leader and...well you can see where this is going.

Our future depends on YOU! Make a difference in our world by making an investment in yours. Only through your efforts can these programs begin impacting your community.

Yours through service in Lionism,

Mark Bradley, Chairman  
Multiple District 18  
Lions Opportunities for Youth



*Lions around the world are actively involved in helping children and youth thrive, especially those who are facing adverse circumstances. Lions are accustomed to putting children first—enabling them to grow, learn and enjoy a better quality of life. Whether assisting with a food drive, health screening or local reading program, Lions are dedicated to making a difference, bringing hope and help ...especially to children in need.*

### Lions Children First Program

*Lions Children First* provides suggestions for hands-on service projects in three key areas:

**Food/shelter:** to ensure that children have safe and healthy places in which to live and receive adequate nutrition to fight off illness and develop healthy minds and bodies. Club projects can include:

- Organize a monthly food drive for the neighborhood food pantry.
- Volunteer at a homeless shelter or orphanage.
- Assist with a school lunch program.

**Health:** to provide children in need with adequate health care, to ensure their future growth and development. Club projects can include:

- Work with healthcare professionals to provide free hearing or dental screenings.

- Volunteer at camps for children with special needs.
- Collect soft toys for a children's hospice or hospital.

**Education/Literacy:** to ensure that children receive their right to education. Education transforms lives and breaks the cycle of poverty. Club projects can include:

- Supply Braille or large print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
- Develop a reading program or "story day" for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
- Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.

### Program Resources

Lions Children First can help your club to organize service projects that will benefit children in need, while providing rewarding experiences for your members. Program resources include:

- Activity Guide
- 25 Project Ideas to Serve Children
- Project Idea Sheets
- Community Poster
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Sample News Release
- Materials Order Form



### Children First

#### You Can Help...

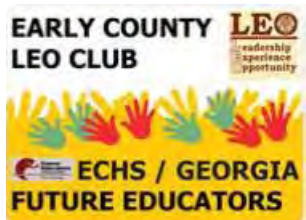
Children need today's Lions more than ever. You can make life better for a child who may be in need of food, shelter, health care and/or educational assistance. Join in our commitment to put children first.

- Your food or clothing drive reduces the time children are hungry or cold.
- Your visit to children at a hospital lessens their time to think about illness.
- Your vision or hearing screening project helps children to see, read and learn.
- Your befriending children with disabilities gives them more time to feel included.



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## 18-C LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADOR



LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-C: Colquitt County > Clubs at MS-JH-CCHS (Sponsored by Moultrie Lions Club) // 100% completion of Bunkhouse at Camp // Community Service // Yard Sale // Lions Day at Camp - LEO State Council with President Rubi Acosta // Attending State LEO Council Meeting at GLCB Meeting; Early County > Club at ECHS (Sponsored by Cordele Lions Club) // Held Club Rush gaining 40 Freshmen as members // Preparing to participate in Read for The Record, Literacy Day, Pumpkins on The Square, Sight Night collecting glasses at all the schools, ECHS Homecoming, and the Kolomoki Festival; Seminole County > Club at SCHS (Sponsored by Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs) Providing supplies for school children // Environmental projects for community and Lake Seminole // Participating in State LEO Council. Send current projects, officer list, and membership numbers to LEO District Chair Brenda Arnold and 18-C Youth Chair Chris Sumner. LEOs are also active in Bainbridge at BHS and in Lanier County at LCHS. We look forward to Fitzgerald High School and the Fitzgerald Lions joining the

ranks of LEOs. For more information, contact Lion Brenda or PDG Chris or visit lionsclub.org - Youth programs

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

#### Become a Host Family

When you host a young person from another country, many things happen.

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about your visitor's customs and culture
- You make a new friend, maybe a friend for life



#### What to Expect

Exchange participants are usually between the ages of 15 and 22, and come from any of the more than 200 countries and geographic locations where there are Lions clubs. Your guest will have basic or better knowledge of the language of your country. To be in the program, he or she will have completed an admissions process. Host families should include the participant in their daily routine, including family meals. Local excursions are not required of host families, but the host Lions club often arranges for participants to visit local points of interest. They may also help organize picnics and get-togethers.

If you are a host family already expecting an exchange participant, you may also want to read our [Host Family Guide](#).

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/ye102.pdf>

#### Host Family Eligibility

The host Lions club must approve all host families. To be eligible to become a host family you must:

- Have regular contact with youth of the approximate age of the participant
- Know the participant's language
- Be familiar with Lions clubs and the goals of the Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program
- Be able to provide a bed and meals for your guest
- Follow all local laws related to youth protection
- Meet [insurance](#) requirements
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#### How to Apply

Apply to become a host family today by contacting your [local Lions club](#). Or submit a [host family application](#) to your local Lions club for review.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/ye1402.pdf>

Once an exchange is confirmed, you and your guest will correspond via e-mail, mail or telephone. You should also attend an orientation meeting provided by the host Lions club.



# Lions Quest



More than 12 million youth have been taught positive life skills through [Lions Quest](#), our most comprehensive program for youth. A kindergarten through 12th grade program teaching positive youth development and prevention skills, Lions Quest unites the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people. More than 500,000 educators

have been trained to implement the programs, which supports character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, violence and substance abuse prevention and service-learning.

Lions work with the schools to implement the program and often partner on community service-learning projects.

The program has drawn rave reviews from educators and high ratings from government agencies. Over the past 25 years, program developers, school districts, universities and independent research firms have conducted program evaluations which indicate that the Lions Quest program improves achievement test scores, changes attitudes and beliefs regarding substance abuse and violence, lowers rates of disciplinary problems, lowers risk of dropping out of school and decreases use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Continually expanding, Lions Quest is currently active in 72 countries and program materials have been translated into 35 languages. The program is having a huge, global impact; [view a video](#) about the program in India and [read stories of those impacted](#).

At the April 2012 Board of Trustees meeting, a US\$100,000 Core 4 grant was approved to support the partnership between Lions Quest and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The partnership will combine the Lions Quest program with the UNODC's existing family-based life skills work in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe and will be piloted in Serbia and Montenegro.



## Welcome Back!

With summer winding down, it's time to get a head start on the new year by ordering your Lions Quest materials. Student materials complement the program by providing engaging skill-based activities,



projects that reinforce lesson concepts, thought-provoking articles and writing assignments, as well as activities designed to encourage family involvement at home.

And don't forget about our popular supplemental materials designed to energize your Lions Quest program and your students. We offer group games and energizers books, motivational banners and pencils, and our mascot, Q-Bear, for younger students.

Ordering is easy! Call **1-800-446-2700** or download an order form at [www.lions-quest.org](http://www.lions-quest.org) and fax it to 240-396-5741.



### Numbers of Note:

- **15,000** - the number of [bully-related Tweets](#) sent daily on Twitter
- **46** - the number of states that have [anti-bullying laws](#), and 36 have cyber-bullying provisions
- **15%** - average tuition increase at a four-year public university between 2008 and 2010, according to the US DOE.



[American Honda Foundation](#) is awarding grants of \$20,000 to \$75,000 for innovative projects that emphasize youth education, specifically in the areas of STEM, the environment, job training and literacy.

Each year, Honda's three North American-based foundations – the [American Honda Foundation](#), the [Honda of America Mfg. Foundation](#), and the [Honda Canada Foundation](#) – provide grants to non-profit organizations to build bridges to the future for our communities.

Since its inception in 1984, the American Honda Foundation supports organizations in the areas of youth, literacy, mathematics and scientific education and provides grants on a national level. The Honda of America Manufacturing Foundation was established in 1981, and it contributes toward youth and education programs solely in the specific hiring areas surrounding the Honda plant in Marysville, Ohio.

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Go to this web site:

<http://csr.honda.com/community/honda-foundations/>



A \$500 [Do Something Seed Grant](#) is given out every week to help young people put a community-service idea into action. Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a Do Something Seed Grant. We give out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

Got to this web site:

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants>





# LCI NEWS



## Where in the World

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

- Lions News Network
- LQ-Lions Quarterly ?

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## International President Wayne A. Madden



### Remember the International in Lions Clubs

One of the great privileges of serving as an international officer is the opportunity to travel the world and meet people from many nations and backgrounds. It's been said that people are the same everywhere. I can tell you that's true. People want comfort, security and happiness for their families. It's also true that Lions everywhere are basically cut from the same cloth. Our clubs provide many forms of service, but they serve in the same way—meeting the various needs of their own communities.

I point out our basic similarity as Lions as part of my encouragement to Lions to take pride in being part of Lions Clubs International and to participate in it. Join Lions worldwide in the Global Service Action Campaigns: [aid the blind in October](#), [feed the hungry in December/January](#) and [improve the environment in April](#). Take part in this year's [literacy campaign](#). Contribute to [LCIF](#). Use social media such as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and the [Lions Blog](#) to

communicate with other Lions or at least to gain ideas from others. It's great to focus on our communities. Let's keep doing that. But we also belong to the worldwide community. We are a global village. When I was young, my parents were very welcoming at the dinner table. Maybe my mom's brother's family would show up at dinner time or other relatives materialized. That didn't bother my parents in the least. There would always be enough food. I'm sure that small-town hospitality still exists. But because of the media and technological advances in communication we now know that many people far from our hometown are in need, and we must display a global hospitality. We need to feed the hungry, help the blind see and teach reading skills, which are so important to success in life. We need to serve not only our neighbor but also other places and other people.

Remember the words of Helen Keller, who knew a few things about trust and faith: "When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another." In A World of Service, we Lions transform lives, communities and the global village.

Wayne A. Madden

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### 25 Years of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest



The 2012-2013 year marks the 25th anniversary of the Lions International [Peace Poster Contest](#). The program helps lay a foundation for worldwide peace and provides an opportunity for children to express themselves. Additionally, this is a valuable public relations tool. Promote the program in your community by sending a press release to your local media outlets; utilize social media such as Facebook and Twitter to share results, images and video; and show your support

with a window cling that is available in each kit. Get involved! Learn more about [promoting the Peace Poster Contest](#).

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### Leo to Lion Program: A New Way to Grow Membership



Studies show that young people are volunteering in record numbers. Increase membership and gain fresh, youthful ideas for activities by [inviting former Leos](#) to join your club. You'll increase hands to do more service projects while ensuring your club's existence for many years to come. Former Leos are already dedicated to making a difference in their local, national and international community. Help renew Leos' lifetime commitment to service by inviting them to become Lions.

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### LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about how Lions are distributing food and clothing.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

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### CONTESTS

#### [Lions International Essay Contest](#)

Visually impaired children express their feelings of peace.

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Dear Lion,

## Our Impact

More than four decades ago, LCIF helped people in need for the first time by bringing some relief to flood victims in South Dakota, USA. Since then, through the support of Lions and our partners, we have been able to expand our service work in scope and reach and become an internationally-recognized humanitarian organization. The Foundation has been there for people experiencing hardship all around the world through awarding US\$789 million for restoring sight, providing disaster relief, supporting youth and serving humanitarian needs.

LCIF not only provides essential grant funding to Lions so they can carry out ambitious and compassionate service projects, but we also seek out unmet needs in the world and create programming to meet them. Through programs like [SightFirst](#), [Lions Quest](#) and [Opening Eyes](#), the Foundation has worked to take action to improve millions of lives. But don't take our word for it—read stories from people directly affected by or involved in our work on the next pages. The impact we make on their individual lives is at the heart of everything we do.

## Celebrating 10 Years of Sight for Kids



Focused on serving Asia, SFK has screened more than 16 million children over the past 10 years in Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, India,

Vietnam, Sri Lanka and the Philippines for refractive error and other vision problems.

A hands-on team effort, the screenings are coordinated by local Lions, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care (JJVC) staff and local medical personnel. By training more than 110,000 Lions volunteers and school teachers to screen children's vision, Sight for Kids has been able to work with more than 26,000 schools to identify and correct visual errors in schoolchildren.

Of the 16 million children screened, nearly 600,000 have been referred to physicians for further evaluation, more than 160,000 have received glasses and more than 75,000 have been treated for various eye conditions.

Since the program began, Johnson & Johnson has committed US\$2 million to fund Sight for Kids vision screenings in areas of need.

“Sight for Kids has grown exponentially in its first 10 years and is evidence of the progress that a true collaboration can achieve,” said Thibaut Mongon, President, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Asia Pacific. “The program’s focused mission to lift the barrier of access to vision screening makes life-altering differences for children in underserved areas – and this is astounding progress for such a relatively young program.”



In October 2012, LCIF and JJVC are joining together in Thailand, to celebrate 10 years of partnership on the 14th annual World Sight Day. During this anniversary year, Sight for Kids partners are celebrating accomplishments and also focusing on the program's potential and a new decade of efforts.

Wing-Kun Tam  
*Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

**\$1,407,797.32**



*Check out this sign and ask questions? at your upcoming District Convention.*



# Lions Lens® and Vision Centers

It is estimated by the World Health Organization that more than 158 million people worldwide are visually impaired and 8 million people are blind due to [uncorrected refractive error](#). In a majority of cases, refractive errors can be easily corrected with a pair of eyeglasses, contact lenses or surgery. People who do not have access to or cannot afford these services are left to struggle as their vision deteriorates.

LCIF is dedicated to helping the underserved, and a new partnership with [Essilor International](#) will add to our efforts to reach those in need of eye care. Essilor International, the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic lenses, is working with Lions Clubs International to develop a high-quality, low-cost Lions Lens® for Lions humanitarian purposes worldwide. This will allow Lions to reduce their cost of providing refractive services, and ultimately be able to serve more people in need. The Lions Lens® Program is being piloted in several refractive error projects in Africa and the United States.

SightFirst will be piloting the establishment of Lions Vision Centers to help build optical capacity and provide refractive error services in a select number of African countries. Pilot sites will receive infrastructure development through equipment, materials and human resource optical and management training. As appropriate, Essilor International will provide technical resources.

In addition, Essilor International is also working with the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and MEDICO – Lions Clubs de France on determining effective and environmentally-friendly recycling practices. This will improve the efficiency and sustainability of the Centers while also demonstrating best practices in recycling.

## Background

In the United States, refractive errors are a significant source of visual impairment. Refractive errors – myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism and presbyopia - occur when the eye is unable to properly focus images on the retina resulting in blurred vision. Of the 14 million visually impaired persons in the United States aged 12 years or older, 83 percent could benefit from corrective lenses. Refractive errors can typically be easily remedied with glasses, but when left untreated or when the correction is inadequate, they can cause severe visual impairment and even blindness.

Lions in the United States have a long history of helping restore vision to community members in need. In order to aid local Lions clubs in these efforts, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), in partnership with Essilor International, the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic lenses, has developed a high-quality, low-cost Lions Lens® for Lions' humanitarian purposes. This will allow Lions to reduce their cost of providing refractive services, and serve more people in need. This lens has been piloted in 2012 in Lions and Lions-affiliated institutions in Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Tennessee.

## Lions Lens®

The Lions Lens® is a hard-coated, polycarbonate single vision lens in sphere powers -8.00 to +4.00 in .25 steps and cylinder powers -.25 to -2.00 in .25 steps (combined max power -8.0). The cost of the lens is US\$1 per lens for orders greater than 10,000 lenses or

US\$1.20 per lens for orders less than 10,000 lenses, plus shipping costs.

## Lions Lens® Program and Patient Eligibility

At this time, the Lions Lens® will be made available to largescale Lions or Lions-affiliated nonprofit eye care institutions/ clinics in the United States. The Lions Lens® is not available for purchase by individual Lions clubs or by individual eye care practitioners. The Lions Lens® can only be used for qualifying patients, which is defined as people with low income, at a level below or at 200 percent of the poverty level. It is the responsibility of the local partners to vet potential recipients. Qualifying patients must receive a comprehensive exam, finished lenses with the appropriate prescription and selected frames.

## Questions & Answers

**Q.** What are the next steps I need to take to determine if my organization is eligible?

**A.** To determine if your program fits within current program guidelines, please review and complete the U.S.A. Lions Lens® application. Following receipt of an application, an LCIF staff member will follow-up to determine eligibility. If there are any questions during this process, please contact LCIF Sight Programs Department at (630) 468-6789 or [SightFirst@lionsclubs.org](mailto:SightFirst@lionsclubs.org).

**Q.** Are there any requirements we should be aware of if we want to use the Lions Lens®?

**A.** Approved institutions will sign an agreement with LCIF that notes the lens will only be used on qualifying patients. Each patient is to receive a comprehensive exam, lenses fitted with an appropriate prescription and selected frames. Eligible applicants will need to fill out a short application with Nassau, the Essilor subsidiary supplying the Lions Lens® in the United States. LCIF requests that the institution submit an annual update on the use of the Lions Lens® including general output data.

**Q.** Does LCIF have frame sources available for our programs?

**A.** Currently, LCIF does not have a global frame manufacturer available for Lions programming efforts, but we are pursuing options. At this point, we recommend that Lions continue to source their own frames.

**Q.** Can LCIF assist with other associated program expenses such as doctor fees?

**A.** LCIF does not provide grant funds for a program's operating expenses. In order for a program to be viewed as sustainable, we assume these associated program costs are borne by the Lions and their local partners.

**Q.** Which Lions organizations presently are using the Lions Lens® in the United States?

**A.** The Lions Lens® has been piloted with Lions and partner organizations at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Street Health Services, the Mid-South Lions/Southern College of Optometry program, the Illinois College of Optometry Illinois Eye Institute and the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

**Q.** If we are interested in lenses outside of the range described, are there any options?

**A.** Lenses outside the range previously described may be made available to clinics through a separately negotiated agreement directly with Nassau or another provider as appropriate.



The Lions Measles Initiative will be continued into the 2012-2013 Lions' year. LCIF announced in October of 2011 the intention to raise US\$10 million for measles vaccinations and education to match the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$5 million challenge grant. As of July, **LCIF has raised US\$5.2 million.** We will soon be approaching the one year anniversary of the Gates Challenge grant and we need your help to complete the second half of Lions commitment. There are vaccination campaigns taking place in the next few months that need our **immediate assistance.** Help us to successfully meet the Gates challenge and provide the life saving measles vaccine to millions of children.

To promote further donations to measles, LCIF is also continuing **Melvin Jones Fellowship eligibility** for gifts to One Shot, One Life. In addition, LCIF will **continue recognition to the clubs** with a banner patch depending on the level of support:

Please thank all clubs and individual donors for their generosity. We want every child in every family to be able to receive the measles vaccine in the upcoming immunization campaigns. Let Lions know they have the power to prevent the needless deaths of many children. Help us save **157 million children** this year by supporting the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.



## [Question & Answer: What is Measles and How Does It Affect the Body?](#)

September 11, 2012 by LCIF

**Question:** What is measles and how does it affect the body?

**Answer:** Measles is an easily preventable, highly contagious disease caused by a virus in the paramyxovirus family, according to the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO).

Normally developed in the throat and lungs, the measles virus spreads easily by coughing and sneezing, as well as through direct contact with infected people or infected surfaces. The virus can remain active and contagious as droplets in the air or on infected surfaces for up to two hours.

An estimated nine out of 10 people who are not vaccinated and come into contact with the measles virus will become infected.

The beginning of measles mimics other illnesses. According to the WHO, when a person becomes infected, the first sign of infection is often a high fever. This can take up to 12 days to develop. Following the fever, a person can develop a runny nose, a cough, red and watery eyes, and small white spots inside their cheeks. A few days following this initial stage, a rash appears on the face and neck, eventually spreading across the whole body. This will last up to six days before fading.

There is no specific treatment for measles, according to the [National Health Services](#) of the United Kingdom. Once the rash develops, rest is needed and the symptoms are treated until the immune system fights off the virus. The symptoms of measles can cause aches and pains from the fever, light sensitivity, crusty eyes, dehydration and a sore throat from coughing. Antibiotics are of no use to treat the virus, but may be prescribed for any secondary bacterial infections that develop.



Children under the age of 5, or adults over the age of 20 often experience complications due to a weakened immune system from measles. According to the [Measles & Rubella Initiative](#), around 30 percent of measles cases have one or more complications. These complications include [blindness](#), encephalitis (an infection that causes brain swelling), severe diarrhea and related dehydration, ear infections, or severe respiratory infections such as pneumonia, according to the WHO. If a person recovers from measles, they are immune for the rest of their lives.

Measles remains one of the leading causes of death among young children, even though it is easily prevented through a safe and cost-effective vaccine. You can [support measles immunizations](#) through Lions Clubs International Foundation's [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#).

# LIONS OF GEORGIA

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## 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:	\$

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 Augusta, Georgia 30901  
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