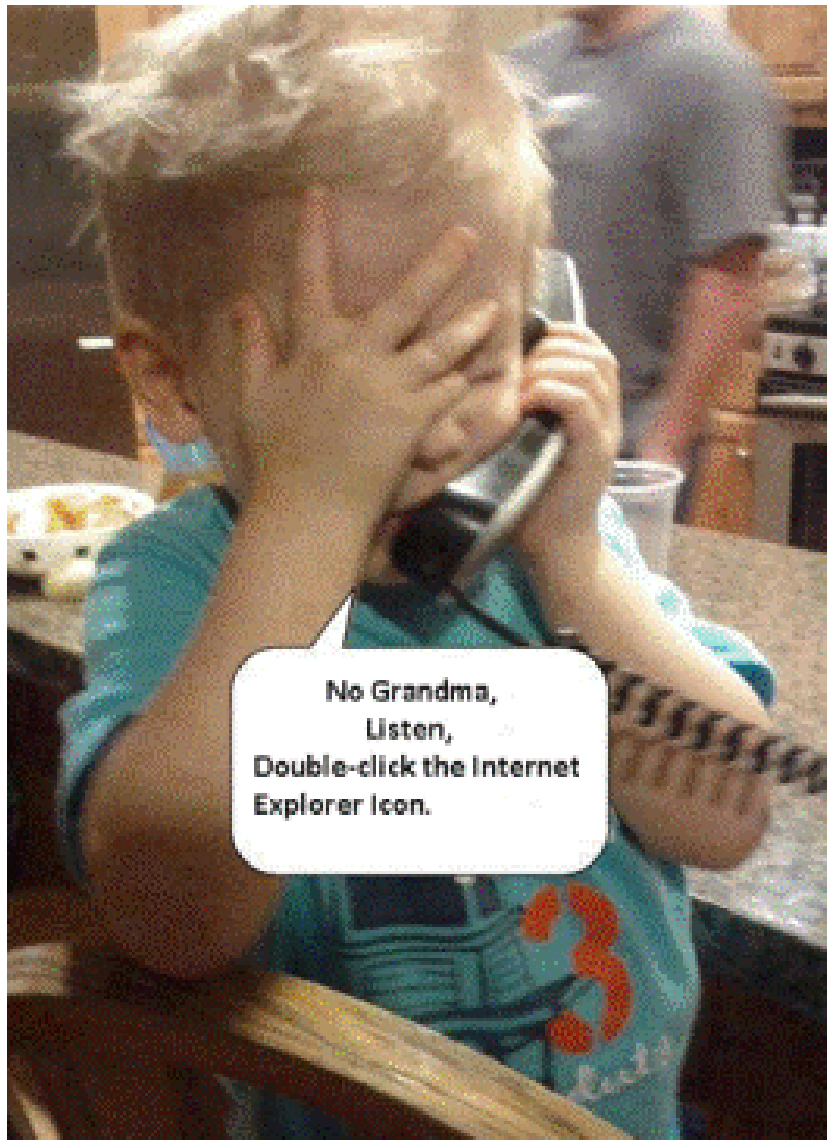


Lions of Georgia



*HOW UP TO DATE ARE YOU WHEN IT COMES TO THE INTERNET?
ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?*

New State Office Telephone Number = 706 816-2770

PLEASE – Presidents/Secretaries = send in the name of your Club and the Name and Email address only of all club members who have DSL so we can send the StateMag to each of those members. Send to edmcionh@bellsouth.net or lionga@bellsouth.net



State News



Council received reports or comments as follows:

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

PIP Ervin thanked Kembra Smith and Jim Adams for the job the Lighthouse and Staff did hosting Linda Madden and the people from USAID. PIP Ervin thanked Mark Miller for all the work he has done on the USA/Canada Forum coming up next week. He stated that Districts should consider sending their future leaders to the Forum and take advantage of the leadership development and training at the Forum.

He pointed out that the District Governor Teams should discuss with the GMT and GLT locations where Lionism can be extended. There are a lot of areas in the new Districts where extension can take place. He stated that a minimum of two Lions Clubs per district is needed just to break even with the losses in membership.

Lion Ervin discussed the fact that International Director Bob Corlew and Diane have been endorsed by the Executive Officers and the International Board to be the next Candidate for International Second Vice President. He asked that the Council consider endorsing Lion Corlew and show their support for his candidacy.

Dr. Yamada is looking at Charleston and Savannah as a location for an International Board Meeting. Savannah will be visited in January for an inspection by staff. PDG Chris Barbieri has been asked by PIP Ervin to be the lead person in that area, since he is close friends with the manager of the convention bureau. If Savannah is chosen, the Multiple District would need to do a Host Night in Savannah for the Board members. Some special fund raising might be necessary to cover some of the expenses involved.

PIP Ervin stated that International is asking one person from each Multiple District be assigned to serve on the Centennial Committee. Lion Ervin has been reappointed to serve on this committee. This would be an opportunity to showcase the Lighthouse and Camp and other things going on in Georgia.

He pointed out that the Council is concerned about the issues facing the Camp. He hoped that the Council and leaders of the camp would be able to find a way by which the camp can become a viable operation. He felt that if the structure and management of the Camp needs to change, the Council needs to look at it very thoroughly and make recommendations to the camp; if it means consolidation with the Lighthouse, he felt the organizations should look into how it can be structured, because we do not want to close the doors. The Camp is a beautiful place and this is something the Council will want to address. He stated that he and the PIDs would be more than willing to help in any way possible.

(1) Lion Mark Rice, DG 18-L, made a motion that Council endorse Immediate Past International Director Lion Bob Corlew as a Candidate for Second Vice President, Lions Clubs International.

Motion seconded by Lion Cathy Threatt, DG 18-N, and motion carried unanimously.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION W. MYERS BANISTER:

PID Banister stated that if he can help any Governor or Vice Governor in any way, he would be glad to share what knowledge he has with them. He discussed the Forum and stated it was a little late to be recruiting people to go to this year’s forum. He stated that he has had the privilege of taking three first timers to Forums and enjoyed their comments after they attended. He suggested that Governors and Vice Governors start now, as they make their visits, to talk about the Forum for the following year and try to encourage the clubs to send their President or Vice President to the forum so that they can get some good information and share that with their club.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DR. JOHN F. PEARCE:

PID Pearce asked PIP Ervin if he had any insight into the Vision Program coming out of LCIF into the Multiple Districts. PIP Ervin stated that he will ask for clarification on the program since there seems to be a lot of questions about what the goal is and how the structure is to be.

REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION and INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION Ed Hashbarger, DG 18I:

DG Hashbarger called on CC Winters for any report he might have on the 2013 State Convention in Augusta. CC Winters stated that he appreciated everyone’s support and the number of people who attended. He stated he has heard quite a few positive comments about the weekend. He stated he was pleased that there was some money made on the convention to turn in to the State.

PDG David Forrest stated gave a short report on the 2014 State Convention in Macon. He stated that the committee is aware of the distance to walk between the hotel and the coliseum, and suggested that attendees might want to park at the coliseum end of the complex and enter the building that way. PDG Forrest requested that Governors let him know as soon as possible what the agenda for the convention will include, so that rooms can be arranged for and an agenda drawn up. A tour of the building will begin today at 11:00 AM. DG Hashbarger suggested that all Governors go through him or CC Jon with any questions or complaints about the Macon convention.

DG Hashbarger stated that plans are continuing for the 2015 Convention scheduled for Tifton. He pointed out that the 2016 Convention is scheduled for Callaway Gardens, and 2017 for Jekyll Island. DG Hashbarger stated that he understands there is a problem with the 2018 Convention being planned for Columbus. He stated that any area interested in hosting a convention should submit a bid. PDG Jane Price stated that Atlanta might be interested in hosting a state convention.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DG Hashbarger stated that he thinks all the DGEs will be in one hotel this year, and not in several as in the past. He stated that he is trying to have Georgia located in the Sheraton where the DGs will be. He stated that the Jamboree would be held there; he is asking for two open bars and light snacks. Once a hotel is assigned to Georgia he will begin working with them reference the Jamboree. DG Hashbarger stated that he will submit the paperwork to participate in the International Parade. The Southeastern Breakfast will be hosted by the State of Tennessee.

Business which were handled electronically” Chair Winters stated that business conducted at the Friday evening work session will be addressed as those items come up on the agenda today. He discussed items of business which were handled electronically since the May 30th meeting:

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was given direction on what they will need to work on this year, and direction given to the Long Range Planning Committee with regard to the Camp for the Blind. DG Walker, 18-O made a motion to approve those actions taken by Council. DG Hashbarger, 18-I, seconded the motion and motion carried.

REPORT OF MD 18 GEORGIA LIONS ALL STATE BAND CHAIR – LION LESLIE MILLER:

Attempts to recruit band to travel to Toronto to represent MD18 in International Parade have been unsuccessful.

- Even with the offer of \$5000 to help offset the cost, directors have said the trip is still too expensive
- The trip is in the summer — not all the band members would participate, creating “gaps” in the instrumentation

In light of the fact that “our own” charities — particularly the Camp — could use the money, it seems frivolous to spend \$5000 for a band to march with us in the parade. If we want, we can recruit a band in the Toronto area, or one that is already marching in the parade, to march with us and pay them \$1000. When the GLASB marched in the parade in Denver in 2003, we were offered \$1000 to march for one of the Asian delegations, so I know this is a common practice.

Proposal:

So that the money our Lions work so hard to raise can benefit someone in a more direct way, my proposal is to create a Lions music competition and award the winner with a scholarship to the school of their choice. The amount of the scholarship would be \$2500, paid directly to the college.

Here’s how it would work:

- Applications sent to band directors to distribute to high school seniors — apps also sent to organizers of JanFest at IJGA and All State Band auditions
 - Students return application with a recording of audition material
 - Recordings would be reviewed by panel, and narrowed down to top 3
 - Top 3 would perform live at State Convention in Macon, and winner would be announced at banquet on Saturday night
- Needed at State Convention:
- Room in which to have the performances
 - Piano available

Lion Miller stated that instead of the Georgia Lions Allstate Band, it could be changed to Georgia Lions Music Competition, offering scholarship money to a deserving student. Discussion on this proposal was tabled until the next Council Meeting.

REPORT OF MD 18 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHAIR – LION BILL CRAIG, PCC: CC Bethel reminded those present that this Council tabled a partial rewrite of the Constitution; this will become a consideration by the incoming Council. There is a Constitutional amendment being voted on this weekend at the Convention, to change term limits on State Committees to two years, and allowing the Chairs to be selected by the Council.

REPORT OF MD 18 STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, DGE, 18-I: DG Hashbarger reported that the Magazine should be out by the 1st of October. He

asked the Office Secretary to forward a check to the printer. As you know, the History of Club Donations, Status of Installments, MJF Listing and LCIF Recap are forwarded to each District LCIF Chair. At the present time – we need one more in the northern part of District N. The position is a 3 year commitment and dedication in getting the word out on LCIF. The goal is to have two (2) Coordinators within each District. I will give results I hope within June to the new DGE’s. Charitable contributions have been improving over past couple of years. In my travels around I found out that we still have a problem in getting the word out. I highly recommend to the upcoming District Governor’s and Vice District Governor’s that they make sure that they take 2 minutes to say something about LCIF and ask each club to give a donation - \$25.00 minimum is not too much to ask for and set yourself a goal at being a 100% District. Also, again I found that not all clubs know about many of the other Lions projects we have and never received any programs on these projects – I encourage you to get your Chairs involved and travel. Again, some of the clubs have been worried only about what is going on within their own communities – this is fine – but they have to realize that sometime in the future – monies might be needed to help restore a community. Much has been given and we have received a good amount in return.

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

Lion Schloemer stated that she was in Macon today to launch the Road Show for Leader Dogs for the Blind. She was upset that Leader Dogs was not included in a prominent spot on the weekend agenda, but rather at a time when the Council would be touring the facilities and unable to attend; and the Lighthouse will be having a Board Meeting. She has asked each District to help sell t-shirts. Lion Bonnie Kelly, 1st Vice District Governor, gave a report of their trip to Leader Dogs in Michigan. CC Winters stated that he apologized for the lack of coordination on the weekend agenda to include the Leader Dogs. He stated that originally Leader Dogs was given a block of time from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. He was told it was too late in the afternoon and the only other time slot available was from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. DG Hashbarger stated he felt that perhaps more thought should be given to highlighting the four initiatives in the State of Georgia at the Council Meetings. G Threatt, 18-N, pointed out that it took quite a bit of work to get the Camp and Lighthouse together for a meeting. She stated that if the Camp and Lighthouse need the entire weekend for their meetings, then perhaps at the November Council Meeting equal time should be allotted for LCIF and Leader Dogs. CC Winters suggested Council give consideration to this idea.

REPORT OF STATE LION TAMER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – LION

RICK MIZELL, PDG: Lion Tamer Mizell pointed out that each District has the opportunity to have the Lions Store at their District Convention. He stated that he will come into each District, if invited. The only requirement of the District is to have space available for the store and some tables. The cost of the Lion Tamer’s visit to the District is covered by the Multiple District, and that is mileage to the site. The District normally covers the meal expenses, and a hotel room for one night, only if the Lion Tamer stays two nights. He asked the Governors for their ideas on items to sell in the room. He asked the Council for their suggestions and input for the State Website. He would like to take pictures of the Council members and Past International Officers to put on the state website, and for updated pictures for use in the State Convention program.



McDonough Lions Club



Mark Rice
DISTRICT "L"

Dedicated to the needs of our community, the McDonough Lions Club raises funds and supports: Haven House, the Henry County Scholarship Fund, Eye exams and prescription glasses for Henry County residents, Free Eye screening for students in the Henry County Schools, GA Lion Lions Camp for the Blind, GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Southeastern Guide dogs to name a few.

Members of the McDonough Lions Club spent the day working at "Hands on Henry." They did various work projects at "Helping in His Name" food pantry in Stockbridge!

McDonough Lions Club Provides Swings for City Park. The McDonough Lions Club swings into action like Christmas in July! The Club recently donated \$3000 to purchase six swings to be used around Alexander Park in McDonough, Georgia. The official ribbon cutting was held in the park on July 10th. Mayor Billy Copeland, a long time member of the Lions Club addressed those present and expressed appreciation for the addition of the swings to the park.

Annual Geranium Festival will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Downtown McDonough, Georgia. This is one of the best festivals in all of Georgia. It is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 people will come to downtown McDonough for this festival. No other event in Henry County (other than Atlanta Motor Speedway) draws this number of people. This festival draws over 300 exhibitors and vendors from all across the Southeastern United States who occupy nearly 400 booth spaces throughout the festival. Every Lion is needed for this special event. Planning on the part of the Geranium Festival Team is a year round event. We work closely with the City of McDonough and Mayor Billy Copeland. The city of McDonough does an outstanding job of assisting and giving guidance to the event. The City Works Department does an amazing job of making preparations and cleaning up behind the festival. Proceeds from the Geranium Festival fund projects by the McDonough Lions Club throughout the year. This is very important as the McDonough Lions Club serves Henry County and beyond to touch the lives of individuals though various causes supported by the Lions Club.

The Parent Expo was a huge success! I believe the McDonough Lions all walked away with a sense of serving the school community and its children, we screened 150 students and adults. The good news and the bad news is that 33 children and 8 adults failed the screening, but that just means that our services were needed. We handed out over 20 Applications for assistance, so hopefully the children will get the glasses they need to be able to see the board in the classroom, this next school year. Lions in the Photos (Edsel Holt, Patrick Pignataro PDG, Janet Pignatro),(Edsel Holt, Shelia Guider, Patrick Pignataro PDG, Janet Pignataro),(Louis Strickland and Ed Galbreath)





Ed Hashbarger
DISTRICT 'F'

Grovetown Lions Club

Grovetown Lions Club was Chartered on March 15, 1964.

The Grovetown Lions Club proudly supports the following: Georgia Light House Foundation, Leader Dog Program, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Local Eyeglass Programs, Lions International Foundation, Recording for the Blind, Foundation Fighting Blindness. Funds collected go to serve others in need and to improving sight and hearing.

For those of you who like to have a little fun on a Friday and Saturday night, the Grovetown Lions Club will be starting its annual Turkey Shoot September the 27-28th and runs through December 13-14th. The shoots are held every Friday and Saturday night. Gate open at 6 p.m. and shooting starts at 7 p.m... This year we will be only shooting 12GA, 20GA, and 410 for the kids there will be no 16GA shells. Prizes include Whole ham, half ham, bacon, sausage, pork lions, ribs, turkey, and Boston butts.

We don't allow any shotgun barrels longer than 36 inches, no scopes or laser on shotguns either. Our turkey shoot is a family event, children are allowed and no alcohol allowed. This event is held at 1200 Old Louisville Road Grovetown. If you have any questions please call Gary at 706-726-4302.

We had so much fun serving our senior citizens! The look forward to this every year. I believe we had our largest turn out yet with approx. 79 people. Thank you to all of our Lions for their hard work inking this such a success.



GROVETOWN LIONS CLUB TURKEY SHOOT
WHEN: Sept. 27 - Dec. 14th (Friday & Saturday Nights Only)
WHERE: 1200 OLD LOUISVILLE ROAD
WHY: TO HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
Family Entertainment, Concessions, Fire pits and lots of FUN! Games open at 6pm.
For more information call (706) 726-4302 or (706) 726-4303





Jim Walker
DISTRICT "O"

Greenville Lion's Club in Action



Chartered in 1977, the Greenville Lions Club has been actively committed to making a difference in the lives of others for thirty-six years. Because we are from a rural area, our twenty-eight members come from three small communities in northern Meriwether County. We raise most of our fund from selling roasted and boiled peanuts, as well as mops and brooms at the Cotton Pickin' Fair in the Spring and Fall. We also set up booths, donate or volunteer in support of a variety of community and school activities.

School Activities:

- Provide Leadership to Cub and Boy Scout programs.
- Assist Greenville High football and baseball teams.
- Contribute to the Middle School Music and Art Departments.
- Conduct the Peace Poster Contest at public and private schools.
- Award two \$500.00 scholarships to two college bound seniors.
- Conduct Vision/Hearing Screenings at middle and elementary schools.



- Support academic success by donating to Field Trips.
- Support Meriwether county 4-H Programs.
- Participate in homecoming parade.
- Participate in "Real People Read" and "Career Day."



Community:

- Provide eye glasses and hearing aides.
- Support community league sports teams.
- Support Habitat for Humanity.
- Participate in community health activities such as Teen Maze.
- Participate in the "Poverty Simulations" at Camp Meriwether.
- Donate food items to the community food bank housed at the GUMC.
- Ring the bell to raise funds for the Meriwether County Salvation Army.
- Participate in the Empty Stocking Program (We adopt 10 to 15 children and their families at Christmas and provide food boxes and gifts).
- Participate in the Christmas parade.
- Address special needs that arise each year.

Commitment to Lions Programs:

- Participate in a work weekend at the Camp for the Blind (GLCB)
- Assist in decorating for the GLCB Lions Day Program.
- Host student(s) in the International Exchange Program.
- Donate to the Lighthouse and the Camp for the Blind.
- Donate items to the silent auction at State Convention.
- Celebrate White Cane Day by soliciting donations from the public.
- Donate to Learning Ally, Leader Dog, Southeast Guide Dog.
- Donate to LCIF through Melvin Jones Fellowships.





Cathy Threatt
DISTRICT "N"

Douglas Lions Club



The Douglas Lions Club was chartered on February 18, 1936 with some of the leading citizens of Douglas as founding members. Members of the Douglas Lions Club have worked consistently to support and fund sight conservation efforts and other worthy causes through various fund raising projects and service activities.

Some of the projects in the past have included annual county wide polio inoculation drives, fly-ins at the airport, door-to-door sales of brooms and mops (made by the blind), sales of light bulbs, candy and fruit cakes were held. We sponsored the Poultry Princess Pageant & BBQ and supported the Lions EyeBank in Augusta. Along with the rest of Georgia's Lions Clubs, we sponsored the Georgia Peach Bowl. We constructed Wheeler Park picnic shelter, which was remodeled and re-dedicated on its 50th anniversary in 2007. We purchased the Veterans Memorial Wall that was re-dedicated in 2006 and have added two additional memorial markers to it in 2011 and is displayed at the courthouse. For many years, the Douglas Lions Club and the American Legion co sponsored the Southeast Georgia Fair. For the past 12 years, the club has been the sponsor of the Annual Big Buck Contest which draws many hunting enthusiasts to our area each year. We have seven fully funded scholarships at South Georgia College and one scholarship was seeded in 2010 at Wiregrass Technical College.

Join the Douglas Lions Club for the 14th Annual Big Buck Contest at the Coffee High School Gymnasium on the opening day of rifle season Oct. 19, 2013. Tickets are a \$25 donation for hunters and non-hunters. Available at Jerry's Gun Shop, The Douglas Enterprise, Norris Shoe Store, Colony Bank, Morrison's Body Shop, FNBCC, Your Hometown Barber, Douglas National Bank, Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce, or see any Lions Club member.

Grand Prizes include a Jeep, Golf Cart, Yeti Cooler Package, Browning BAR Rifle, Bow-Tec Bow, Browning A5-12 Gauge. Over \$50,000 in door prizes including assortment of 75 guns & bows, large variety of hunting merchandise, door prizes/gift certificates from many local businesses.

The Leo Club had a busy year this past year and are looking forward to getting started again in August when students return to school. The Leo Club strives to strengthen the civic responsibilities of young people, helping to shape their future to have a positive impact on their community, state and country. The Douglas Lions Club is looking forward to another great year working with these motivated future leaders. Special thanks to Angie O'Steen for her unwavering support of the Leo Club, which has aided in making the Coffee County Leo Club one of the strongest around.





The Global Leadership Team (GLT)

Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

We invite you to [experience an interactive tutorial on being a webinar participant](#). Go to this web site:

<http://lions.alkonhosting.com/EN/webinar/player.html>

Upon finishing this tutorial you will be able to register, log in and actively participate in a webinar

Upcoming Webinars

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p>LCI Ethics and the Role of the Leader Overview of eight LCI ethical standards and the role of the Lion leader in ethics training and communication. Includes specific examples of the positive application of LCI ethics in sensitive club situations and a focus on election conduct. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Wednesday, October 9, 2013 1:00 pm › Friday, October 18, 2013 8:00 pm
<p>Leadership Resources on the Web Participants take a tour of available materials and discover how web resources can assist club and district leaders/officers. Focus on the Leadership Resource Center and its role in developing the skills and knowledge of Lions leaders. Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Wednesday, November 6, 2013 1:00 pm › Friday, November 15, 2013 8:00 pm
<p>Effective Club Meetings Basics of good meeting management including meeting planning, agenda preparation, post-meeting evaluation and essential facilitation skills. Intended Audience: Club officers who want to run productive meetings while keeping all members engaged</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Wednesday, January 8, 2014 1:00 pm
<p>Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds Discusses leadership principles such as the importance of using the talents and skills of all “birds,” diverse approaches and strategies to meet a goal and the fact that there is more than one way to “win.” Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Wednesday, January 15, 2014 1:00 pm › Friday, January 24, 2014 8:00 pm
<p>The Dream Continues: Lionism as a Past District Governor Webinar addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of Lion life after service as a District Governor. Intended Audience: Current and past district governors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Friday, February 7, 2014 8:00 pm › Wednesday, February 12, 2014 1:00 pm

Educate Members About Leadership: GLT training and meeting opportunities include Faculty Development Institute planned for 3-5 January 2014 in Atlanta and Southeast Lions Leadership Institute in March 2014 in Tennessee.

Implement Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshops: A CEP overview has been held in each of the districts and will be provided on 9 November 2013 in conjunction with the Council meeting. All clubs have been advised about CEP Light, and we hope to work with our Area Coordinator to use the Dynamic Club workshop model to get the CEP components to more clubs.

The Leadership Resource Center provides Lions with training and development opportunities to promote personal growth and leadership excellence, ultimately, supporting and enhancing our global service efforts. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php>

Global Leadership Team

Information on the GLT:

- Leaders
- Structures
- Activities
- Communication
- GLT Coordinator Center

Training Materials/Resources

Resources include Club Officers Orientation, Zone Chairperson and Vice District Governor Team Training.

Also contains:

- Lions Position-Specific Training
- Speaking Engagement Presentations
- Training Curriculum
- Lionism and History
- Activities and Icebreakers

Leadership Communication

Current news and shared knowledge:

- The Leader Network e-Newsletter
- Podcasts
- Leadership Success Stories

Lions Learning Center

Online courses relevant to all Lions on leadership topics:

- Leadership
- Managing Others
- Achieving Results
- Communication

Development Programs

Development opportunities for current and future leaders:

- Institutes
- DGE Seminar
- Multiple District Leadership Development Funding
- Webinars



Welcome to the Membership and New Clubs Member Center. Here you can find the information and materials needed to start a new club, invite new members or strengthen current membership.

New Members and Clubs

For New Members

- [New Member Welcome Book](#)
- [New Member Orientation](#)
- [Connect Through Social Media](#)
- [Start Shopping](#)

Invite Members

- [Just Ask! Guide](#) * NEW
- [Family Membership](#)
- [Student Member Program](#)
- [Leo to Lion Program](#)
- [Young Adults](#)

Start a New Club

- [New Club Development Guide](#) * NEW
- [Certified Guiding Lion Program](#)
- [New Club Officer Support](#)
- [New Club Development Workshop Program](#)

Tools for Success

Strengthen Membership

- [Club Excellence Process](#) * NEW
- [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) * NEW
- [How Are Your Ratings?](#)
- [Mentoring Program](#)
- [Club Membership Chairperson Guide](#) * NEW

The Global Membership Team

- [GMT and GLT Leaders](#)
- [GMT Resources](#)
- [President's Theme](#)

Membership Communication

- [Membership Pulse e-Newsletter](#)
- [Monthly Netcasts](#)
- [Membership Blog](#)
- [Membership Success Stories](#)

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index-b.php?utm_expid=51222077-4.uzXY9MQvSkm8BnQ21IrcMg.1&utm_referrer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lionsclubs.org%2FEN%2Fmember-center%2Fleadership-development%2Findex.php

Update to the Family Membership Program

Since 2007, the Family Membership Program has encouraged family members to volunteer together by offering reduced international dues and an entrance/charter fee exemption. To enable Lions Clubs International to continue providing valuable and enhanced services to Lions and their family members, as of July 1, 2013, all new qualifying family members who join a Lions club will pay the one-time entrance or charter fee.

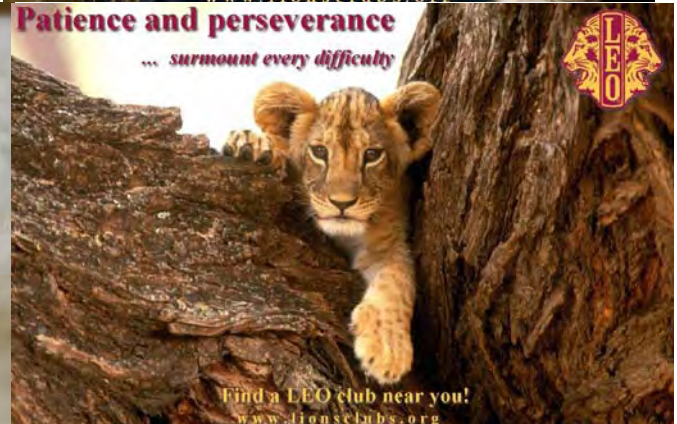


This change does not impact existing family-member Lions since no modification is being made to the family-member qualification criteria or to the discount on international dues. The first family member (head of household) continues paying full international dues, and up to four additional qualifying family members pay only half international dues.

The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Complete information on the [Family Membership Program](#) is available on the LCI website.

Billboards with Lion Messages: DG Hashbarger stated that he has received a check from LCI for \$9800.00 to be used for the billboards. He stated that the Council will discuss specific locations for the billboards. He introduced Lisa, with the Outdoor Advertising Agency. She stated that they will print the materials and have the billboards put up, as well as rotate the billboards. She will advise exactly where the billboards are placed. Lions will pay 50% down and 50% when the Billboards are placed. Motion made by DG Mark Rice, 18-L, to proceed with the program and seconded by DG Threatt, 18-N. Motion carried.

BRANDING Here are some posters that you might want to get reproduced and add your Club name and phone number:





Dear Lion,

It's difficult to explain to people exactly what Lions do. After all, we do so much. It's far easier to explain *why* we do what we do – we want to give back to the community and make dreams come true. Your community needs you. In fact, it needs more people like you.

October is New Membership Growth Month, and I'd like your club to set a goal of adding at least one new member. New members bring fresh ideas, keep clubs healthy, and increase your ability to serve. When Lions sponsor and report a new member in October, they'll receive a [Membership Growth Award](#) Pin. And if your club adds new members in both October and April, you'll receive a Membership Growth Award Banner Patch.



Be sure to give your recruiting a boost with *Just Ask!*, and remember that men and women make great Lions!

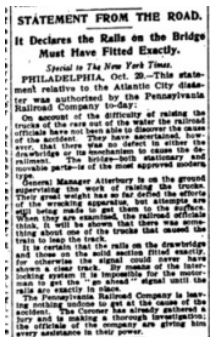


Promote Your Club in the Media!

Want to get more media coverage for your club? The new [club press release page](#) provides easily customized press releases that give you a fast, effective and inexpensive way to get more attention for your service projects, fundraising events and success stories. And when people know more about the great things you do, they're more likely to join. There's even a press release for recruiting new members, so download it today and get the word out!

Don't forget to include club information (contact information, meeting time and location, etc.) in every release to attract new members!

Check out the info on next page.....



Share the Vision in October!

As Lions, we serve. That's why I'm asking your club to conduct a vision-related service project for our Sharing the Vision Campaign in October. You can conduct a vision screening, assist a recreational camp for the visually impaired, or serve at an eye bank, guide-dog school or rehabilitation center for the blind. You can sponsor an eye health presentation at a local school or organize a recreational activity for the visually impaired. It can even be as simple as helping someone you know who is adjusting to vision loss or blindness.

[Get more ideas, resources and a press release](#) from the Sharing the Vision Web page, and remember to share your project through the online Service Activity Report!



For More Information

[Name]

[Club Name]

[Phone Number]

[Club Name] Invites Community to Join and Make a Difference

The [club name] is seeking civic-minded men and women to join them in making a difference in the community. The club is hosting an information session on [date] for people who want to learn more about the club and its work.

“Our club gives members an opportunity to advance worthy causes, serve with friends, and become leaders in the community. This club means a lot to our Lions, but it means so much more to the people we serve,” said [club president].

The information session will be held on [provide meeting date, location and time; mention if there will be refreshments, a special guest, etc.]. [Club president] encourages the public to come out and learn more about the club’s work.

“We want to share the great things we’re doing in the community, and let others know how they can help,” said [club president].

The Lions’ motto is “We Serve,” and the [club name] has lived up to it. For [number] years, the clubs has [describe some of the major service projects or initiatives of the club].

To learn more about the information session, the [club name] or its service projects, contact [provide contact info].

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 207 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.



On the lapel of my coat is a little pin. It’s colors are purple and gold. The purple is perishable enamel and gold is gilt. The enamel will fade and the gilt will tarnish, but the pin is priceless. That pin cost me little, but I would not swap it for all the gold of the Aga Khan.

It was given to me by those who know me for what I am, my sins, weaknesses, and my shortcomings. They have chosen me in spite of all these, to honor and to accept me into the greatest service club of them all and have given me the privilege of calling myself a LION.

However, that pin represents even more than the comradeship and fellowship of my fellow members, when I became one of them, it is a symbol of brother and sisterhood of man-kind and reverence of God. Those who wear a pin like mine, do good things nor for fame or glory, but for goodness sake.

The help those with poor vision to see and make the burden of the sightless lighter. They make boys and girls happier, they support all kinds of worthwhile community projects and make the world a much better place in which to live.

Yes, all my fellow LIONS, that little pin on my lapel is PRICELESS.



PET FOOD STAMPS ©



ABOUT ‘PET FOOD STAMPS’: The Pet Food Stamps program, a registered NY State 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation available throughout the United States, has been created to fill the void in the United States Food Stamp program which excludes the purchase of pet food. In these rough economic times, many pet owners are forced to abandon their beloved pet to the ASPCA, North Shore Animal League or other animal shelters due to the inability to pay for their basic food supply and care. There are over 50 million Americans who currently receive Food Stamps, many with dogs or cats, who simply cannot afford to feed their animals, and these cherished companions are dropped off at animal shelters where they will most likely be put to sleep. Many people are also forced to

choose between feeding their pets or themselves. A recent New York Times article states that “animal shelters have reported a steep rise in the number of cats and dogs being surrendered as owners face unemployment, home foreclosures, evictions and other financial hardships.” As more families struggle with difficult choices like paying the rent or buying food, some have to choose between keeping their pet and putting food on the table.. Seven million pets are surrendered to shelters each year due to the inability of pet parents to pay for food, with four million of those pets put to sleep. The Pet Food Stamps program aims to eliminate the needless death of these loving pets and keep families together.

The Pet Food Stamps program is not a government program and exclusively funds its operation from donations from individuals, business and foundation grants. We are able to eliminate the heart-wrenching decision of surrendering a pet by making sure these pet owners are given free home deliveries of Pet Food to maintain the health, vitality and companionship of their pets.

PROCESS: (Due to the tremendous amount of applications we receive, there will be an extended wait to receive a response after creating your account. We ask for your patience)

To become a member of Pet Food Stamps you must be receiving some type of Public Assistance such as: Food Stamps, Welfare or Social Security (if this is your only form of income and places you under the Federal poverty level for income). To enroll in the program, simply fill out the application above by clicking on ‘Sign-up’ and create an account and profile for yourself and your pet.

FEATURES: Pet Food Stamps also offers a ‘*Pet Services Classifieds*’ section allowing you to post advertisements and also to find: dog walkers, pet sitters, animal trainers, boarding, grooming services and Vet services across the United States. There is a \$15 fee to post for 30 days and this helps cover the cost of the Pet Food Stamps program. Donors to the program are also able to join the ‘*Pet Social Network*’ which will allow you to see photos, videos and stories of the pet your donation is going to feed. It takes a few weeks to enroll in this program.

The PFS Pet Social Network: www.PetSocialNetwork.org is a community dedicated to pets and the people that love them. It is open to the World. Revenue from the site is used to fund the Pet Food Stamps program. Opening toward the end of Summer 2013, The Pet Social Network experience will be second to none and a treat for pet owners and their pets. Sign up @ www.PetSocialNetwork.org Members of the Pet Food Stamps program will have a private profile on the PFS website but may still join the Pet Social Network and enjoy all the features it will have to offer.

MEMBERS: Once you are a verified and approved member of the Pet Food Stamps program, our staff will transmit your pet food order to www.PetFlow.com, based on the amount awarded with your application approval and your pets’ needs. PetFlow.com is an independent online retailer and has been chosen as the exclusive provider of pet food for the Pet Food Stamps program. PetFlow carries approximately 200 brands of pet products and has been chosen based on their ability to offer discounted pricing and free shipping, direct to home.

NON-MEMBERS: If you are not a member of the Pet Food Stamps program, www.PetFlow.com offers \$10 off any \$40+ scheduled order with code PFS, plus free shipping on any delivery schedule over \$49+ (after discount). You can choose to have your pet’s food delivered from every 2 weeks to every 16 weeks and can change, cancel or edit your upcoming deliveries at any time.

This Is A Private, Non-Government Program And We Rely Exclusively On Donations To Fund The Program.

The Pet Food Stamp program has received a great deal of national coverage on TV, Radio, Newspaper and online. To view some of the content click [HERE](#).

Family Preparedness Plan = Help protect your family against potential weather disasters and emergency situations by compiling an emergency supply kit. The kit can be assembled over a five-month period on a weekly basis. Perishable items should be changed or replaced every six months.

[SupplyKit www.weather.com/ready/checklist/wxready/preparedness.html](http://www.weather.com/ready/checklist/wxready/preparedness.html)

<p>Essentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battery-operated radio • Flashlight • Extra batteries • Do not include candles, which cause more fires after a disaster than anything else 	<p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 gallons/person, minimum, in a food-grade, plastic container Additional water for sanitation 	<p><u>Minimum three-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation and little or no water.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry cereal • Peanut butter • Canned fruits • Canned vegetables • Ready-to-eat canned meats • Canned juice • Quick energy snacks, graham crackers • Ready-to-eat soups (not concentrated)
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<p>First Aid Kit <u>Create one for your home and one for each car.</u></p>	
• Scissors	• Assorted sizes of safety pins
• Thermometer	• 2" sterile gauze pads (4-6)
• Tweezers	• 4" sterile gauze pads (4-6)
• Needle	• 2" sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
• Sunscreen	• 3" sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
• Cleansing agent/soap	• Triangular bandages (3)
• Latex gloves (2 pairs)	• Petroleum jelly or other lubricant
• Tongue blades (2)	• Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes

<p><u>Non-Prescription Drugs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laxative • Anti-diarrhea medication • Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever • Antacid (for stomach upset) • Activated charcoal (use if advised by the Poison Control Center) • Syrup of ipecac (use to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center)

<p><u>Tools and Supplies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whistle • Crowbar • Paper, pencil • Medicine dropper • Needles, thread • Signal flare • Assorted nails, wood screws • Plastic storage containers • Cash or traveler's checks, change • Tape, duct and plumber's tape or strap iron • Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires • Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water • Aluminum foil • Plastic sheeting • Compass • Matches in a waterproof container • Pliers, screwdriver, hammer • Heavy cotton or hemp rope • Non-electric can opener, utility knife • Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils • Map of the area (for locating shelters) • Jumper cables 	<p><u>For Baby</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formula • Powdered milk • Medication • *Bottles • *Diapers 	<p><u>Entertainment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games and books
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<p><u>Clothing and Bedding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunglasses • Hat and gloves • Blankets or sleeping bags • One complete change of clothing and footwear per person • Rain gear • Sturdy shoes or work boots • Thermal underwear
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<p><u>For Pets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Leash, harness or carrier • Records of vaccinations • Non-tippable food and water containers
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<p><u>Family Medical Needs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin • Prescription drugs • Denture needs • Extra eye glasses • Contact lenses and supplies • Heart and high blood pressure medication
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<p><u>Important Family Documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important telephone numbers • Record of bank account numbers • Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates) • Inventory of valuable household goods • Copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds • Record of credit card account numbers and companies • Copy of passports, social security cards, immunization records

<p><u>Sanitation</u></p>	
• Disinfectant	• Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
• Soap, liquid detergent	• Household chlorine bleach
• Feminine supplies	• Personal hygiene items
• Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels	• Plastic bucket with tight lid



**Georgia Lions
Lighthouse Foundation**

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need



Dear Georgia Lions!

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is doing well. Since my May 2013 report to you, our new Executive Director, Lion Jim Adams, has made some changes to the staffing within the organization, but we have also continued our service with vision clinics and eyeglasses, surgeries, and hearing aids to indigent Georgians, and are preparing for one of our fundraising events, Taste of Chamblee.

Services and costs

From July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, the Lighthouse provided **vision services to 5,213 people**: 2,620 people received eye examinations and 4,860 people received eyeglasses, at a cost of \$74,120. [From July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, the Lighthouse provided 4,827 people with vision services: 2,633 with eye examinations and 4,630 with eyeglasses, at a cost of \$77,148.67]. We provided **492 surgeries** at the actual cost of \$474,512.91, as a result of medical discounts of \$2,518,514.62. [From July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, the Lighthouse provided 437 people with surgery services at actual costs of \$485,057.13]. As noted in my earlier 2013 reports, surgery coordinator Victoria Jordan advises that the reduction in costs is from a reduction in costs of cataract surgeries.

The **hearing aid** program served **962 people** with 1,790 hearing aids, for a cost of \$570,113.99, and, with administrative fees of \$39,252.00, a total of \$609,365.99. The hearing aid program funding comes from the Georgia Public Service Commission (\$594,000.00), client co-pays (\$182,666.00), a DeKalb County grant (\$6,500.00), and salvage aids (\$6,977.00).

Events

In August 2013, the Board and ED Adams were contacted by Lions Clubs International (“LCI”) to host a celebration for Lions International Literacy Day. The Lighthouse, of course, accepted this opportunity, and hosted the event on September 11, 2013, hosting Lion Linda Madden; Christie Vilsack, a Senior Advisor for International Education with LCI’s partner USAID; PDG Andreja Stovkoski of Macedonia; and LCI staff. All Georgia Lions were invited to join the celebration by volunteering in the clinic, optical lab, or recycling center during the visit.

In early September 2013, the Board and ED Adams were contacted by LCIF to requested to participate with World Sight Day in Atlanta. The DDs and District Governors for 18-L and –I were advised of this opportunity, and requested to share it with their clubs.

On September 28, 2013, the Lighthouse will hold its fall fundraiser (with the City of Chamblee): Taste of Chamblee, featuring restaurant tastings, music, and a Vision and Hearing Walk and 5K Run! Plan to be there!!!

**Summer Service
Numbers**

1Jul12012 – 30 Jun2013

District L

*Eye Glasses: 2918
Eye Exams: 2532
Eye Surgeries: 174
Hearing Aids: 722*

District I

*Eye Glasses: 1043
Eye Exams: 912
Eye Surgeries: 68
Hearing Aids: 264*

District O

*Eye Glasses: 963
Eye Exams: 959
Eye Surgeries: 132
Hearing Aids: 381*

District N

*Eye Glasses: 1837
Eye Exams: 1471
Eye Surgeries: 91
Hearing Aids: 241*

Fiscal Year Totals:

***Eye Glasses: 6761
Eye Exams: 5874
Eye Surgeries: 465
Hearing Aids: 1608***



Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.



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

At the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind in Atlanta, Christie and Linda get to see dresses (designed by local artists) that are made with recycled eyeglasses. Part of an annual fundraiser, the "Night of Spectacles."



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.

Hello Lions of Georgia,

I hope all is well! I am a staff member at LCIF and work closely with Marilee Kadar and Katerina Barcal of LCIF.

I am writing to let you know that I received some outreach from VSP (Vision Service Plan) regarding a multi-day screening event they and Optometry Giving Sight is planning in Atlanta during leading up to World Sight Day. The 5-day events are planned (from Oct 9-13).

Myself and other members of LCI/LCIF have been cultivating a partnership with VSP. Many Lion Districts have some kind of local relationship or program with VSP, as well, for screenings and referral treatment.

***Would Lions of District 18-L and 18-I and the greater Atlanta area have interest to participate in their October screening events?** Perhaps this event might be a way for Lions to show what they do best in providing professional services and free care as appropriate. In addition, VSP is interested to highlight the great work of Lions, as well.

Katharine Keller

*Corporate, Foundation & Government Partnerships
Lions Clubs International Foundation*

Opportunity for your club and the Lighthouse: A continuation from Joint Meeting Sessions

Frame Kits = The Lighthouse Frame Kit Program is a great way to extend the reach of Lions and the Lighthouse all across Georgia!

To get involved in the Frame Kit Program, a Lions Club can form a partnership with an eye clinic in its area in which patients can receive an eye exam and glasses with the financial support of the club. The clinic then sends the patient's prescription and work order to the Lighthouse, where the order is processed and the glasses are made, then shipped to the patient.

The Frame Kit is a useful program because it gives residents of Georgia who live too far away to visit our main clinic in Chamblee access to affordable corrective vision care.

For more information on the Frame Kit Program and how your Lions Club can get involved, please contact Kelcie Lewis at klewis@lionslighthouse.org

Doctor's Needed = The Lighthouse now has 26 clinics around the state. Each clinic operates ONLY if a volunteer doctor is available. Please reach out to doctors in your area or even your family optometrist! See if they would be willing to volunteer a little as two days a year to work at a Lighthouse clinic in your area. We are currently recruiting doctors for all clinics.

Hearing Program = The Lighthouse's hearing program provided brand new, digital hearing aids to almost 1,800 Georgians last year. Please refer people in your community to the hearing program for affordable, high quality hearing aids. Services include follow-up appointments and a 3 year repair warranty. Applications for the hearing program are also avail-able online at www.lionslighthouse.org

~ October 2013 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Lions and	LEO's	1 Membership	2 Growth	3 Month	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 District 18-I Hall of Fame - 12 Noon - Oconee County District 18-L 2nd Cabinet Meeting, 10:00 AM
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

~ November 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	5	6	7	8	9 Council of Governors' Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16 District 18-N 2nd Cabinet Meeting, 1:30pm
17	18	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Day	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

~ December 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Notes:			

~ January 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Glaucoma</i> Relieving the Hunger	<i>Awareness</i> Global Service	<i>Month</i> Action Campaign	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Council Prep	Notes:

<i>~ February 2014 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Council of Governors Meeting Camp /Lighthouse Meeting
2 Camp/ Lighthouse Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 District I Convention
23	24	25	26	27	28	Notes:

<i>~ March 2014 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Eye</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>Awareness</i>	<i>Month</i>			1 District O Convention
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 District N Convention
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 District L Convention
16	17	18	19	20	21 Camp Work Weekends	22 Camp Work Weekends
23 7 th Annual Atlanta VisionWalk Piedmont Park	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes: Leo Convention at the Camp 1-2 March				



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



Camp for the Blind Testimonial
From a Former Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Camper
Lori Parker

The transition from awkward child to confident adult is made vastly more complicated by a visual impairment. My parents mainstreamed me in public school, where I was more-often-than-not the only blind child in my academic courses. Though I learned invaluable real-world lessons from my public education, I was in need of a place where I was not the outsider, where there was only the stress of being a youth and not that of being differently abled.

Every summer from 1990 through 1997, I found my haven at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. I gained role models in the disabled adult councilors. I went home with many show-and-tells for my parents that proved my ability and aptitude, regardless of handicap. I would get so caught up in camp activities that I would forget to call or write my mother and father.

Most importantly, I found friends at GLCB. I was connected with others of my own age group facing similar growing pains, and we had our blindness in common. I could ask the campers a year or few older for advice, commiserate with those of my school grade, or mentor the younger kids. Friendships carried beyond the camp gates. We kept in touch by letters and phone calls, until the next year brought us together again.

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind District Competition Kickoff



Football has nothing on the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. During the GLCB Meeting in Macon on September 15th the Hephzibah Lions Club kicked off the district competition with a donation from their Poker Run. Yes, a district competition is off and running. The club in each district that donates the highest per capita to the Camp for the Blind will be the district winner. The total of all donations to the camp based on total club membership as of April 30 will determine the district winners. The four winners will receive an engraved brick for the GLCB Memorial Garden

to be presented at Lions Day at the Camp in July. Camp donations must be received by April 30, so now is the time to start increasing your donations and let see if your club will be a district winner. If you have any questions, please contact your district committee member.

District Committee Chair

Lion / District	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email
PDG David White / L	770-973-1114	678-313-5650	dapat@bellsouth.net
Pete Stamsen / I	770-995-9274		pstamsen@bellsouth.net
Brian Donegan / I		404-630-2910	doneganbrian1@gmail.com
Dimple Forrest / O	706-472-3682	404-406-9956	forrestfamily@windstream.net
Scott Eisenhart / N	912-772-6537	912-704-8681	SeaDog0824@yahoo.com

Number of Children that attended Camp this summer (114): Florida-4, North Carolina-1, Tennessee-2
District L: Bartow-2, Carroll-2, Catoosa-1, Cherokee-4, Clayton-8, Cobb-1, Coweta-2, Fulton-7, Gilmer-1, Pickens-1
District I: Barrow – 1, Columbia – 1, DeKalb – 2, Elbert – 1, Forsyth – 2, Gwinnett – 5, Habersham – 1, Hall – 3, McDuffie – 1, Newton – 1, Oconee – 1, Rabun – 1, Taliafarro – 1, Wilkes – 1
District O: Berrien-1, Bibb-3, Bleckley-2, Brooks-2, Cook-3, Crawford-1, Decatur-3, Dougherty-1, Grady-2, Houston-4, Lowndes-2, Muscogee-2, Randolph-1, Upson-3, Wayne-2
District N: Appling-2, Baldwin-2, Chatham-3, Echols-2, Hancock-1, Laurens-2, Richmond-2, Tattnall-1, Treutlen-4, Wayne-2, Wilkinson-1

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Election of Officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) at the Winter Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind on February 2, 2014

To: Lions of Georgia
From: Lion Frank Spinney, GLCB, Inc., Nominations and Elections Committee Chair
Subject: Election of President, Secretary and Treasurer at the Winter Board of Directors

Dear Fellow Lions,

This notice is to advise you that the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer are up for election on February 2, 2014. If you would like to run for one of these three positions or run for re-election your letter of intent must be mailed to the Nominations and Elections Committee **no later than January 3, 2014**. Your letter of intent can either be mailed via US Mail or by E-Mail to the address/e-mail address noted below:

Lion Frank Spinney
5088 Farmers Bridge Road or LionSpinney@aol.com
Hephzibah, GA 30815

The qualification for these positions copied from the Constitution and Bi-Laws are all listed on the following page.

Best Regards,

Frank Spinney
Committee Chair

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 3. A Candidate for President shall be a Lion or Lioness in good standing and shall have served at least one full term as an officer or regular Director of the Corporation. The President will be elected for a two-year term at the February Board of Directors Meeting and will be eligible to run for a second two-year term. A candidate for President shall submit a letter of their candidacy to the Nominations Committee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the February meeting of the board of directors. This letter shall set forth their qualifications for the office of President.

The election will be by secret ballot. In the event no candidate has qualified for the office of President, thirty (30) days prior to the February Meeting, the Nominations Committee shall seek out Lions or Lionesses who are qualified for the office of President and are willing to serve. The nominees selected in this manner shall be presented for election. Only if no nominees are brought forth by the Nominations Committee, shall nominations be made from the floor. Such nominations made from the floor must be qualified in accordance with these Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 5. The Secretary and the Treasurer will be elected for a two-year term at the February Meeting of the Board of Directors. They shall be a Lion or Lioness in good standing and have demonstrated the ability and willingness to serve effectively. A candidate for Treasurer must be experienced in bookkeeping, accounting and financial affairs. Candidates shall submit a letter of intent to the Nominations Committee at least 30 days prior to the February Meeting of the Board of Directors. This letter shall set forth their qualifications for the office. Only if no nominees are brought forth by the Nominations Committee shall nominations be made from the floor. Such nominations made from the floor must be qualified in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.





PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Georgia Vision Program for Seniors

Project Independence could help. This vision program for seniors is administered by the Georgia Department of Labor/Vocational Rehabilitation Program and provides services that can help you remain independent, including:

- Low vision exams by qualified professionals to assess your needs
- Skills training in your home community by certified rehabilitation specialists
- Mobility training by certified instructors
- Support groups that offer opportunities to learn from and interact with peers
- Assistive devices such as talking watches, big button phones and magnifiers

The Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Program contracts with these Project Independence Service Providers:

Center for the Visually Impaired
 739 West Peachtree Street NW
 Atlanta, GA 30308
 404-875-9011
www.cviga.org
 Serves Northeast and Central GA

Mon International
 6595 Roswell Road #224
 Atlanta, GA 30328
 770-551-8455
www.manifiers.com
 Serves Southwest GA

Savannah Association for the Blind
 214 Drayton Street
 Savannah, GA 31401
 912-236-4473
www.sabinc.org
 Serves Southeast GA

Vision Rehabilitation Service of GA
 3830 South Cobb Drive SE
 Smyrna, GA 30080
 770-432-7280
www.vrsga.org
 Serves Northwest GA

Visually Impaired Specialized Training and Advocacy (VISTAS)
 337 South Milledge Avenue, Suite 114
 Athens, GA 30605
 706-995-2216
www.vistascenter.com
 Serves Northeast GA

Walton Options for Independent Living
 948 Walton Way
 Augusta, GA 30903
 706-724-6262
 1-877-821-8400
www.waltonoptions.org

Project Independence Program
 Georgia Department of Labor
 Vocational Rehabilitation Program
 755 Commerce Drive, Suite 615
 Decatur, GA 30030
 404-638-5208
kay.mcgill@dol.state.ga.us

Director of Blindness Services
 Georgia Department of Labor
 Vocational Rehab Program
 2720 Riverside Drive, Suite 132
 Macon, GA 31209
 478-751-6234
paul.raymond@dol.state.ga.us

Advocacy/Education Organizations:

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)
www.afb.org

Georgia Council of the Blind (GCB)
 145 Barrington Drive
 Athens, GA 30605
 1-877-549-1020
www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org

National Federation of the Blind of Georgia (NFB)
 315 W. Ponce de Leon Ave, Suite 1020
 Decatur, GA 30030
 1-866-316-3242
www.nfb.org

Centers for Independent Living:

Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, Inc. (SILC)

755 Commerce Drive, Suite 415
Decatur, GA 30030
1-888-288-9780
www.silcga.org

Disability Resource Center (old ACIL)

47-A Woods Mill Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-534-6656
www.disabilityresourcecenter.org
Serves North GA

LIFE (Living Independence for Everyone)

12020 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31419
912-920-2414
www.lifecil.com
Serves Southeast GA

BAIN (Bainbridge Advocacy Individual Network)

316 West Shotwell Street
Bainbridge, GA 39818
1-888-830-1530
Serves Southwest GA

disability LINK

755 Commerce Drive, Suite 105
Decatur, GA 30030
404-687-8890
www.disabilitylink.org
Serves Metro Atlanta

Multiple Choices

145 Barrington Drive
Athens, GA 30605
706-549-1020
www.multiplechoices.us
Serves Northeast GA

Disability Connections

170 College Street
Macon, GA 31201
478-741-1425
Serves Central GA

disability LINK Northwest

410 Tribune Street
Rome, GA 30161
706-314-0008

Serves Northwest GA

Walton Options for Independent Living

P.O. Box 519
Augusta, GA 30903
706-724-6262
www.waltonoptions.org
Serves East GA

GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE:

Georgia Talking Book Libraries:

Georgia Library for Accessible Services (GLASS)

1150 Murphy Avenue SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
404-756-4619
www.georgialibraries.com

Northeast Georgia Talking Book Center

2025 Baxter Street
Athens, GA 30606
706-613-3655
talkingbooks@athenslibrary.org

Augusta Sub-regional Library E. Central GA Regional Library

823 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901
706-724-6762
www.ecgrl.public.ga.us

Atlanta Metro Library for Accessible Services

1150 Murphy Avenue SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
404-756-4619
www.georgialibraries.org/public/glass.html

Bainbridge Sub-regional Library

301 South Monroe Street
Bainbridge, GA 39819
229-248-2980
www.swgrl.org/local/lbph/LBPHi.HTM

Three Rivers Talking Book Center Brunswick-Glynn County Library

208 Gloucester Street
Brunswick, GA 31523
912-267-1212
www.trrl.org/tbc.htm

Columbus Library for Accessible Services (CLASS) Columbus Public Library

3000 Macon Road
Columbus, GA 31906
706-243-2686
www.thecolumbuslibrary.org

Dublin Sub-regional Library Oconee Regional Library

801 Bellevue Avenue
Dublin, GA 31021
478-275-5382
www.ocrl.org/dublntbc.php

Middle GA Sub-regional Library Middle GA Regional Library

1180 Washington Avenue
Macon, GA 31201
478-744-0877
www.co.bibb.ga.us/library/TBC.htm

North GA Talking Book Outreach Center LaFayette-Walker Cty Public Library

305 South Duke Street
LaFayette, GA 30728
706-638-1958
jatkins@chrl.org

Northwest GA Talking Book Sara Hightower Library

205 Riverside Parkway
Rome, GA 30161
706-236-4618
www.rome-lpd.org/

Savannah Sub-regional Library Live Oak Pub Library

14097 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31419
912-925-7774
www.liveoakpl.org

Valdosta Sub-regional Library South Georgia Regional Library

300 Woodrow Wilson Drive
Valdosta, GA 31602
229-333-7658
www.sgrl.org/pages/talkingbook.html



Thank you and congratulations!

Raffles, dog walks, marathons, poker games, breakfasts, dinners, auctions—the list of fundraising activities goes on and on. Whatever you did, you certainly did it well because Lions, Leos and Lioness Clubs donated over \$2,048,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind during the 2012–13 fiscal year!

Thank you for all your hard work! Nearly 5,000 clubs that worked together to help us meet our mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs, highly effective client instruction and innovative services.

Since we count on your contributions to cover nearly 25% of our annual operating costs, we value every club's contribution. 1,756 clubs donated \$250 or more, and will receive one of our special dog bone recognition patches.

A record number 40 clubs earned the Top Dog award by contributing \$5,000 or more.

LEADER DOG PROGRAMS:



Guide Dog Training is a 26-day residential training program matching hand-selected, highly-trained dogs with people who are legally blind, or both deaf and blind.



Accelerated O&M Training is the only seven-day residential orientation and mobility program in the U.S. providing clients with cane skills to become safer, more independent travelers.



GPS Technology empowers clients to identify their current location and plan their own travel route, rather than relying on others to fill this need.



Summer Experience Camp is a unique summer camp for 16- and 17-year-olds who are legally blind, combining fun and leadership activities with an introduction to guide dogs.



QUEEN CREEK, Ariz. - A Queen Creek girl is battling a rare condition called mitochondrial disease, but the whole scenario changed when a dog named Stasha walked into her life and stole the girl's heart!



9-year-old Kylie LaFlamme was diagnosed with a rare condition last year. She was losing her mobility and speech and ultimately needed a feeding tube.

"She can't do anything.. can't talk like us or walk like us," said Kylie's younger brother, Dylan.

Symptoms can include breathing problems, neurological troubles, even heart disease, but a gift this year changed everything in her life.

"She just has a sense of what Kylie needs at the right time.. it's amazing," said Kylie's mother Kelly.

Ryan, Kylie's father, adds, "The smile that she brings to her face and the love and companionship."

Kylie's new furry friend was a free gift from the non-profit group Canine Companions for Independence. They provide assistance dogs to people with disabilities.

This helpful canine named Stasha joined the family in February. That's when Kylie's entire demeanor changed.

"It has helped her with her speech, her confidence level has increased dramatically -- she is not embarrassed to be in her wheelchair. She loves it when people come and ask her about her dog," said Kelly.

People now want to ask about Stasha instead of her illness. Kylie is now learning to give her lovable buddy commands. "Walks with us in public, she helps us get through doors, she helps us navigate," said Kelly.

"It also means Kylie now has someone to take care of now. "She's very protective," said Kelly.

Kylie says she loves Stasha and her mother says they're a match made in heaven.

Canine Companions gives assistance dogs to people with disabilities free of charge. If you would like to check out Kylie's web site, go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/noodlebug



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Learning Ally Introduces Personalized Support Services for Parents of Children with Dyslexia



Learning Ally, is rolling out a new set of services for parents of children who have learning and reading based disabilities with customized resources to manage their

their educational and personal needs.

“Parent Ally is the result of research and conversations with thousands of parents who know the challenges involved in searching for solutions to their children’s reading struggles,” says **Andrew Friedman**, Learning Ally’s President and CEO. “Until today, there was no service offering truly personalized parent-to-parent support and insight around dyslexia. For parents seeking help, it is hugely empowering to hear from another parent of a child with learning differences who can say, ‘I’ve been there before and know what you’re feeling. Here is what worked for me.’ These new services fill a critical information gap for parents and get them to the point of helping their children find success much faster.”

The new Parent Ally offerings include:

- **Member-only webinars:** A regular series of interactive parent training sessions, presented by some of the foremost experts in the field of dyslexia and learning disabilities. These sessions feature small audience sizes and offer extensive opportunities for parents to dialogue together and pose their own questions to the experts.
- **The Parent Framework:** Providing a pathway of proven strategies that help parents navigate the long-term challenges of raising a child with print disabilities. It includes guidance on how to both manage a child’s education and develop her self-esteem and confidence.

Parent Ally is included as part of the standard Learning Ally audio book service membership for free through October 31. For more information visit the [Parent Ally](#) resource section on Learning Ally’s website.

Read the full story at:
<https://www.learningally.org/learning-ally-introduces-personalized-support-services-for-parents-of-children-with-dyslexia/>



**Bill Shearon and Reese -
 A Vote of Confidence**



After 15,000 nautical miles , Bill Shearon’s vision loss from retinitis pigmentosa made him re think his live-aboard yachting days. He’d taken to the seas after a successful career as an independent petroleum marketer, but when navigating became difficult, he retired to Bradenton Beach. Bill wasted no time getting involved, serving as a city commissioner and the city’s vice mayor.

Nine years ago, Bill met his first Southeastern guide dog, Levet. “He was my first love,” he says. Levet retired and was adopted by puppy raisers Mary Ann and Randy Kerr.

Now Bill has welcomed an active and curious chocolate Lab into his life, his new guide Reese. Reese has big shoes to fill, but Bill is confident he can handle it. “He’s bright and we’ll make a great team,” he says. Bill is counting on Reese to give him the independence he needs as he heads toward the fall elections when he’ll run for mayor. “Reese helps me focus on the subjects at hand,” Bill says. “I don’t have to worry about where I’ll sit or where I’m going.”

In fact, Reese is no stranger to politics. This intelligent Lab finished his puppy-raising days with volunteers Rick and Kerry Kriseman. Rick is a former city council member and state representative, and is now running for mayor of St. Petersburg.

So regardless of who wins the elections, graduate Bill Shearon and his guide Reese have our vote of confidence!



REGISTER

Attend a FREE Back-to-School Webinar for Parents

<https://cc.callinfo.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=1o69ybnd4qniq&loc=diabetesorg>

LEARN

Template Written Plans For Schools and Families

<http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/written-care-plans/?loc=diabetesorg>

For a student using insulin, diabetes must be managed 24/7, including the many hours spent at school, on field trips and in extra-curricular activities.

Some families can send their child with diabetes to school in the morning and feel confident that the school will be prepared to provide the diabetes care that meets their child's needs. Other families worry that their child won't have access to good diabetes management, that their child will be excluded from activities or have to take an exam when blood glucose levels are plummeting.

[Safe at School: Safety and Fairness for Children with Diabetes](#) (PDF)
<http://www.diabetes.org/assets/pdfs/schools/safe-at-school-brochure-2011.pdf>

An overview of the Association's Safe at School Campaign

If you need help with a school diabetes care problem, call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383) for free resources and to speak to an American Diabetes Association legal advocate.

[Legal Protections](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/legal-protections/) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/legal-protections/>

The development of a written accommodations and care plan developed under federal disability law is the best way to ensure that diabetes needs are met in a way that maximizes safety, health, learning and participation.

[Position Statements and Resources for Care at School](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/position-statements-and-resources-for-care-at-school.html) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/position-statements-and-resources-for-care-at-school.html>

Resources and information on how to care for a student with diabetes at school.

[Resolving Challenges](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/resolving-challenges/) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/resolving-challenges/>

When conflicts about care at school arise, it is often because parents and schools have different understandings about care at school.

[School Staff Training](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/school-staff-trainings/) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/school-staff-trainings/>

The school nurse is vital in coordinating and providing diabetes care at school. S/he also has the responsibility and training to implement the student's individual diabetes care plan.

[Special Considerations](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/special-considerations/) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/special-considerations/>
 Many children with diabetes will have specific needs in certain situations. This section will help plan for those situations.

[A Team Effort](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/a-team-effort.html) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/a-team-effort.html>

Families, schools and health care providers must work together for the benefit of the student with diabetes.

[Written Care Plans](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/written-care-plans/) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/written-care-plans/>

Creating a plan for how diabetes will be managed at school should be a team effort that includes school staff, families, and health care providers

[Advanced School Advocacy Training Program](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/advanced-school-advocacy-training-program/) = <http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/advanced-school-advocacy-training-program/>

The ASAT Program consists of trained volunteers who provide assistance to parents/guardians to ensure that their children with diabetes are safe at school and have the same opportunity to excel as other children.



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.



WANTED! A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE USA!



Unlike some exchange programs, the Lions program does not involve tourism, academic studies, or employment. Instead, the Lions youth exchange program provides young people with an unique opportunity to:

- _ participate in everyday life in another culture;
- _ reside with a host family;
- _ serve as an ambassador for international understanding;
- _ participate in local customs.

Generally, Lions youth exchange visits are two to four weeks in duration.

Wanted for an American-German student exchange!

My name is Harald Riegel and I am a DG in Germany. I am a teacher at a High School and I want to start a student exchange with groups of students staying in host families for around two weeks and visiting classes at the High School. The name of my school is "Regiomontanus-Gymnasium" (www.regiomontanus-gymnasium.de). It is situated in the town of Hassfurt in the north of Bavaria.

Please help me and pass this flyer on to a High School which might be interested to start a student exchange.

Harald Riegel
District Governor 111-BN
herald.riegel@gmail.com

18-O LEO Clubs Summaries: Colquitt County > Clubs at MS-JH- CCHS (Sponsored by Moultrie Lions Club) Attended Lions Day at the Camp // Participating in Reading Action Program for literacy // Tutoring students at elementary and middle schools // Peer Tutoring // Adult Literacy // Helping at GA Baptist Center // MD-18 LEO President Roselbia and others distributed 12 boxes of food as part of the Hunger Awareness project // Attended Camp-Lighthouse Meeting // Assisting Lions with football concession stand; Early County > Club at ECHS (Sponsored by Cordele Lions Club) Assisted with Children's Camp at Kolomoki // Completed a Learning Garden at ECES // 23 LEOs received Young Leaders in Service certificate from LCI // Teacher Appreciation; Seminole County > Club at SCHS (Sponsored by Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs) . Send current projects and activities to LEO District Chair Brenda Arnold and 18-O Youth Chair Chris Sumner. Other listed LEO Clubs for 18-O include: Bainbridge (sponsored by Bainbridge Lions Club), Lamar County Comprehensive (Sponsored by Barnesville-Lamar Lions Club), Upson-Lee High and Middle (Sponsored by Thomaston Lions Club), and Westwood Christian (Sponsored by Yatesville Lions). Please send updated information from your Lions Club and LEO Club for our records.

LEO SPOTLIGHT



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS REPORT

Leos were represented at this year's Lions Day at the Camp. I was unable to attend (work again!) but know that Moultrie Leos assisted in numerous ways.

I am waiting for final approval but the tentative dates for the 2014 MD18 Leo Gathering and Conference are March 21-23. We have been very fortunate in the past eight years of the event to have wonderful participation from Lions across Georgia and I will be working with the committee to continue this. Each year I encourage the members of the Council to attend and see the Leos in action so consider this your invitation! I will also be working with my fellow Leo Committee members to increase participation of the number of clubs and districts represented and would appreciate Council input and guidance on this. Leos (and Lions) that come to a Gathering invariably want to come back!

With each passing year we have turned over more and more of the planning and execution of the Gathering/Conference to the Leos and the Lions they work with and I anticipate this continuing this year. One of the things the Leos are planning this year is setting up recycling for the Camp so I will be working with all parties on this.

I am also looking into submitting a Leo Conference Grant application to the LCI Board. It is an extremely detailed application and needs to be turned in as soon as possible so it can be considered in advance of the event. I will keep the Council apprised of progress in this area. At the MD18 Leo Council meeting during the Augusta state convention the officers voted to make supporting the Camp a priority this year. Their primary areas will be fundraising and identifying potential campers from their communities. I would appreciate input from both the Council and the Camp on ways they can accomplish these goals.

MD18 Leo President Roselbia Carranza will be sending a notice regarding the meetings of the Leo Council this year. I anticipate participation from Leos at this weekend's joint meetings.

I submitted a request for \$250.00 from the Council for the MD18 Leo Administrative fund and would like to learn the status of that request.

As you are probably aware Georgia is one of less than 35 Leo multiple districts worldwide! Since 2010 we have been working with elected Leo officers and members on many different projects and items. The Lions that have been involved since the beginning have been impressed with the strides these various young people have made both individually and in their service lives. Two of the previous Presidents are now in college (Samantha Turner at Troy, Johnelle Simpson at UGA) and are involved in leadership positions (I follow them on Facebook and e-mail). One of the primary goals of having a Leo multiple district is training

these young people how to be better leaders, take a project from idea to completion, and work in groups. I am very proud of what we've accomplished so far and even more excited about the possibilities for the future - of MD18 Leo AND Georgia's Lions! I am currently gathering information and opinions regarding the formation of Leo districts (as well as the pros and cons) and will keep the Council apprised as we explore the possibilities.

Now that I have another back-to-school and vacation behind me I will be personally contacting every Leo club and sponsoring Lions club. I have a lot of information to share with them as well as getting current data for each (officers, meeting dates/times, # of members, activities/projects, etc.). I will also be inviting them to the 2014 Gathering/Conference. I hope to have a Leo Directory completed by 10/15.

I have spoken with PDG Forrest of the State Convention committee concerning Leo attendance, activities, and pricing. I am pleased that Georgia Lions want their Leos at the convention and hope we can work something out.

I will be going to Towns County 10/8 to give them an update on Leo activities statewide and hear what their Leos have done so far and are planning to do the rest of this year. I will then go to the Colbert Lions club 11/7 to discuss forming a Leo club at their middle school. In the next couple of weeks I will be going to the North Oconee H.S. Leo club to present their 2012- 13 Georgia Leo Club of Service Award and discuss their plans for this year.

Thank you for supporting the Leo program in Georgia!

Steve Helwig, MD-18 LEO Chair

International Literacy Day 2013 #IntlLiteracyDay

On September 9-11, Lion Linda Madden, wife of Past International President Wayne Madden, joined Reading Action Program partner [USAID Education](#) in events and discussions in Washington, D.C., Camden, New Jersey and Atlanta, Georgia, that focused on the importance of early-grade reading and inclusive education.



Literacy—the ability to read and write—is essential to fully developing a sense of well-being and citizenship. Children who are solid readers perform better in school, have a healthy self-image, and become lifelong learners, adding to their viability in a competitive world.

Experts estimate that nearly 40 percent of U.S. 4th graders do not achieve basic levels of reading proficiency. The number is higher among low-income families, certain minority groups, and English language learners. The tragedy is that these children may never fully participate in American society. Two-thirds of America's children living in poverty have no books at home, and the number of families living in poverty is on the rise. Many public and school libraries are being forced to close or reduce their operating hours. Children who do not have access to books and do not read regularly are among the most vulnerable Americans.

But there are solutions!

We Give Books - was created by the Penguin Group and the Pearson Foundation. Together, they support literacy through programs that engage entire communities through literacy and awareness programs like Booktime and Jumpstart's Read for the Record. They hope that We Give Books proves to be a way that young children, together with their parents or caregivers, can come to understand the power of reading—and of giving—as much as they do. For more information contact them at www.wegivebooks@pearsonfoundation.org

Reading is Fundamental - for disadvantaged children, the opportunity to choose a book to own provides a taste of the dignity of personal autonomy. These opportunities can inspire children to make greater choices—to choose learning, to choose success in school and life, and to choose a brighter future.

Children participating in RIF's flagship Books for Ownership (BFO) program have these opportunities multiple times a year. RIF's passion for literacy creates a unique method of distribution: Dozens of books are displayed, allowing children to explore their interests and make their own choices. The books are free but the moments are priceless, as excited readers show off their selections, pose for pictures, and ask

in wide-eyed amazement: “I really don’t have to bring this book back to the library?”

The book distributions are enhanced by fun reading-motivational activities. These range from simple one-to-one read-aloud with volunteers, to elaborate reading-themed carnivals that involve entire communities. The only requirements are that these activities be fun, happen multiple times a year, and relate to reading. Then the only limitation is the imagination of RIF's dedicated volunteers.

RIF BFO programs must also involve the local communities. This involvement includes supplying some of the funding to buy the books (usually 25 percent for programs qualifying for the federal program) and bringing in enthusiastic volunteers to assist with all aspects of the RIF program.

Service Goals

- Provide new, free books and literacy resources to children and their families.
- Motivate children to read.
- Generate community support for literacy.

Program Components

- Book ownership: Children select two to five books per year at no cost.
- Motivational activities: Volunteers host entertaining and educational reading events.
- Family and community involvement: RIF headquarters provides resources and technical assistance to program coordinators recruiting and engaging volunteers.

For more information please contact them at www.rif.org

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

In 1996, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new effort, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee, USA. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county’s preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes, she wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could insure that every child would have books, regardless of their family’s income.

Dolly’s Imagination Library became so popular that in the year 2000 she announced that she would make the program available for replication to any community that was willing to partner with her to support it locally. Since the initial program launch in the United States, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has gone from just a few dozen books to nearly 40,000,000 books mailed to children in the United States, into Canada and across the proverbial pond into the United Kingdom! Currently over 1600 local communities provide the Imagination Library to almost 700,000 children each and every month. Already statistics and independent reports have

shown Dolly Parton's Imagination Library drastically improves early childhood literacy for children enrolled in the program. Further studies have shown improved scores during early literacy testing.

So come on, you can do it, follow this link to get a simple checklist of what you need to do to Get Onboard Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information contact them at www.imaginationlibrary.com

Learning to use language and communicate with the written word are critical skills that children acquire as they grow and develop. Reading aloud to children at an early age is the most effective way to help them attain these skills. Reading also stimulates children's imagination and expands their understanding of the world. By helping our children develop strong reading skills at an early age, we are laying the foundation for their success in school and in life. Many of our nation’s children lack the motivation to read. Researchers have described motivation as the “skill and will” to learn. Students who reported reading more frequently for fun have higher reading proficiency scores than those who reported reading less frequently. Interestingly, a positive correlation also exists between the amount of time children read for pleasure and their math and science achievement.

Obviously, these are just a few of the programs available to assist you and your Lions Club in making a difference in the lives of our young people. The first step remains the same. You and your club have to make the decision to make that difference.

If you would like for someone serving in Lions Youth Services to visit your club and share information on one or more of the many programs that we have access to, please contact me at marktireman@windstream.net

Mark Bradley, Chairman
Youth Services, Lions Multiple District 18

Lions Quest workshop welcomes law enforcement officers

FOLLANSBEE - More than 50 law enforcement officers working in schools across West Virginia will meet for a Lions Quest workshop today and Tuesday.

Each officer will receive training to implement the Lions Quest program, a social and emotional learning program developed for youth. Funding for the training is provided through a Lions Clubs International Foundation grant.

The workshop is being sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services, with members from local Lions clubs on hand during the event.

"Today's children are the leaders and citizens of tomorrow," said Sandy Parker, regional Lions Quest chair. "All of us who care about children must help them become the best they can be."

Lions Quest has three different programs that provide students in grades kindergarten through 12th with positive youth development. The comprehensive programs bring together parents, educators and community leaders to teach children important life skills within a caring and consistent environment.

This includes developing skills needed for self-discipline, responsibility, good judgment, conflict resolution and the ability to get along with others.

As a curriculum-based program, Lions Quest provides detailed lesson plans and classroom materials. All lessons are designed to complement the standard curriculum, offering a variety of ways to teach and reinforce social and academic skills.

Lions Quest also emphasizes service-learning; students learn leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school and community service projects. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, students who are involved in helping out in the community are happier at home, less likely to use alcohol or other drugs, and more successful in, and committed to school.

The Lions Quest programs are among the most widely used positive youth development and prevention programs in the world.

Lions Quest programs have received the Select Program designation from the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning for outstanding life skills education, rigorous evaluation and high quality professional development.

In addition, the sixth- through eighth-grade Skills for Adolescence curricula has received the Model Program award from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

About Special Olympics Georgia

Our work is most rewarding! We love to see our athletes succeed, their attitudes change, families become closer and communities become more aware of the unique possibilities inherent in all humans. Through our work, health and self-esteem are built, and the eyes of the world are focused on all that is good, hopeful and positive.

The mission of Special Olympics Georgia is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Our goal is to help bring persons with intellectual disabilities into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected, and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens. When we achieve this goal through our sports program, we demonstrate that Special Olympics has a unique value: to show the world that every person counts and that every person can be something good when we work together.

When you give to Special Olympics Georgia, you help our athletes succeed, and attitudes change, communities develop, health and self-esteem are built, and the eyes of the world are focused on all that is good and hopeful and positive. Athletes gain skills for employment, learn independent living skills, form relationships and help others understand their extraordinary capabilities despite health issues they experience daily.

- See more at: <http://www.gift-give.com/specialolympicsga#sthash.JZzA4zVJ.dpuf>



Help With Fall Games

Special Olympics Georgia has recently received donations through our Gift Give Account of stop watches, tennis balls, soft balls, and a MP-3 Player. Thank you for your generosity!



If you are seeking a way to donate, please follow [this link](http://www.gift-give.com/specialolympicsga) <http://www.gift-give.com/specialolympicsga> to shop for Special Olympics Georgia's State Fall Games' needs and decide which need your money goes to fulfill.



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 Barry J. Palmer



Palmer's Blog: Lions Services for Children Symposium -

Lions, have you considered holding a [Lions Services for Children \(LSC\) Symposium](#) for your district or multiple district? If you have dreams to help underserved children follow and achieve their own dreams, then it's time to look into how this program can provide the resources, tools and ideas you need.

Why Hold a Symposium

The purpose of an LSC Symposium is to determine new Lions projects and new ways for Lions to serve underserved children based on the community's needs; and to develop collaborative relationships with key partners, such as educators and health care professionals who work with underserved children.

Achieve Your Dream

One of my dreams is to help underserved children break free from the cycle of poverty. The video above, which was shown at the Lions International Convention in Hamburg this past July, portrays the vicious circle of illiteracy – particularly highlighting the strong role that parents play in their children's education. Service resulting

from a well-thought out symposium focusing on education and the [Reading Action Program](#), for example, can aid the end of this cycle of poverty. Children's health needs is another valuable topic for a symposium. By discussing health problems such as diabetes, vision loss and other disabilities, you can organize Lions projects that help children lead happier, healthier lives.

Getting Started

Visit the [Lions Services for Children Symposium page](#) to learn more about the program and submit an application.

What's your dream for children, and how are you working to achieve it?

- See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/09/04/palmers-blog-lions-services-for-children-symposium/#sthash.ijCpXZAP.dpuf>

Get Ready for Diabetes Month and World Diabetes Day

Perhaps you know someone living with diabetes. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) states that 1 out of 2 people with diabetes don't know they have it. The service Lions provide through diabetes projects is so important! Take the opportunity during November's Diabetes Awareness Month to raise awareness, encourage early diagnosis, and promote healthy behaviors such as a dilated eye exam, improved nutrition, and increased physical activity. Visit our [Diabetes Awareness and Action page](#) for information, project ideas and resources!



Register for the Club Excellence Process

Want

to get your club on the road to excellence? Then register for the [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP)! CEP is a fun, interactive process that can help every club improve service, enhance its membership experience, and develop goals and action plans that will keep

your club on track for growth and continued success. Clubs can choose between two formats: CEP Pro and CEP Lite.

- **CEP Pro** is a facilitator-led workshop for clubs that want a trained Lion facilitator to come in and guide members through the workshop.
- **CEP Lite** is a self-guided workshop for clubs that would prefer to have a member of their own club lead the workshop.

[Learn more about CEP](#), choose the version that's right for your club and [register today!](#)

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

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions restored their environment.

HIGHLIGHTS

President's Service Blog

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

Digital LION Magazine

The LION Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos and links.

CONTESTS

2013-14 Peace Poster Contest

Purchase a kit for next year's theme, "Our World, Our Future."

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Dear Lions,

During this time of year, I look forward to meeting many of you at the region-specific forums. It is inspiring to see Lions come together to discuss relevant topics, share ideas, learn from workshops and seminars, renew friendships and form new bonds. Forums also allow Lions to learn more about [LCIF](#) and how we can support Lions globally through our [four pillars of service](#).



Another highlight during this time of year is visiting LCIF projects completed by Lions. When the [earthquake devastated Haiti](#) in January of 2010, Lions met immediate needs, and also provided for long-term needs and reconstruction. I was able to see these long-term efforts when I visited Port-au-Prince a few weeks ago.



In [this video](#) taken during my trip to Haiti, you can view the progress of projects like the Montfort Institute for the Deaf, which provides basic education and

vocational training for children in Haiti who are deaf. New classrooms and dorms are being constructed, and an LCIF grant is rebuilding the vocational training center on site. You will also see the rebuilt homes of community members who lost everything in the disaster, as well as other construction sites through the rebuilding efforts.

It is this commitment to helping others for which Lions and LCIF are known. We live in communities all over the world, and can meet needs for people in many places.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Celebrate Lions World Sight Day

Next month, Lions around the world will celebrate Lions World Sight Day. This international event is held each year to recognize the importance of curing preventable



blindness. From vision screenings to eye health education and any other vision-related activity, Lions are encouraged to participate. The focus of [this year's Lions World Sight Day](#), held on October 10 in Mossman, Australia, is the importance of community vision screenings. As part of Lions World Sight Day, LCIF awarded a US\$50,000 [SightFirst](#) grant to support the eye health activities in Mossman.

USAID Partnership to Increase Literacy

In Atlanta, Georgia, we visited the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind. What an incredible facility! The Georgia Lions Lighthouse focuses on providing a variety of eye health services, from full eye exams to eye surgeries and vision screenings, to uninsured and low-income residents of Georgia. It is also one of the sites for the pilot testing of the Lions lens through our partnership with Essilor. During the tour, we got to see beautiful dresses made from recycled eyeglasses, and learned how Lions clean and sort eyeglasses for distribution. - See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/09/12/international-literacy-day-recap/#sthash.X1gifcwB.dpuf>



Contributing Member

What do nearly 46,000 Lions have in common each year? They become Contributing Members by donating at least US\$20 to LCIF.

The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support:

Donors contributing US\$20 receive a bronze Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made.	Donors contributing US\$50 receive a silver Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made.	Donors contributing US\$100 receive a gold Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made.
		

Contributions can be made by completing the [Contributing Member Form](#) and mailing or faxing it to LCIF. Donations can also be made [online with a credit card](#).

Clubs are awarded a 100 percent Member Support banner patch and chevron for the first year of 100 percent Contributing Membership. For each subsequent year of 100 percent Contributing Membership, clubs receive a chevron.

For club Contributing Membership, please accumulate all contributions and send together to LCIF Donor Services. Please include a list of donor names for appropriate recognition.

For more information on Contributing Memberships, contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or [e-mail](#) us.

Other Recognition Programs

Individual Awards and Recognition

Honor Roll

The LCIF Honor Roll recognizes individuals who donate US\$100 to LCIF or in whose name a donation was made by others. Recipients receive an Honor Roll certificate and their names are added to the Honor Roll at International Headquarters.

Memorial Donations

LCIF recognizes individuals who donate to the

Foundation in the memory of another. The donor receives an acknowledgement card, and the family of the deceased receives a card informing them of the donation. Memorial donations less than US\$1,000 are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit.

Humanitarian Partners

Service Awards

Friend of Humanity Award

The LCIF Friend of Humanity Award recognizes a few Lions each year who have supported LCIF at the highest level. The LCIF Chairperson determines the recipients, who are awarded with a medal.

LCIF Helping Hands Award

The LCIF Helping Hands Award recognizes Lions who promote greater awareness of and support for LCIF at the club, regional, district or multiple district level or through the media. To apply, complete the [nomination form](#) and provide documentation of promotion.

Club Awards

Club Plaque

The club plaque recognizes Lions clubs that donate US\$1,000 or more to LCIF. If requested, the club can receive a banner patch and chevron instead of the plaque.

MJF Banner Patch

Clubs receive a Melvin Jones Fellow banner patch and chevron the first time a member is honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The club receives a chevron in subsequent years the first time a member is honored with an MJF.

100 Percent MJF Banner

Clubs receive a 100 Percent Melvin Jones Fellowship award banner when all current club members are Melvin Jones Fellows. Also, the LCIF Chairperson awards the club a Certificate of Distinction at the international convention.

100 Percent Contributing Member Banner Patch

Clubs receive a 100 Percent Member Support banner patch and chevron the first time every member becomes a Contributing Member. Clubs receive a chevron for each subsequent year they achieve 100 Percent Contributing Memberships.

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2014 MD 18 CONVENTION

Macon, GA

May 30 – June 1, 2014

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2013	\$105.00	Oct. 1, 2013- Dec. 31, 2013	\$125.00
Jan 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014	\$145.00	After April 30, 2014	\$160.00

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

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Marriott Macon City Center
 240 Coliseum Drive
 Macon, Georgia 31217
 478-621-5300 or 1-800-868-5354
 Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
 Room rate is \$119 night plus 14% tax
 Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

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