

# Lions of Georgia



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# State News



*Council received reports or comments as follows:*

**PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT – LION JAMES E. “JIM” ERVIN:**

PIP Ervin stated that it is always a pleasure to be at the meeting and to see all of the Lions. He stated that with the District Conventions coming up, he hopes everyone is working to make districts feel good about the upcoming redistricting. He stated that redistricting will not help the current membership numbers, but he hopes that each District Governor and team will prepare themselves with a good solid membership program. This will be a big challenge. The DG team will have to work closely. PIP Ervin commended the Lighthouse Board and Chair Kembra Smith for their handling of the Lighthouse situation and hopes that the project can move forward. PIP Ervin stated that PID Haynes Townsend was unable to attend this weekend due to work. He sends his best wishes and congratulations to each Governor on the job they are doing. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention. PIP Ervin thanked CC Bethel on the fine job he has done as Chair this year.

**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION W. MYERS BANISTER:**

PID Banister stated that he is proud of the way the Council has made strides forward in the Multiple District this year, especially with the challenges and decisions the Council has had to make this year.

**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DR. JOHN F. PEARCE:**

PID Pearce thanked all the clubs for their contributions and work in support of the Capital Campaign with the Lighthouse and the response to the matching grant. Lions raised \$80,000.00 and received \$20,000 for a total of new money in the amount of \$100,000.00. He thanked the Council and Kembra Smith for their work with the Lighthouse situation. He anticipates a much brighter future in terms of leadership, organization and follow through.

**REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION – LION OLIN C. NEWBY,**

**DG 18-F:** DG Newby stated that the 2013 State Convention will be held in Augusta. He called on Convention General Chair to give a report. Lion Winters gave the Council a choice of BBQ or Fish Fry for the Thursday evening dinner during the State Convention. Council voted for fish. Lion Winters pointed out that there are 199 registrations for hospitality books, and 57 signed up for the Melvin Jones Luncheon. He asked Governors to encourage attendance. A design was accepted for the Convention Pin. B. DG Newby stated that the contract has been signed for the Macon State Convention in 2014. The Macon Downtown Lions Club will be the Host Club. C. DG Newby stated that Tifton would like to host the 2015 State Convention. The State Convention Committee will find some time to meet

**REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION**

**PAT POWELL, DG 18-B:** CC Bethel stated that he has been in touch with the Chair of the Southeastern Breakfast, who is from Tennessee. The cost of the breakfast is \$35.00. CC Bethel will order the tickets, and he asked those who planned to attend to please let him know. Checks should be made out to Multiple District 12. He would like to have checks not later than April 1. CC Bethel will make sure that tickets are delivered to all those who plan to attend the convention.

CC Bethel stated that he has talked with Richard Brown, PCC, who is looking into the possibility of hosting an International Convention in

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

The Board of Directors will be advertising the position within the next few weeks, and hopes to have a new Executive Director in place by June 2013. A search committee has been established, which will screen the applicants and assist the Board of Directors in the hiring process. Vice-Chair Grace and I will be meeting with the Lighthouse staff on Monday, February 4, 2013 to discuss their concerns and to provide them with as much support as possible during the transition. Chair Kembra Smith reported that a \$40,000.00 grant was received by the Lighthouse from the Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation. This is a one year grant to provide indigent eye care in Georgia. A Search Committee will be convened next week to start the process of hiring a new Executive Director at the Lighthouse. She has already received two applications.

**REPORT OF GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND –**

**LION DOY BARKS:** Lion Doy Barks stated that there is a printed report in each file. Christmas Camp, held December 1-3, 2012, was very successful and a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season. 65 Campers, ages 8 to 79, sang carols, made ornaments, decorated Christmas cookies, went on a hayride, made snow-cones, put on a talent show, and had fun. But their favorite thing was shopping at Wal-Mart for gifts to give to someone in need! They picked out every item and “shopped till they dropped”. We are gearing up for the redistricting by electing 4 new Vice Presidents and 4 new Trustees from each new District. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee met in January preparing that document to reflect the change. We definitely have financial concerns and continue looking for ways to solve the income to the General Fund. This fund pays the bills of the day-to-day operation of the Camp, as well as pays for the summer Camping Season. We regretfully did have to borrow another \$50,000.00 from our Trust Fund in November to help us get through until funds from club projects started coming in. We just cannot keep doing this. The campers need us to fix this situation!

**REPORT OF MD 18 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHAIR – LION BILL CRAIG, PCC:**

CC Bethel called attention to a partial rewrite of the Constitution and By-Laws in each file. DG Newby, 18-F made a motion that discussion on the Constitution and By-Laws be tabled at this time. Motion seconded by DG Gallman, 18-E. Motion carried. CC Bethel thanked the Constitution and By-Laws for the work they have done to date.

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

VDG Hashbarger distributed a sheet of LCIF contributions to each Governor. At the bottom of the sheet it lists the goals of the District Coordinator. At the present time District B is 103%; District D is 81%; District E is 55%; District C is 37%; District A 34%; and District F is 22%. He stated that there is no reason the state can't have 100% contributions from the clubs. A minimum contribution of \$25.00 would accomplish this.

Lion Hashbarger reported that the next issue of the State Magazine would come out on April 1st. He distributed a copy of the current magazine to each District Governor. Governors were asked to be sure to submit information for the magazine. He asked if the Council is looking for someone to take over the position of State Magazine Editor. DG Powell asked what the deadline was for submitting information for the magazine. The deadline for the quarterly issue coming out on April 1st would be March 20th.

**REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – LION PAM SCHLOEMER:**

Lion Schloemer asked Governors to reach out to their clubs and ask for contributions to Leader Dogs. She distributed a packet of information concerning Lions Club Night at Turner Field in support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th. There are three options to raise money: Ticket Sales, Tee Shirt Sales, and a tailgate party. She stated that at the last meeting Georgia Lions agreed to sponsor a minimum of 25 high school baseball teams to attend this game. In addition Loganville Middle School has a Leo Club and their band will be participating. She stated that 2000 Lions in the special tee shirt are needed at the stadium on that date. There will be tables promoting LCIF, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, and the Camp for the Blind. Eye Screenings will be conducted. She stated she will attend all of the District Conventions to promote this program. She will need a table at each Convention and 15 minutes on the agenda.

**REPORT OF MD 18 ALERT CHAIR – LION PEGGIE**

**CHAPMAN:** Lion Chapman gave an update on pledges and donations to Hurricane Sandy Relief. The Lions of Georgia raised \$13,995.00 which was sent to MD32A. Only four pledges were not sent in. She thanked all of the Georgia Lions and Clubs for their contributions.

**REPORT OF SOUTHEAST GLT COORDINATOR – LION MARK MILLER, PCC:**

Lion Miller stated that the District Governor Candidates have already fostered the key components for the future of the Districts in that they have developed an action plan and goal statement for both the GLT and GMT Programs for next year. PCC Miller stated that there is a Leadership Institute being offered in Eufaula, Alabama, on May 15-17th, and the cost of this is \$60.00, which includes two meals and housing. Information on both of the institutes mentioned today will be on the website [www.lionstraining.us](http://www.lionstraining.us) on Monday. PCC Miller discussed MD 18 hosting a Southeastern Leadership Institute which would occur in April of next year. It would probably be held somewhere in metropolitan Atlanta. There would be no cost to the Multiple District; there would be a need for volunteers. DG Newby, 18-F, made a motion that MD 18 offer to host a Southeastern Leadership Institute. Motion seconded by DG White, 18-A, and motion carried.

**New Business:**

A. International Awards Recommendations: CC Bethel reminded Governors that they were to have their recommendations available for PIP Jim Ervin at this meeting. PIP Ervin cautioned that recipients of an International Award should not be also nominated for the Ervin Crumbley Award.

B. Billboards with Lion Messages: CC Bethel stated that Billboards with Lion Messages is a program from LCI, and the program would cost about \$20,000.00 to utilize 10 or 12 billboards across the state along interstate highways. This is a grant from LCI, and the Lions of Georgia would have to spend about \$2,000.00. One of the issues seems to be the lack of a good message. The consensus last evening was that the Council would like to have a billboard with more appeal to the general public. DG Gallman, 18-E, asked if Lion Hashbarger would be willing to chair this effort and he said he would. DG Gallman, 18-E, made a motion that Council pursue the opportunity to utilize billboards; motion seconded by DG Holley, 18-D. It was suggested that the Campus Clubs at Georgia Tech and Georgia University be asked to design a billboard which would reflect what is being done in Georgia. Vote on motion. Motion carried.

C. Environmental Photo Contest. CC Bethel stated that there are two entries to date, one from 18-B and one from 18-D. CC Bethel will send the winning photo to LCI next week.

D. PCC Lion Richard Brown and PDG Jane Price gave a report on the possibility of Atlanta hosting an International Convention in 2019 or 2020. PCC Brown stated that the Atlanta Lions Club has been contacted to serve as a Host Club, and they have agreed to do this. He distributed a letter from the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. The 2020 date would give the Lions of Georgia a little more time to prepare the bid and get things focused. PDG Price stated that 2020 ties in with vision and also ties in with the 100 year anniversary of Lionism in the southeast. The ACVB is definitely interested in pursuing hosting the convention. LCI requirements for hosting a convention were discussed. CC Bethel stated that the host committee is asked to recruit approximately 500 volunteers and raise \$80,000.00. DG Newby, 18-F, made a motion that Council authorize Lion Brown to move forward and continue pursuing the bid for Atlanta to host the 2020 International Convention; DG Holley, 18-D, seconded the motion and motion carried. PCC Richard Brown will report to the ACVB that the decision was unanimous to move forward with the bid process. CC Bethel thanked PCC Brown and PDG Price for their work on the International Convention. PCC Richard Brown stated that he will serve as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee.

## The Global Leadership Team (GLT)



### Now is the Time to Prepare

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php>

**Independent study presentations** – Presentations designed to prepare Lions to serve in various leadership positions.

- [Zone Chairperson Training](#) – An independent study module focused on the responsibilities, challenges and resources of the zone chairperson position. pdf file.
- [Second Vice District Governor Online Training](#) – This course provides information about the responsibilities of the district governor team, focusing specifically on the position of second vice district governor and the role that individual plays in regards to district administration and as part of the GMT and the GLT. This course will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete, and includes a workbook to enhance the learning experience. **Before beginning the course, [download and print the workbook](#).** pdf file.
- [Effective Club Membership Teams](#) – An independent study presentation covering the responsibilities of each member of the Club Membership Committee, related activities and goals, conducting new member orientation or a sponsor night/open house event, organizing a new club or club branch, and encouraging leadership development. pdf file.
- [Club Officers Orientation](#)

This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses. Go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php>

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### NEW: CERTIFIED GUIDING LION PROGRAM MODULE FOR CLUB REBUILDING

A new module has recently been developed to apply the Certified Guiding Lion strategy to assist failing or cancelled clubs. The new [Certified Guiding Lion Rebuilding](#) module consists of three parts:

1. Rebuilding Guiding Lion Assignment Form – The District Governor sends this form to LCI to assign a Guiding Lion to a club and ensure they receive the monthly Club Health Assessment.
2. Certified Guiding Lion Rebuilding Assessment - This checklist is designed to help identify the club's strengths and areas in need of improvement. The Guiding Lion can use this checklist to develop training that will support the specific needs of the club.
3. Certified Guiding Lion Program Power Point -

This power point is in addition to the Certified Guiding Lions Workshop and it outlines the assessment process and tools available to support the club.

With the addition of this new module, Certified Guiding Lions are better able to identify and develop training to support clubs that are in danger of failing or that have been cancelled.

Take advantage of our skilled Certified Guiding Lions to support exiting clubs. For more information, please contact [District and Club Administration](#).

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### A NEW TRAINING DELIVERY METHOD: Webinars (You can deliver them too!)

Since implementing Lions training webinars, over 3000 Lions have connected with fellow Lions around the world to learn about topics including the new MyLCI and serving as a club president, while in a location of their own choice. District governors and members of the GLT, just to name a few, have expanded the impact of their training efforts by gathering members together with no travel cost or commute time, to participate in these interactive learning opportunities.

Keep these tips in mind.

- The most effective webinars are INTERACTIVE! Keep participants interested by allowing them to be actively involved. Make use of discussion questions, polls, and other tools webinar providers offer.
- Make use of the free-trials many webinar providers offer before selecting a primary provider.
- Promote, promote, promote! Give Lions advance notice of the webinar date and time, along with a preview of what they can expect from the session.
- Make use of presentation best practices. Keep your presentation slides clean, with limited text. Utilize visual effects such as graphics and pictures to help illustrate your point.
- Enlist your team! Make your webinars more interesting by having more than one presenter. This will offer Lions more than one perspective on the topic while incorporating different experiences and ideas. It will also make it easier to monitor questions and facilitate discussion. In addition to your presenters, have a support person on hand to work behind the scenes, handling technical questions and any provider issues that may surface.

Building and supporting Lions leaders is our primary goal. For more information about webinars, please contact us at [leadership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:leadership@lionsclubs.org).

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### Club Pit Stop Checklist

#### ***Pit Stop Four (April – June)***

Service

- *Participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Protecting Our Environment](#).*

- Make a contribution to [LCIF](#) (a requirement for the Excellence Award).
- Continue to support and report [Reading Action Programs](#) in your community. Recognize members who led the effort.

#### Membership and Public Relations

- Continue to [mentor](#) new members and reach out to inactive members.
- Participate in [Lions Worldwide Induction Day](#) in April.
- Publicize your club's service to local media outlets using LCI's [sample news release](#) and your club's social media.

#### Operations

- Hold club officer elections and submit [Club Officers Report \(PU101\)](#) by May 1st.
- Host an Appreciation Dinner or event to recognize outstanding service.
- Make sure the club is in good standing and has a net growth at the close of the year (Requirement for the Excellence Award).
- [Transition](#) to the new officers by providing records, helping them set goals and providing the status of on-going projects.

**Finish Line! Apply for the [Club Excellence Award](#)**



### Recruiting Corner

There are many different ways to recruit new members. Some ideas include inviting people to service projects or to club meetings. Some clubs have conducted an “open house” or a “business after hours” event to promote their club. Being visible in the community where your club is located is very instrumental. We are looking for unique ways that clubs have increased membership or have conducted a successful membership recruiting event. If this describes your club, [we want to hear from you!](#) Your story may be featured in a future issue of the Membership Pulse.

### Is Your Club Ready to Invite a New Member?

It is wonderful to get new members into our Lions clubs, but before your club begins a membership campaign, ask yourself these questions:

#### 1. Does your club have regular meetings?

- Yes, my club meets regularly.
- My club meets often, but there is not a set schedule for regular meetings.
- No, my club does not have meetings on a regular basis.

#### 2. Does your club conduct service projects in the community?

- Yes, we are known for our service projects.
- Sometimes we do, but not as often as we probably should.
- No, but we do conduct service projects to help those outside of our community.

#### 3. Has your club conducted the [How Are Your Ratings? Survey](#) to see how satisfied your club members are?

- Yes, it is important to know what our club members think of our club.
- We thought about it, just never got around to it.
- No, our club knows how its members feel.

#### 4. Has your club done a [Community Needs Assessment](#) to determine what additional needs have developed in the community?

- Yes, we have and are working towards fulfilling some of those needs.
- My club has talked about it, but we never got around to doing it.
- No, we have not and we do not plan to either.

#### 5. Has your club gone through the [Club Excellence Process](#)?

- Yes, we have and are working on our action plans to achieve our club goals.
- My club discussed the idea, but we have not determined when we will do it.
- No, we have not and don't plan to either.

Tally your responses: a= 3 points, b= 2 points, c= 1 point

If you scored:

**5-7 points** – Perspective Lions join because they want to give back, especially to the community in which they live in. If your club does not meet regularly or have service projects that will involve and engage new members right away, then it might be the ideal time to look at your club atmosphere. If your club has been considering going through the Club Excellence Process, then now would be a good time to do so before inviting new members. The key is to involve and engage new members as soon as they join.

**8-11 points** – Your club may be doing really well or it may need a little help. Are your members truly satisfied with their experience? If your club is not meeting regularly or conducting service projects and you are having a hard time keeping members active and involved – then you may need to re-evaluate the objectives of the club. The Club Excellence Process is a great program available to get your club back on track before inviting new members. However, if your members are active and satisfied with their experience and the club is successful with service projects – then start inviting new members to join in the excitement!

**12-15 points** – Your club seems to be on the right track. The importance of conducting community service projects and improving club operations has been emphasized. Necessary steps have been taken in order for your club to learn from your members and the community. Your club is ready to invite new members and grow!



### DISTRICT "L"

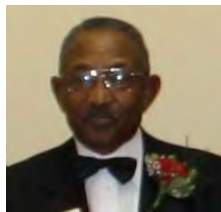
#### Joint 18-A & E District Convention Cabinet Meeting Saturday, March 9, 2013 Marietta, Georgia



18-A

David White

The Georgia Lions Districts 18-A and F held a Joint District Convention Cabinet Meeting in Marietta, Georgia, 9 March at 2:00 p.m. District Governor David White presided. He thanked Lion , Convention Chair, for h



18-E

Max Gallman

PDG opened the floor for nominations and the election was conducted by secret written ballots. The election results are as follows:

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|---|-------------------|
| District Governor                               | Mark Rice         |
| 1st Vice District Governor                      | Garner Andrews    |
| 2nd Vice District Governor                      | Fred Carlson      |
| District Librarian                              | Willie Alexander  |
| Dist. V.P., Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind    | Patrick Pignataro |
| Dist. Dir., Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation | Jane Price, PDG   |



Hall of Fame recipients from District 18A: Peggie Chapman from the Jasper Lions Club, Leon Ellis from the Chattanooga Valley Lions Club, Debbie Hennessey from the East Cobb Lions Club, Thurmon Morris from the Rome Lions Club, Shelia Morrow from the Atlanta Metro Lions Club, and Alan Bethel from the Roswell Lions Club.



**18-D**

*Bill Holley*

**DISTRICT "F"**  
**Joint 18-D & F District Convention Cabinet Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2013**  
**Athens, Georgia**

The Georgia Lions Districts 18-D and F held a Joint District Convention Cabinet Meeting in Athens, Georgia, 2 March at 10:00 p.m. District Governor Bill Holley presided. He also thanked Lions Bonnie Linscott, Susan Hart and Grace Clower for the job well done in setting up the District Convention. DG Olin Newby turned the floor open to Lion Ray Chastain who opened the floor for nominations and the election was conducted by secret written ballots.



**18-F**

*Olin Newby*

The election results are as follows:

- District Governor
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- District Librarian
- Dist. V.P., Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind
- Dist. Dir., Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

- Ed Hashbarger
- Vicki Hubbard
- Anne Mundy
- Olin Newby
- Olin Newby
- June Phillips





## DISTRICT "O"

### Joint 18-C, E, F District Convention Cabinet Meeting Saturday, February 16, 2013 Cordele, Georgia



18-C

*Troy Pullin*

The Georgia Lions Districts 18-C, E, and F held a Joint District Convention Cabinet Meeting in Cordele, Georgia, February 16 in the Crisp County Sheriff's Office Training Room, at 2:00 p.m. District Governor Troy Pullin presided. He thanked Lion Billy Hancock, Convention Chair, for his outstanding work putting the convention together and the use of the Crisp County Sheriff's Office facilities. He also thanked PDG Jimmy Black and his wife, Holly, for the refreshments for the Cabinet Meeting.



18-E

*Max Gallman*

PDG Jack Taylor opened the floor for nominations and the election was conducted by secret written ballots. The election results are as follows:

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|---|-------------------|
| District Governor                               | Jim Walker        |
| 1st Vice District Governor                      | Bonnie Kelly      |
| 2nd Vice District Governor                      | Hannah Flynn      |
| District Librarian                              | Brenda Arnold     |
| Dist. V.P., Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind    | Carey VanLandingh |
| Dist. Dir., Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation | J. C. Coefield    |



18-F

*Olin Newby*

Thanks to all who attended our District Convention held in Cordele on February 15-16. I think a good time was had by all. We had a Pirate Night on Friday and lots of good food and fun!! The highlight of our convention was the visit by our International Director Harvey Whitley and his wife Lion Diane. For those who didn't get to come, Lion Diane fell at the Albany airport and broke her arm!! But she made it through the weekend and we enjoyed getting to know them both.

We had great representation from all clubs including District C, E, and F that will be forming the new District O. It was an honor for me to have all the District Governors from the State of Georgia present at this convention. It meant so much to me to be supported by each of them. And many thanks to my home club – the Cordele Lions Club – and Convention Chair Lion Billy Hancock for putting together a great two days. I could never have done it without Lion Billy and his committee. For anyone who missed the convention, you missed a great time!!

Please try to support your District and local clubs when they have activities. It means so much to have good representation and you will gain so much by attending. The next opportunity will be our State Convention in Augusta in May!! Please make your plans to attend!

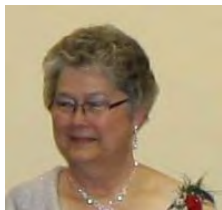






**DISTRICT "N"**

**Joint 18-B & F District Convention Cabinet Meeting  
Saturday, February 23, 2013  
Lyon, Georgia**



**18-B**

*Patricia Powell*

The Georgia Lions Districts 18-B and F held a Joint District Convention Cabinet Meeting in Lyon, Georgia, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. District Governor Patricia Powell presided. She thanked Lion B, Convention Chair, for his outstanding work putting the convention together and the use of the Crisp County Sheriff's Office facilities.



**18-F**

*Olin Newby*

PDG opened the floor for nominations and the election was conducted by secret written ballots. The election results are as follows:

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|---|------------------|
| District Governor                               | Cathy Threatt    |
| 1st Vice District Governor                      | Chip Nedza       |
| 2nd Vice District Governor                      | Larry Varnadoe   |
| District Librarian                              | Joanne Rogalsky  |
| Dist. V.P., Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind    | Scott Eisenhart  |
| Dist. Dir., Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation | Rick Mizell, PDG |







## MANAGING CHANGE

The fourth objective of President Madden's In a World of Service theme, relates to the effective management of change. The world continues to change. While we may not have a choice about that, we do have a choice on how we react to change; and, as Lions leaders, whether or not we choose to create change. Our choice is really this: either we manage change or it will manage us.

Change can be the key that unlocks the doors to growth and excitement in any organization – including Lions Clubs International. A significant part of your success as a leader will be determined by your ability to inspire Lions to try new things and to embrace change. There are many theories about how best to implement change. Many originate with leadership and change management authority, John Kotter. Kotter introduced an eight-step change process in his book, "Leading Change." Consider these steps as you work to inspire, motivate and encourage Lions to move forward with new ideas.

- 1. Create Urgency:** For change to happen, it helps if the whole organization really wants it. Develop a sense of urgency around the need for change. This may help you spark the initial motivation to get things moving. What is required is clear communication about what is happening and why a change would be beneficial.
- 2. Form a Powerful Coalition:** Convince others that change is necessary. This often takes strong leadership. Managing change isn't enough, you have to lead it. To lead change, you need to bring together a team of Lions that will continue to build urgency and momentum around the need for change.
- 3. Create a Vision for Change:** When you first start thinking about change, there will probably be many great ideas and solutions. Link these concepts to an overall vision that Lions can understand and remember. A clear vision will help everyone appreciate why you are asking them to do something differently.
- 4. Communicate the Vision:** What you do with the vision will determine your success. Your message may have competition from other day-to-day Lions communications, so you need to communicate it frequently and powerfully, and embed it within everything that you do. As a leader, demonstrate the kind of behavior that you want from others.
- 5. Remove Obstacles:** If you follow these steps and reach this point, you are communicating the vision and building buy-in. Hopefully, the Lions around you want to take action to achieve the benefits that you have been promoting. But is there resistance to the change? By making efforts to remove obstacles, you will empower Lions to execute the vision and move the change forward.
- 6. Create Short-term Wins:** Nothing motivates more than success. Create short-term targets – not just one long-term goal. As each short-term target is attained, celebrate! By doing so, you will provide further motivation in the change process.
- 7. Build on the Change:** Many attempts to implement change fail because victory is declared too early – real change takes time. Each success provides an opportunity to build on what went right and identify what you can improve. As a leader, foster and inspire persistence and determination.
- 8. Anchor the Changes in Your Lions Culture** - Finally, to make any change stick, it should become part of the core of your organization. Your Lions culture will determine what gets done, so the values behind the vision must show in day-to-day work. Make continuous efforts to ensure that the change is seen in every aspect of your Lions efforts. This will help give that change a solid place in your area's culture.

Change is inevitable – growth is optional. In order for Lions Clubs International to grow and thrive, we must be willing to let go of what we have always done, and risk trying new things. Many leaders today are too busy solving today's problems to focus on tomorrow's opportunities. In order to maximize our success and our global service impact, we ask that you, our Lions leaders, make innovation and continuous improvement a priority.



## SECURITY ALERT

### Be Aware: Scam Alert

During recent months, there have been a number of phone and email scams involving Lions. One member bought into an email scam and lost \$2,700. Another received a check from Lions that looked legitimate, including correct routing numbers. Because she wasn't expecting money, she called the Lions Help Desk and discovered it was a scam. The perpetrators are also posing as members and contacting other members to make donations via phone. Unfortunately, if you lose money in a scam, there is no legal recourse and no way to recover the money. If you want to donate to LCIF, you can do so through your local club or by going to <http://lcif.org/donate>. If you suspect a scam, or if you're unsure, please contact [helpdesk@lionsclubs.org](mailto:helpdesk@lionsclubs.org) or call 1-630-468-6800. For tips on how to protect yourself from scams, visit the [Lions Blog](#).

I did not know this was going on until one ID told me. I went onto the web and checked with [www.truthorfiction.com](http://www.truthorfiction.com) and found the following information:

### Hotel Room Keys Have Your Personal Information on Them Including Credit Card Numbers-Fiction!

#### Summary of the eRumor

A warning that key cards issued to hotel or motel guests as room keys are being used for identity theft. The story says that Southern California Law Enforcement professionals discovered that some hotel room keys include the guest's name, credit card information, and other data that could be used for identity theft.

#### The Truth

Hotels and resorts are increasingly issuing credit card-looking "key cards" to guests instead of traditional metal keys for use in opening the doors to guest rooms. That's increased security for guests since metal keys could be easily duplicated and most of them had the number of the room stamped on them making it easy for a stolen or lost key to be used for entry. The key cards do not have any visible indication of what room they open. They also have a magnetic strip on the back that can be programmed, for example, with the dates that the guest is going to use the room so that the key cannot be used after that unless it is programmed with fresh information.

Do hotel key cards have guests' personal information on them? We surveyed several major hotels in California, Nevada, and Florida and the consensus was emphatic: No hotel key cards have any personal information on them, not even the guest's name. There are some hotels, such as the Hard Rock and Portofino Hotels in Orlando, Florida, that have allow key cards to be used for purchases, but there is no identifying information on the key card. The purchases are billed to the room number and added to the guests hotel charges.

One fraud detective we talked with said the eRumor may have been prompted by a police case from Southern California where investigators broke up a group of foreign credit card crooks. They had a large number of stolen key cards from a particular hotel. The police decided to scan them to see what was on them and they found credit card debit card numbers, not hotel room information. The reason, according to the detective, is that the crooks can use a credit card scanning device to steal credit and debit card information, program it on to a hotel key card and use it just like the original card. He said that there was a case in Fresno where a member of a foreign credit card fraud gang was an employee at a gas station. He had made a device that would scan customers' credit and debit card info on to a hotel key card at the same time that the card was being used for a purchase.

A few months after the eRumor started circulating in 2003, we began getting inquiries about information said to have come from the Pasadena, California police department about the risk of key cards. The Pasadena police department issued a press release saying that there had been concerns expressed by a detective and his comments got circulated by various individuals before the issue was completely investigated. The release confirms that Pasadena detectives contacted several large hotels and computer companies using key card technology who confirmed that the key cards are not programmed with personal information and does not have credit card numbers on them.

With today's technology you just do not know. So, think about it and do what you think is right. Please have an enjoyable vacation and if you have anything to report – check things out first and than let me know so I might be able to inform all. We will have a special page on **SECURITY ALERT** and will inform all .



## AUGUSTA STATE CONVENTION

Fellow Lions,

The 92<sup>nd</sup> MD-18 Georgia Lions State Convention is fast approaching and will be here sooner than you think! It's only 13 weeks away – May 31 through June 2, 2013. The convention this year is being held at the Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites, downtown on the riverfront. All meetings, meals and rooms will be in one convenient location at this large convention hotel.

The Committee has been working diligently to plan the BEST convention ever. I know that every convention committee says this, but we really are going to give you the best convention you've ever attended. For those who play golf, welcome to the golf capital of the world! There will be a golf outing on Friday morning at one of the most beautiful, luxurious courses in the area (See attached flyer). There will be exceptional entertainment on Friday evening following the opening ceremonies. On Saturday you will have ample opportunities to go sight-seeing and experience all of the special treats that Augusta has to offer. There truly is something for everyone: the history buff, the antique collector, the connoisseur of fine foods, the discerning shopper, etc.

There will be a couple of things done differently this year. On Saturday morning we will have our traditional six district breakfasts, presided over by the District Governors. However, on Sunday morning – in recognition of MD-18 being redrawn from six to four districts – there will be FOUR district breakfasts, presided over by the District Governors-elect. This will give everyone a final opportunity to come together as one before the new Lions year begins. Also, there will only be ONE hospitality room. However, it will be big enough to accommodate about 100 people at a time. Again, this will give everyone the chance to mix & mingle and get to know one another better.

Hospitality books are still available. The current price is \$125.00 per person, and that rate will be good through April 30, 2013. On May 1<sup>st</sup> the price goes to \$140.00 per person. So, please, get your reservations in now! The Melvin Jones Luncheon is still only \$30.00 per person; this will be a plated meal that we guarantee you will enjoy.

You must contact the hotel to make your reservations. The price is \$110.00 per night (plus tax) and will be good through May 3, 2013. After that, the block on the rooms will be removed and the price will go up to whatever the hotel is charging at that time. If you want to come in early, this rate is effective from Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1. Call the hotel at (706) 722-8900 (local number) and tell them you're with the Lions Convention to get this special rate.

The convention registration form (attached) has been published in your district newsletters and is available on the state website. If you have any questions about the Convention please contact Lion Jon Winters at (706) 833-0458 or [wint4778@bellsouth.net](mailto:wint4778@bellsouth.net). We look forward to seeing you in Augusta !

Yours in Service,

Jon Winters

Home/Fax: (706) 592-9622 Cell: (706) 833-0458

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**Something new at the State Convention!!!!**

**On Saturday at the State Convention in Augusta. We will have our first ever Statewide ALERT Rally!!**

On Saturday Afternoon, June 1, 2013 we will have an ALERT session. Please look for the time scheduled for this session in the Convention Program! This is an opportunity for all Club level ALERT Chairs to meet, and get acquainted and talk about your responsibilities, your opportunities and how we can function as a state wide team!

If you are a club president, be sure you have named your chair for this year and that the chair knows about this session! Being chairman of the ALERT team is not an "in name only" position! It carries some responsibilities and should be treated seriously!

If you are an incoming District Governor, please be sure you have selected a District Chairman!!! And tell that person you have named them as Chairman!!! I had one district chairman tell me he was no longer in the Lions Club!! How can that happen???

No, you are not expected to be a First Responder, but there are many things you can do. Come find out what they are! It is not just a "position" but a JOB! If we do this right, we can be ready for emergencies as they occur!

Also, if you are a District ALERT Chairman, please be sure to attend, and be sure to notify the club chairmen in your district and encourage them all to attend. As the six districts mix and merge to become four districts, we will all be NEW to some areas! Please let your incoming District Governor know you are willing to continue as a district chairman and encourage others to participate as well! If two current District Chairmen wind up in the same "New" District, please consider being Co-chairs!!! If you have expertise in any of the areas covered in the ALERT job description, please come share that as well. We will all be covering new territory as our new districts emerge!!

Thanks, and hope to see you at the session in Augusta !!

Peggie Chapman, MD 18 ALERT Chair

[peggiechapman@me.com](mailto:peggiechapman@me.com)

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## **Southeast Lions Leadership Institute**

SELLI returns for developing quality leaders throughout the Southeast U.S. Open to any Lions in the Southeast who has not attended SELLI in the past or the Senior Lions Leadership Institute, SELLI is a great three days of developing the skills needed to be a successful Lions Club Leader at the Club or District level.

May 15-17, 2013

Start - **Wednesday, May 15, 2013** 1:30 PM (CDT)

End - **Friday, May 17, 2013** 12:00 PM (CDT)

Location: Lakepoint Resort State Park, 104 Lakepoint Dr., Eufaula, Alabama 36027

Spaces left : 36

***An intense three-day training event. Learn valuable leadership skills that will help in your Lions Club and career!***

### **Registration**

- **Double Occupancy - \$70.00 (USD)**  
You share a room with another attendee. Email us your roommate request, if you have one
- **Private Room - \$170.00 (USD)**  
Registration includes a private room, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and all programming



Includes room, two meals and all program materials.

**Registration is online only!** You can register online by credit card/debit card ---or mail a check. But you must register through the online registration. Limited to only 40 attendees, at this price it will fill up quickly.



**Georgia Lions  
Lighthouse Foundation**

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

## Lighthouse Welcomes New Executive Director **Jim Adams**



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is excited to announce that Jim Adams, formerly the Lighthouse funding manager, will be assuming the role of executive director of the Foundation.

Jim Adams is a retired banker from SunTrust, where he served for 35 years. In his last 20 years with SunTrust, he founded and managed a non-profit banking department that consulted with 501c3 organizations. After retirement in 2000, Jim worked with the Arthritis Foundation as a fundraiser and Interim President. In the fall of 2005, Jim joined the Lighthouse to help develop a foundational giving program.

His efforts have significantly contributed to the three-fold growth of the Lighthouse's programs and funding. Jim holds a Masters in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Finance, from Emory University. He earned a BBA\Finance at Georgia State University, where he played scholarship basketball.

The Lighthouse staff is so happy to have Jim as executive director, and looks forward to working together to create a better, brighter Georgia.

**More than \$0.90 of every \$1 you give goes directly to the Lighthouse Foundation programs. For every \$1 donated, we can provide \$5 in medical services.**

## Summer Service Numbers

*1Jul12 — 28 Feb 2013*

### **District A**

*Eye Glasses: 513*

*Eye Exams: 261*

*Eye Surgeries: 88*

*Hearing Aids: 328*

### **District B**

*Eye Glasses: 749*

*Eye Exams: 490*

*Eye Surgeries: 42*

*Hearing Aids: 105*

### **District C**

*Eye Glasses: 184*

*Eye Exams: 144*

*Eye Surgeries: 50*

*Hearing Aids: 141*

### **District D**

*Eye Glasses: 209*

*Eye Exams: 152*

*Eye Surgeries: 48*

*Hearing Aids: 157*

### **District E**

*Eye Glasses: 311*

*Eye Exams: 224*

*Eye Surgeries: 63*

*Hearing Aids: 213*

### **District F**

*Eye Glasses: 1246*

*Eye Exams: 495*

*Eye Surgeries: 33*

*Hearing Aids: 207*

### **Fiscal Year Totals:**

*Eye Glasses: 3212*

*Eye Exams: 1769*

*Eye Surgeries: 324*

*Hearing Aids: 1151*



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



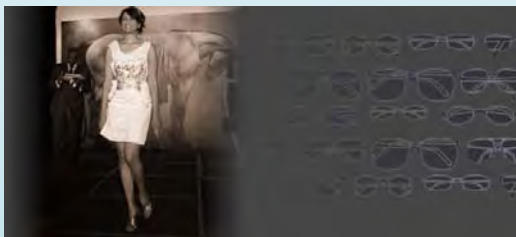
“When you give a little,  
you get a lot.”  
-Lion Bret Wagenhorst, M.D.

Mark your calendars for these  
Upcoming Events



Night of Spectacles - April  
27, 2013

Watch local doctors hit the  
runway and model dresses made  
from recycled eyewear at this  
spring fashion show!



6th Annual

night of spectacles

April 27, 2013

The Buckhead Theatre

7PM-11PM

WHITE CANE

White Cane had its beginning in Georgia in 1980 as White Cane Day. We no longer limit White Cane to just a day in the year. White Cane donations equal about 1/3 of the Georgia Lions contributions to the Lighthouse. The goal for White Cane 2013 has been set for \$125,000. Over the last 4 years White Cane donations have averaged over \$118 thousand dollars per year.



EVERY DOLLAR GOES  
TO SERVE SIGHT

As everyone knows, prices have been on the rise and the services offered by the Lighthouse are no exception. The present economy is creating additional needs at the Lighthouse to help those who have lost their jobs and subsequently, their health insurance. The money collected through White Cane is instrumental in changing people's lives. While it is usually no problem for a local club to purchase a pair of eyeglasses for a needy person, it would be literally impossible for a club to provide eye surgery needed to restore someone's sight. The money raised throughout the state for White Cane can be combined to offer services to people who, without the Lions of Georgia, might have no hope.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help them help others. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. One hundred percent of all money collected for White Cane goes directly to sight services. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2013 the best ever. Lions get an excellent return on their investment in the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is now able to get \$5 in services for every dollar.

Not only is this a time to raise funds for the Lighthouse, it also gives us an opportunity to be out in our communities and to educate people about the services that we, as Lions of Georgia, can offer. A chance to put hands and feet to our motto, "We Serve".

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

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

Write a Walmart Grant

Your local Walmart offers grants of \$1000 or more to charitable organizations in your neighborhood. Go to this web site:  
<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>  
For assistance filling out the [online](#) application contact Taylor Langley at 404-325-3630 x 327

Don't forget to visit the White Cane

Resource Center. More tools can be found at -

[www.lionslighthouse.org/white\\_cane\\_info](http://www.lionslighthouse.org/white_cane_info).

The Lighthouse's biggest Lions Fundraiser -- White Cane kicks off next week. April is White Cane Month and we are encouraging **100 percent club participation!**



**~April 2013~**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>LEO Club Awareness Month</b>	<b>1</b> Protecting Our	<b>2</b> Environment	<b>3</b> Global Service	<b>4</b> Action	<b>5</b> Campaign	<b>6</b> Month
<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>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Club Excellence Award ENDS	<b>Notes:</b>			

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**~ May 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>	<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> Mother's Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)	<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>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Council of Governors Mtg,	<b>31</b> MD-18 State	<b>Notes:</b>

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**~ June 2013 ~**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Recycle for	Sight Month					1 Convention
2 Augusta, GA	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Notes:					

**~ July 2013 ~**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 96 <sup>th</sup>	6 Int'l
7 Conv	8 Hamburg,	9 Germany	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 CAMP FOR THE BLIND 37th Summer CAMP Lions Day
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28	29	30	31	Notes:		

**~ August 2013 ~**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Global</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Action</i>	1 <i>Campaign</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Council of Governors Mtg, Warner Robins, Georgia
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**~ September 2013 ~**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19 USA -	20 Canada Overland Park,	21 Forum Kansas	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	Notes:					



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



I wanted to take a moment and say thank you to everyone who came out on Work Weekend. We got a lot accomplished and feel good about going in to the April one. So, make sure you plan on being here. It will be fun!

We are starting to get busier around here. Applications have begun to come in, and we are excited about this upcoming summer. Rise UP may be our best summer yet!

I am really excited about seeing so many of you at the Convention. I love getting the opportunity to speak about the camp. Please make sure you attend our meeting so that you can hear what's going on, and how you can plug in.

We are so very grateful for all you do!

*Kristen*

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Dear Georgia Lions,

Things around here are progressing at a rapid rate. Once again Camper registration is in full swing and the count down has begun! Please, Please remember that when you send money to the camp to notate your District and Club information and category where the money needs to be applied. I will certainly appreciate it so much.

Just a Few Important Reminders:

**DEADLINE APRIL, 30TH:** All donations to be considered for Awards at the State Convention in Augusta May 31st-June 2nd, 2013 **must be postmarked by April 30, 2013.**

**KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING:** We are still accepting donations along with sponsorships for summer campers. If you sponsored a camper last year please continue to do so.

Thanks to all of you for the support and to the clubs and individuals who have been so gracious to sponsor those Campers who need help with their fees. We are looking forward to a great summer! If there's anything you need from us, please call or email me at [glcblindsec@accessatc.net](mailto:glcblindsec@accessatc.net).

Merri Blount  
Camp Secretary

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Dear Georgia Lions,

This is from our first work weekend at the Camp on March 15-16. We worked on the Memorial Gardens and got much accomplished — much more than I expected to get done. We had some really dedicated people that worked on it all weekend. I would like to thank Mrs. Peggy Chapman for the Monument that is shown in one of the pictures. She had a company that donated the monument and also donated lettering on the monument. The picture just shows one side of the monument but it is lettered on both sides. Lions that are interested in the Memorial Gardens need to come down and see what is being done. We are going to lay bricks that were purchased with the name on them on Lions Day, July 22, 2013.

I would also like to thank the people that worked with the Memorial Garden and those that have purchased bricks. I also want to thank Mike Williams, our Building and Grounds manager at the Camp for the work he has put in the Memorial Garden on his own time. Hope to see you at a future work weekend and at Lions Day in July.



Picture 2—Reverse of Monument / Camp for The Blind Mission

Picture 1—Front of Monument / Memorial Garden: Jeffrey Lawrence (a new member at Calvary), Johnny Ballentine (Camilla), Carey Van-Landingham (Calvary), Dave Forrest and Carl Forrest (Barnesville-Lamar).

Carey VanLandingham,  
Memorial Garden Chairman



## Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction 2013 State Convention

The Silent Auction for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind is back! Lions Clubs are encouraged to donate a theme basket for the GLCB Silent Auction to be held during the 2013 State Convention in Augusta. This is a great opportunity to get your club members involved.

Theme baskets are only limited to the creativity of the club members. If your club selects to do a beach basket then members could bring items that remind them of their beach experiences. How about a chocolate basket for that chocolate lover? College football teams are always popular! Please remember to attach a list of items in the basket and the total value. The baskets will be on display during the State Convention and bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email Marty Connell, GLCB Fundraising Chair at [salto.one@cox.net](mailto:salto.one@cox.net) and/or your Camp for the Blind Vice President as follows:

- Lion Fred Carlson, District 18A, [benchmarkcontrol@gmail.com](mailto:benchmarkcontrol@gmail.com)
- Lion Scott A. Eisenhart, District 18B, [seadog0824@yahoo.com](mailto:seadog0824@yahoo.com)
- Lion Ron Horn, District 18C, [annronhorn@windstream.net](mailto:annronhorn@windstream.net)
- Lion Ken Fuller, District 18D, [hiawasseeken@yahoo.com](mailto:hiawasseeken@yahoo.com)
- Lion Pat Pignataro, District 18E, [ppignataro@bellsouth.net](mailto:ppignataro@bellsouth.net)
- Lion Hank Barks, District 18F, [hankbarks@cox.net](mailto:hankbarks@cox.net)

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in Augusta.

# Vocational Rehabilitation

*Count on Rehabilitation Services*

<http://www.vocrehabga.org>

## What We Do

[Vocational Rehabilitation](#) (VR) provides services to help eligible persons with disabilities prepare for, start, and maintain competitive employment, thus becoming productive and independent citizens in their communities. VR has 15 regional offices statewide, as well as more than 50 local offices with [expert teams](#) who work in the community and have in-depth knowledge of both the marketplace and the support services available. Customers are therefore able to benefit from opportunities tailored to their specific needs.

## Services We Provide

The VR Support Services Team (VRSST) provides leadership, training, technical assistance/support and coordination to regional and unit offices. Examples include:

- Fostering collaborative partnerships with federal and state agencies, community rehabilitation facilities, workforce investment boards and postsecondary schools.
- Developing rehabilitation services provider standards and managing fees.
- Managing the client information system.
- Developing and managing client services policy and procedures, and providing for due process, including administrative reviews, mediations and fair hearings.
- Providing rehabilitation-related assistive work technology assessments and recommendations.

Regional and unit office staffs develop referral sources for the purpose of identifying and reaching [eligible individuals with disabilities who can, will and want to work](#). Services necessary for a qualified individual to meet a carefully-determined work goal may include:

- Counseling & Guidance
- Postsecondary Support
- Supported Employment
- Work Readiness Training
- Work Adjustment Training
- Vocational & Technical Training
- On-the-Job Training
- Deaf, Blind & Deaf/Blind Services

[Employers](#) are linked with qualified applicants, and also may receive help in such areas as:

- Accessibility Assessments
- Job Analysis Studies
- Disability Awareness Education
- Assistive Work Technology

Many links



### **1. Georgia Lions Lighthouse White Cane**

As of 31 December 2012 the Lions of Georgia had collected \$13,760.45 toward the goal of \$125,000. During these hard economic times, the Lighthouse needs your help more than ever. Please do your part to encourage the clubs in your district to participate in this fundraiser to save sight.

### **2. Blind Lions of Georgia**

The Blind Lions of Georgia, formally known as the Georgia Council of Blind Lions, will continue the goal of helping the blind and visually impaired community connect with Lions Clubs throughout the state of Georgia. In November of 2012 the organization dropped their affiliation with the Georgia Council of the Blind and adopted the new name, the Blind Lions of Georgia.

### **3. Georgia Council of the Blind**

The Georgia Council of the Blind is a non-profit consumer organization affiliated with the American Council of the Blind. Georgia Council of the Blind strives to elevate the social, economic, and cultural levels of the blind and visually impaired.

Visit [www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org](http://www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org) for more information.

### **4. National Federation of the Blind of Georgia**

The National Federation of the Blind of Georgia is an organization of blind and visually impaired individuals who are concerned with the quality of life for all those who are blind and visually impaired. Visit [www.nfbga.org](http://www.nfbga.org) for more information.

### **5. American Federation for the Blind**

The American Federation of the Blind (AFB) is a national non-profit that expands possibilities for the more than 25 million people with vision loss in the United States. Visit [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org) for more information

### **6. Center for the Visually Impaired**

The mission of the Center for the Visually Impaired (CVI) is to offer comprehensive services to promote independence with dignity and preserve self worth for sight impaired individuals of all ages. Visit [www.cviatlanta.org](http://www.cviatlanta.org) for more information.

### **7. Georgia Radio Reading Service**

GARRS is an independent non-profit, 501(c)3 organization which provides blind and print-handicapped Georgians with access to the printed word. Visit [www.garrs.net](http://www.garrs.net) for more information.

### **8. Learning Ally**

Learning Ally provides a growing library of accessible downloadable audiobooks and educational content for people of all ages and education levels including people with learning disabilities, the visually impaired, and individuals with physical disabilities. Visit [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org) for more information.

### **9. Hadley School for the Blind**

The Hadley School for the Blind's 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.

### **GOALS:**

**To increase Georgia Lions knowledge, support, and participation in sight related projects throughout the state. To encourage the Lions of Georgia to accept the marching orders originally given them by Helen Keller in 1925.**

Lion Coefield asked for the Governors help to find out which clubs have blind or visually impaired members; these clubs should let their Governor know.



**LIONS CLUB NIGHT AT TURNER FIELD**  
**IN SUPPORT OF LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

**ATLANTA BRAVES VS SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> | 4:00 p.m.**



**DEAR LIONS AND SUPPORTERS,**

Help send your high school baseball team to the Braves game by supporting your local Lions Club. If you wish to attend this game, please feel free to purchase your ticket, too. Lions support Leader Dogs for the Blind - Leader Dog's Mission is to "Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel and work."



**PLEASE SUBMIT ORDER TO :**  
**ALEX.INGLE@BRAVES.COM | FAX 404.614.1582**

# TICKETS	SEATING	PRICE	TOTAL
	OUTFIELD PAVILION	X \$36	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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Email	_____
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Name on Card	_____
Card Number	Exp Date _____
Signature	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check - Make checks payable to Atlanta Braves	

Donations made toward ticket sales will help benefit someone within Georgia to get a Leader Dog.

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That's right! The man who rode 3,500 on his bicycle last year is at it again— but with a twist!

This time Lion Mark Mansell will be on a motorcycle instead of a bicycle and he won't be alone! His wife, Lion Debbie Mansell, is going along for the ride. The duo will be riding 9,349 miles through all 48 contiguous states in 24 days. Their journey to raise awareness of Leader Dogs for the Blind begins in LaCenter, Washington (Mark and Debbie's home town) on June 15 and ends in Bakersfield, California on July 8.

Along the way Mark and Debbie will be meeting with Lions Clubs, talking about Leader Dog's programs and raising funds to support those programs.



You can learn more about their trip, follow their progress or donate at [leaderdog.org/cyclingforleaderdogs](http://leaderdog.org/cyclingforleaderdogs) or see pictures and get updates on the Motorcycling for Leader Dogs page at [facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs](https://www.facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs).



### Marvelous Mardene

Luke will be 18 in just a few weeks. And like most 18 year olds, he craves independence. But, his disability limits his independence. His illness is progressive, weakening all his muscles.

Thanks to his highly trained assistance dog Mardene, Luke is getting some of that independence he craves.

“Mardene allows me to be more independent because she opens doors for me and picks things up off the floor for me,” Luke explains.

As Luke prepares to leave for college in the Fall, the tasks that Mardene performs for him are increasingly important. For instance, Mardene can get the phone for Luke when he wants to call a friend, or needs help.

In addition to the tasks that Mardene can perform for Luke, Mardene creates a social bridge for Luke. "With Mardene by my side, I feel less invisible," explains Luke.



### Will Work for Belly Rubs

“It was love at first sight. She had the sexiest titanium legs I had ever seen,” says Jay about his wife Katy. Jay saw those sexy titanium legs at a rehabilitation center after a rock

climbing accident left him without the use of his legs.

In 2009 Jay and Katy were married and in 2012 Jay graduated with Canine Companions Service Dog Goliath. “Goliath instantly became a third member of our family,” share Jay and Katy.

“Before he’s our family pet, he’s my employee,” Jay continues. “He helps me tremendously by picking up dropped items and opening doors for me.” “One time I dropped 14 dollar bills on the floor, and Goliath picked them all up for me,” Jay explains.

Goliath’s best benefit of working for Jay, is cuddle time with Katy. “Every morning Goliath lays on his back with his feet in the air while I pet him,” Katy says. “It’s the greatest.”



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



### **My child was recently diagnosed with dyslexia. How can audiobooks help?**

she is in 4th grade in a very competitive school district and was getting really behind – despite being very bright and verbal. Homework takes forever.

**Answer:**

Audiobooks can help with learning to read and with homework – particularly for dyslexics. As a former elementary school teacher and mother of a dyslexic daughter, I know the amount of reading starts to increase each year from early elementary school and she needs to read for comprehension at this point and beyond to get the content in social studies and science. So audio books can take the pressure off her by delivering information in a way she can easily access it – particularly for those subjects. She needs to listen to learn. Secondly, audio-books can help her with reading comprehension – building vocabulary – and helping her become more fluent. Yes, they are part of literacy, and when followed along with the text, it can improve her reading. Get audiobooks for her textbooks or pleasure books.

I know **Learning Ally** has an audiobook catalog of 75,000 titles. You can listen on a variety of devices – from a PC to the more portable and “cool” iPod and iPad – and there’s no extra charge for the app. Currently, they have a 10 day trial period to evaluate the service. Try it. Go to

<https://www.learningally.org/parents-students/sign-up/>



### **Moose Tracks at School and Home**

**Ana DeGuzman’s energetic personality fit s  
right in at Mirror Lake Elementary School in  
Fort Myers, where she student-teaches an eager  
class of third graders.** And her guide dog Moose is a rock star, loved by 1,100 students.

“I can’t get around the school without him,” shares Ana. “I was so desperate for independence and mobility; I would have had to put my graduation on hold if I hadn’t gotten him. Now I can graduate!” With an early diagnosis of retinitis pigmentosa, Ana’s vision was high functioning at first. She lost peripheral vision at age 14 but still managed to cheerlead and run track. But at age 27, her vision went downhill fast.

Ana recalls the Christmas tree that year, the one that was supposed to stay lit even if one bulb went bad. “What’s wrong with our tree?” she asked. “The lights don’t work!” Her husband and 6-year-old stared. “There’s nothing wrong with the tree,” they said. After a no-guarantee surgery to remove floaters and a cataract, Ana ended up with very little usable vision.

Today, Moose fits in with the DeGuzman family of five, including Ana’s husband and three children ages 8, 5, and 16 months. Just before Moose arrived, her husband landed a new job requiring a 60-hour workweek. “If you aren’t here, I can’t function without someone,” she told him. That “someone” ended up being Moose! When Ana learned her dog’s name, she was amazed. With a maiden name of Mousseau, both her dad and brother were nicknamed “Moose” and the family collected moose memorabilia. Moose was meant to be!



# Success Story: Don Fillenworth

Posted on [March 27, 2013](#) by [American Diabetes Association](#)



**Name:** Don Fillenworth, age 55  
**Location:** Bismarck, N.D

In mid-October 2012, I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and had an A1C of 9.6. This was quite a shock for me, as there is no history of diabetes in my family. Before I was diagnosed, my feet were constantly numb and tingling, and I was losing feeling in the front portion of the bottom of both my feet. I had no clue that this was an [indicator of diabetes](#), as I was not familiar with the disease at the time.

My doctor prescribed metformin, which I take twice a day, and referred me to a diabetes educator and nutritionist at our local medical center. My cholesterol and blood pressure levels were also really high, but I was already on medications for both.

My wife accompanied me to the diabetes education and nutrition courses. The courses were very educational and informative! We both were amazed at the amount of information we received. The lifestyle changes were pretty aggressive, including major diet changes as well as exercise.

Fortunately, my wife is so dedicated and helpful! Though she didn't have to, Cindy committed to the same diet changes, as well as to starting a walking routine with me. Originally, my goal was to walk about one-and-a-half miles a day. Within a month, though, we were walking five to six miles a day during our lunch and dinner times.

In January, I received the results from a follow-up doctor's visit and blood screening. In three short months, I have lowered my A1C level to 5.9! My blood pressure and cholesterol levels have decreased greatly and are now in normal ranges. I have also dropped more than 20 pounds and

my feet no longer tingle. I feel great! Even my doctor was amazed at my dedication and progress.

I don't consider being diagnosed with diabetes as a bad thing at all. It gave me the opportunity to realize that I wasn't taking care of my health, and I was given a chance to correct the situation. I feel very blessed for the wisdom of the medical professionals in our community, as well as the love and support of my wife!

**Do you know your risk for type 2 diabetes? March 26 was American Diabetes Association Alert Day<sup>®</sup>, and the Association encourages you to take the Diabetes Risk Test and share it with everyone you know. You will find this free test on [Facebook](#), on [stopdiabetes.com](#) or by calling 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383).**

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## HOW DID THE RED RIDERS GET STARTED?

In 2006, Mari Ruddy rode in a Tour de Cure and asked the question, "Where are all the riders with diabetes?" Living with type 1 diabetes for more than 30 years, she wanted to talk to others like her with diabetes and celebrate everyone that was taking control of their health. In 2007, Mari Ruddy, Sandria Barrett & Marcey Robinson came up with the idea of the Red Riders and made that idea come to life at the Denver, CO, Tour de Cure that year. Now the Red Riders and Team Red are a part of every Tour de Cure in the nation and they want you to get involved and be proud to be a Red Rider!

## THE REASON WE RIDE

The purpose of the Red Riders is to support everyone who lives with type 1 or type 2 diabetes and showcase the courage it takes to live every day with this difficult disease. It's time to celebrate those with diabetes that get on their bikes and ride! The Tour de Cure recognizes riders with diabetes as the heroes on the day of the event!

I'd like to volunteer for the Tour event in:

[Atlanta, GA](#)

19 May 2013



For more info go to: [http://tour.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TC\\_redrider](http://tour.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TC_redrider)



LIONS QUEST



Trisha Co Reyes  
13 years old  
Philippines

### Our World, Our Future

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on 15 November 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

AWARDS: Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

International Grand Prize Winner receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of \$5,000 and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2014.

23 Merit Award Winners each receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

How to Enter: Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. It costs \$10.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor a school or organized sponsored youth group:

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules
- Participant Flyer may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

### LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

#### Our World, Our Future

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

The contest theme is "Imagine Peace."

• Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.*

• Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

• Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.

• Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

• Essay entries cannot have already been published.

• Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

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

Greetings Georgia Lions

It's that time again! We have four new student applications from Finland, who are anxiously waiting to participate in our Exchange Program this summer.

Please help us provide Host Families for these students. We must have willing hosts before we can process these applications.

Each student has written a letter to their "potential host family". These letters are very informative; they include why they want to come to Georgia and what it means to them. They tell us about their families, schools, hobbies and what they hope to accomplish. They want to know you, your family, and learn more about the United States.

Please let us hear from you. You may contact your District Youth/Exchange Chairperson or me for information.

If you have any questions, I will be more than happy to assist you. My cell phone is 770-301-3327 or e-mail [fayehsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:fayehsmith@hotmail.com)

Many Thanks,

Faye H. Smith  
MD 18 CHAIRPERSON  
YOUTH EXCHANGE

**18-C LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADOR**  
**LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADORS OF THE 21ST**  
**CENTURY AWARD “BEING A YOUNG**  
**AMBASSADOR in 2013 – IN A WORLD OF**  
**SERVICE”**

PDG Chris Sumner introduced the District 18-C Young Ambassador contestants, Lucio Velasco of Colquitt County LEO Club, Angie Kinjerski of Early County LEO Club, and Aaron Rognstad of Seminole County LEO Club, who presented their speeches as part of the contest. (The winners were presented with their awards at the Convention Banquet. LEOs Lucio Velasco and Aaron Rognstad received 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards/scholarships and LEO Angie Kinjerski received the 1<sup>st</sup> place award/scholarship.) PIP Jim Ervin, ID Harvey Whitley, and DG Troy Pullin expressed their appreciation for the participation of these young people and the groups that support them.



**LEO SPOTLIGHT**

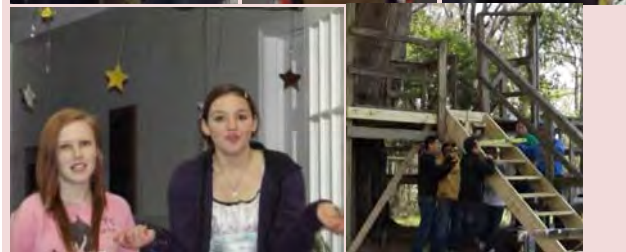
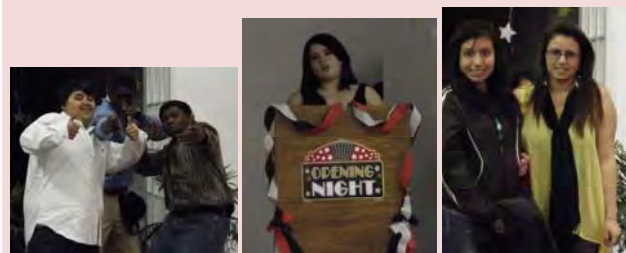


Prior to the 2013 District Governor’s banquet, the 18-C LEOs (Colquitt County, Early County, and Seminole County LEOs) joined forces and sold LCIF Contributing member pins raising \$220 for LCIF.



**LEO State Gathering**

MD-18 Highlights State Council Members: Several Colquitt County and Seminole County LEOs members were elected to serve on the 13-14 MD-18 LEO State Council. MD-18 LEOs donated almost \$1000 to GLCB with CC and SC LEO Clubs each donating \$100. Some 80 LEOs and Lions were in attendance including 22 LEOs and 11 adults/Lions from CC and 20 LEOs and 5 adults/Lions from SC.



## ***Lions Services for Children***



We, as Lions, are likely familiar with the many youth related programs available to us and our clubs through Lions International. These programs are as varied as our young people are. However, while these are all valuable programs, most of us may not be aware of the many resources in our local communities that we can utilize in helping us make a difference in the lives of our next generation. In an attempt to encourage us to think outside of the box, I will, in this article, touch on a few youth related programs that you may not be familiar with.

### **American Legion**

Most of our communities have an American Legion Post. These men and women are involved in many programs that promote patriotism in our young people. For the past 5 years, I have served as a judge in an oratorical competition for high school students requiring them to present a prepared 8-10 minute speech on the United States Constitution followed by a 3-5 minute presentation on an Article of the Constitution that is randomly selected from 5 choices. This is an amazing display of courage and dedication from high school students that would challenge many adults.

In addition, most of our American Legion Posts offer opportunities for young men and women to participate in the American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. This is a program to teach young people how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for their rights as United States citizens. While attending the program these students will experience what it's like to run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government. For more information visit [www.boysandgirlsstate.org](http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org)

### **Boys and Girls Clubs of America**

In all of our communities, there are boys and girls that are left to find their own recreation and companionship. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care and supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys and Girls Clubs offer that and more. Programs and services at a local Boys and Girls Club develop in our youth a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence while providing a safe place to learn and grow. Many of those that have attended a Boys and Girls

Club have reinvested in young people by becoming mentors and volunteers at area centers, preserving the legacy of this organization by actively participating in the growth of those that follow them.

For more information visit [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org)

### **Georgia Masonic Home for Children**

In some cases, the best opportunity for a child to learn and grow may require a change of environment. While most of us could not imagine how a parent or guardian could allow a child to live outside of the home, there are situations where this is the only hope for growing and developing a well-adjusted young person. Fortunately, here in Georgia, we have a means to minister to these cases.

The home is situated on 600 plus acres in Macon, Georgia. Since opening its doors in 1904, the Masonic Home of Georgia has served families and children from across the state. As a residential childcare facility, the home can offer care and stability to children who are in difficult situations. It can often serve to prevent the dissolution of a family in crisis.

Children who reside at the Masonic Home receive a quality education that includes the opportunity to be involved in extracurricular activities and sports. Certified teachers are available to assist the residents in achieving academic success. Any resident who graduates from high school is given the opportunity to pursue a higher degree. College or technical school is financed in full by the Georgia Masons. Regular medical and dental care is provided to all residents. Psychological services are provided to those that can benefit from them.

The Masonic Home provides a safe haven that is modeled on a stable family environment. It provides both intermediate and long range care. Applicants must be between the ages of 6 and 15. In the case of a sibling group, a 5 year old may be considered. Applicants must be capable of succeeding in a traditional school setting and cannot have emotional or behavioral problems that require a therapeutic placement or hospitalization.

For more information visit [www.masonichomeofgeorgia.com](http://www.masonichomeofgeorgia.com)

Obviously, I have mentioned three resources that would apply to three very different situations. But, as you can see, there are many avenues for us to get involved and stay involved with our youth. As I have mentioned in previous articles, none of these ministries will succeed if we don't take an interest in these children. Our future generation does not depend on someone else, it depends on you.

Yours in Service to Others,

Mark Bradley  
State Chairman Multiple District 18 Youth Services



# LCI NEWS



## Where in the World

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

Lions News Network  
• LQ-Lions Quarterly ?



## International President Wayne A. Madden



Social media provides Lions clubs with valuable marketing tools that can help expand your reach in the community. With a Facebook page for your club, you can let everyone know about the great [local volunteer opportunities](#) available. You can also share photos of your projects and activities to give people a first-hand look at the positive results of your club's efforts.



Not only should you be connecting with people in the community, but you should also be connecting with organizations in your community. By "liking" and leaving comments on the Facebook pages of local community centers, businesses, charities, city leaders and other organizations, you're working to get your Lions club's name out there and build stronger relationships. Leave a

comment on the local library's page about your club's Reading Action Program activities. Or share a link to photos of your latest environmental project on the local arboretum's page.

With a shared goal of helping and improving your community, your Lions club can work with other organizations to truly make a difference.

**What community organizations does your Lions club follow on Facebook?**



## May is Lions Recycle for Sight Month



Celebrate Recycle for Sight Month by organizing an eyeglass collection in your neighborhood, workplace or local business. LCI offers colorful promotional [resources](#) your club can personalize and distribute to support your efforts. Get involved with community schools by offering to give a brief presentation about eyeglass recycling, start a collection campaign or sponsor a school contest to encourage eyeglass collection. If your club is new to eyeglass recycling, it's easy to get started with the [Club Guide for Collecting Used Eyeglasses](#). Learn how your club can contribute used eyeglasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses, to the nearest [Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center](#) for optical missions to developing countries.



## Lions and Reading Is Fundamental

[Reading Is Fundamental](#) (RIF) is the largest children's literacy nonprofit in the United States, and is one of the organizations that Lions Clubs

International has partnered with as a part of the Reading Action Program.



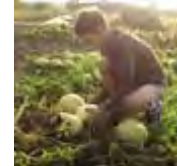
The Sterling Lions Club in Colorado, USA recently organized a RIF program that provides books to children and parents of low-income families – many with single mothers who have limited English skills. The program, called Head Start, includes 83 children between the ages of 3 and 5. The Lions also plan to offer a class for parents on helping their kids with reading at home.

[Learn more about RIF](#) and how to get involved, and [visit their blog](#) for more stories.

**Does your Lions club provide [community services for children](#) and parents that promote literacy?**



## LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about a Lions Farm-to-School Garden.

## HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

[Lions Club iPhone App](#)

Download our iPhone app to stay up-to-date with Lions news.

## CONTESTS

[Lions International Essay Contest](#)

Visually impaired children express their feelings of peace.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

## A Year in Review

Last year, LCIF and Lions brought hope to millions of people worldwide, thanks to your generosity. Because of you, Rangita was able to see her father for the first time after [cataract surgery](#); Sanjay in Nepal was able to help provide [measles vaccinations](#) to children in need; Sunidhi in India was able to better understand adolescence through



[Lions Quest](#); and Indji in Haiti was able to attend a nursing school, which was [rebuilt following the earthquake](#) in 2010. Read through LCIF's [Annual Report](#) story in LION magazine to learn how your [donations](#) to the Foundation changed lives and gave hope to millions of people around the world. Thank you for



your support!

*Wing-Kun Tam*

*Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

In 2012, Pradip received a pediatric-cataract surgery and free treatment as a result of LCIF and Bausch + Lomb's Pediatric Cataract Initiative (PCI) grant to Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in West Bengal. Through the PCI, the hospital is the recipient of one of six projects awarded around the world since 2010 to improve their local capacities to detect, treat and follow-up with the often complex pediatric cataract cases.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of babies around the world are born with or develop a cataract in one or both eyes. This condition can lead to severe vision loss – or even blindness. But not only is pediatric cataract treatable, it's often preventable.

[Bausch + Lomb](#) and LCIF began a partnership through the PCI in 2010 to identify, fund and promote innovative methods of overcoming pediatric cataract for the long-term benefit of children, their families and their communities. Bausch + Lomb awarded LCIF US\$350,000 in the pilot year to launch this partnership program, and has awarded an additional US\$350,000 to continue the program for a second year.



In the first year, a total of three grants were awarded. One grant for innovative, capacity-building prevention and treatment

programs in the People's Republic of China. In China, at least 40,000 children are estimated to suffer from pediatric cataract (representing nearly 20 percent of China's 200,000 blind children). Funds of US\$150,000 were awarded to the Tianjin Eye Hospital for treatment, ophthalmologist training, equipment and community education. Two additional grants of US\$50,000 each were awarded to for small research projects, one at Lumbini Eye Institute, Nepal, and the other at Calabar Teaching Hospital, Nigeria. In Nepal, researchers studied the cost and effectiveness of a cataract surgery follow-up program. In Nigeria, researchers conducted what is believed to be the first large-scale study of the root causes of childhood blindness in Africa. The study found that two-thirds of children screened needed referral follow-up care.

In the second year, the partnership [awarded three additional grants](#): two research grants of US\$50,000 each and one capacity-building grant for US\$150,000. The two research grants were awarded to ORBIS, a nonprofit global development organization dedicated to saving sight worldwide. ORBIS will assess the pediatric cataract surgical service in Southern Africa, informing and enhancing existing activities to strengthen pediatric eye care units at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in South Africa and Kitwe Central Hospital in Zambia. The second research grant was awarded to the International Centre for Eye Health for a five-year community-based follow up of children in Bangladesh to assess surgical outcomes.

We did it!

It is my great pleasure and privilege to report to you that **Lions have successfully met the Gates Challenge!**

In the past year, all across the globe, Lions came together in support of One Shot, One Life: The Lions Measles Initiative by contributing an astounding US\$10 million to help end the death and disease caused by measles. What a spectacular achievement!

As you know, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation promised to match every US\$2 raised by Lions with US\$1, if we reached our US\$10 million goal. So, meeting the Gates Challenge means that Lions will be able to contribute a total of US\$15 million this year to help protect the world's children from the brain damage, hearing loss, blindness and death caused by measles. Lions' dedication to combating this deadly disease is a clear demonstration of our deep commitment to protecting the health and well-being of our most vulnerable children. We have shown the world that we are not only Knights of the Blind but protectors of children, as well.

Although meeting the Gates Challenge was made possible through the efforts of all Lions, members in three countries contributed nearly US\$6 million of the US\$10 million raised and deserve our special thanks. The Lions of Multiple District 300 - Taiwan contributed US\$2.9 million, the Lions of Japan mobilized US\$2 million and the Lions of Korea provided nearly US\$1 million! I am truly grateful to our fellow Lions in OSEAL for their extraordinary generosity.



Many of you have recently asked me whether or not Lions Clubs International Foundation would continue its efforts to combat measles once our US\$10 million goal had been met. LCIF is currently working with the Gates Foundation to chart our future course and it is my sincere hope that Lions all over the world will continue to build upon this extraordinary achievement.

As Chairperson of our Foundation, and the father of three healthy children, I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for rolling up your sleeves and getting to work on combating measles. Lions are giving the world's children a very precious gift: the chance to live a healthy life. It is my great hope that the day will soon come when no child's life is cut short by measles. I am so proud to be able to say that when that beautiful day does come, it will have been made possible, in part, through the efforts of Lions.

### Providing Disaster Relief through LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation has extensive experience in providing immediate and long-term relief following disasters. Local Lions and Lions leaders assess the immediate needs and develop a long-term reconstruction plan; LCIF staff is involved in planning. We stay for as long as it takes to finish the disaster work, and help give victims their lives back. Read more about our disaster work in our [Disaster Prospectus](#).

- Each year the Foundation awards millions in grants for disaster relief. Over the last 10 years, the Foundation has given over US\$100 million.



- Mobilized US\$6 million for Haiti earthquake relief, US\$15 million following South Asia tsunami, US\$5 million for Hurricane Katrina projects in four U.S. states, US\$3 million for China earthquake and US\$3 million following September 11, 2001 devastation, and assistance for countless other catastrophes.
- Donors can be confident that funds entrusted to LCIF will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.
- Projects carried out by Lions in the community, a vast grassroots network of 1.35 million Lions members in 207 countries and regions worldwide.

### Relief Following Superstorm Sandy in the USA

Lions Clubs International Foundation mobilized US\$240,000 to help those affected by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, including a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant. Some examples of LCIF grants in action include:

- Connecticut, District 23-C: The Lions ALERT team worked to provide community meals at shelters and other sites where meals are needed.

- Maryland, District 22-B: Lions provided personal hygiene kits, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand towels, soap and more, to 400 displaced families being housed in a local community center.
- New Jersey, District 16-A, 16-B, 16-C, 16-D and 16-E: Lions worked with local food banks to provide food, water and blankets to residents in need.
- New York, Multiple District 20: Lions worked to provide goods and meet needs in local communities affected by the storm.
- North Carolina, District 31-J: Lions focused on getting food, water and dry clothes to residents that were stranded on Hatteras Island.

Lions in the affected areas weren't the only ones providing aid to those in need. Many generous Lions sent supplies, held fundraisers and made donations to the [LCIF Disaster Relief fund](#).

### Haiti Earthquake Relief

- After the earthquake hit Haiti in 2010, Lions immediately established three tent cities to provide shelter to 2,500 people. Now, Lions are helping rebuild vital infrastructure.
- LCIF collaborated with Food for the Poor to construct 400 permanent homes and a community center that will provide vocational training. LCIF is providing US\$1.5 million and Food for the Poor will contribute US\$1.28 million.
- 600 Haitian families moved into new, temporary homes thanks to an initiative between LCIF, the Lions of MD111 Germany and HELP, an international non-governmental organization. The families are those who were initially sheltered in Lions' tent cities. LCIF provided US\$1.4 million for this project.
- Four classrooms and a laboratory are a part of the new National Nursing School of Port au Prince, where 350 students will study annually. Even before the earthquake, there was a shortage of trained healthcare professionals, especially nurses. LCIF provided US\$368,421, or 27 percent, of the total project cost for construction and equipment expenses. The project is in partnership with HumaniTerra International, a non-governmental organization devoted to surgery.
- Lions reconstructed the Notre Dame School in Port-au-Prince through an International Assistance Grant with the French Lions of District 103-SW. The school, founded in 1978, serves students from disadvantaged families and is supported by the non-governmental organization SOS Enfants Sans Frontiers (Children without Borders). The school was severely damaged in the 2010 earthquake. Until the school was rebuilt, the



361 students had to attend classes in make-shift rooms and alternative locations.

### **Peng Hua Lions Village in Sichuan Province, China**

- Only volunteer service club organization officially recognized by Chinese government.
- Village destroyed in a 2008 earthquake in central China.
- Eighty homes were handed over to families during a ceremony in October 2009; part of a two-phase project to construct more than 150 homes.
- Chinese Lions joined villagers in the rebuilding process, some traveling to the area up to 10 times to assist hands-on, as well as donating supplies.
- Rebuilt three schools in the same area as well, opened in September in time for the school year.

### **Relief in Four States Following Hurricane Katrina**

- Mobilized US\$5 million for immediate and long-term reconstruction in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi following the hurricane in 2005.
- An estimated 3 million benefited from Lions' efforts.
- Funds helped rebuild and equip schools, rebuild or establish Lion eye clinics and eye banks, provide assistive and rehabilitative devices for disabled, repair Lions camps and numerous other projects.
- Lions from across the U.S. and Canada drove relief supplies to affected areas.
- Continued with long-term disaster work efforts, including the recent completion of a state-of-the-art high school in Chalmette, Louisiana, where the old high school was completely destroyed; the remodeling of Twelve Baskets Food Bank in Mississippi; and the rebuilding of Camp Wilkes in Mississippi.

### **Villages and Economy Rebuilt in South Asia after Tsunami**

- Awarded more than US\$15 million for long-term reconstruction efforts in four countries, including Thailand, India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.
- Rebuilt more than 4,000 homes, in addition, community and health centers, schools and orphanages have been constructed.
- Tsunami reconstruction efforts are now complete in Indonesia and Thailand, projects are expected to be completed within the year in Sri Lanka, and projects are ongoing in India.

### **Lions Provide Relief Following September 11, 2001 Attacks**

- Mobilized US\$3.2 million for relief efforts following the attacks.
- Purchased needed rescue tools; shipping containers to provide sleeping and warming center for disaster workers; established communications network for e-

mail, phone and Web site; held several camp retreats for families of victims.

### **Lions Quest**

Since its founding nearly four decades ago, LCIF has been committed to helping children and young adults in need all over the world. We reach thousands of youth everyday through a number of programs that help them enjoy their childhood and grow into successful adults.



More than 12 million youth have been taught positive life skills through [Lions Quest](#), our most comprehensive program for youth. Lions Quest unites the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people through positive youth development programs. 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 from kindergarten through 12th grade, 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 present in 78 countries and program materials have been translated into 36 languages. This positive youth development program is having a huge, global impact; [view a video](#) about the program in India and [read stories of those impacted](#). You can also [view videos](#) on LCIF's efforts to support youth. 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.

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

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 Augusta, Georgia 30901  
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