

# Lions of Georgia



## 87. Lions Clubs International

*"Lions Built Matteo's Dream"*  
Phoenix Decorating Company

In 2011, Lions Club International helped build a playground in Concord, California, called "Matteo's Dream." It is a playground for kids of all abilities, the first of its kind in the Bay Area. Matteo passed away on March 16, 2010; he was blind and could move around only by wheelchair. Matteo dreamed of a playground where children who cannot walk, see, or hear, can play safely alongside children who can. Lions Clubs International provided a foundation grant towards the cost of building the "Matteo's Dream Playground," and this year's float is dedicated in his honor. "Lions Built Matteo's Dream" reflects the height and features of the actual playground. In front are two platform tree house areas. In the middle another platform area leads to an elevated clearing area. The rear of the float features two tree houses and a slide.



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Exceptional Merit in  
Multiple Classifications

Lions Clubs  
International

Lions Built  
Matteo's Dream

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## State News



*Council received reports or comments as follows:*

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

PIP Ervin stated that the opportunity to host an International Convention is exciting and will promote Lionism in Georgia. He thanked PCC Richard Brown and PDG Jane Price for their work on this proposal. PIP Ervin discussed a letter he received from Leader Dogs about the gift of \$3,090.00 raised from the Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Lions for that special event. He thanked Lion Pam Schloemer for her hard work and efforts on the project. He presented the letter to Lion Schloemer and thanked her for a job well done. Lion Pam stated that the actual dollar amount is \$5,846.00.

Past President Ervin stated that Dr. Yamada wanted to look at Charleston and Savannah as a possible site for a Board Meeting in early March 2016. The Hyatt and the Westin in Savannah submitted bids. PDG Chris Barbieri worked with him in hosting Dr. Yamada and LCI staff. PIP Ervin felt that Savannah has a good chance of being chosen. He stated that if chosen, there would be a host night, with Lions of Georgia invited. Lions in the state would also be asked to volunteer to work during the Board Meeting. PIP Ervin stated that he had asked PDG Barbieri to get some type of book on Savannah to give each staff member and Dr. Yamada. He asked Council to approve reimbursement to PDG Barbieri in the amount of \$50.93. DG Hashbarger, 18-I made a motion to approve payment to PDG Chris Barbieri in the amount of \$50.93; motion seconded by DG Threatt, 18 -N, and motion carried.

PIP Ervin discussed the fact that PCC Mark Miller is on the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee and will be Chair of the Forum. Savannah has asked for the opportunity to bid on the USA/Canada Forum in 2018.

PIP Ervin gave special recognition to State Historian Chip Nedza for his work in getting a Lions of Georgia Museum and compiling some very good historical facts on all the clubs.

Lion Ervin stated that he had sent a letter out to all area GMT leaders including the goals that have been set by the District Governors at last year's District Governor Elect School. The letter also included results to date of how many clubs had been extended and the goal for each area. He pointed out that this group is there to help the Governors to achieve their goals.

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

PID Townsend stated it is always a pleasure to be present at the Council Meeting.

PID Townsend stated that the Rome Lions Club helps to sponsor a mission in Honduras. They are continuing to do this and will have a

trip in March. A team of 20 to 25 Ophthalmologists have come together and take alternating weeks (up to two weeks at a time) going to Honduras and they do cataract surgeries, corneal transplants, etc. for patients that can afford to pay for the surgery; then they utilize that money to do the surgery for folks who cannot afford to pay. A special is being produced for PBS on the history of eyeglasses and how they have impacted vision of people around the world. This special will involve Lions Clubs and LCI. This will give the Lions more publicity.

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

DG Hashbarger asked the Governors to think about and decide what they want to do at the Convention this year. What type and how many seminars will there be at the Convention; what type of activity for Friday and Saturday. He stated that attendance is down at State Conventions and Governors will need to push for attendance and registration at the Macon Convention.

### **Lions of Georgia-Multiple District 18**

**Start date:** 5/28/14

**End date:** 6/1/14

**Last day to book by:** 4/28/14

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### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

DG Hashbarger stated that Tennessee will host the Southeastern Breakfast this year. He stated that paperwork for the Georgia Jamboree has been submitted to LCI. He pointed out that there is \$2,500.00 set aside for the Jamboree. This will be held at the Sheraton, where the DGEs are housed. Time, date and place have not been confirmed.

**2020 Atlanta International Convention Bid:** PCC Richard Brown introduced Kimberly Klytta, Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (Chicago Office), who gave a presentation on the effort to bid on the LCI International Convention in 2020. PCC Brown asked Council for direction on presenting a bid for the 2020 International Convention in Atlanta. He stated that he and his committee would be happy to do a presentation at District Conventions. Volunteers would come from Georgia and some could come from surrounding states. CC Winters stated that Council should be able to give PCC Brown some kind of definitive answer by April whether or not all Districts adopt a resolution to support an International Convention in 2020. DG Hashbarger asked that the 2020 Committee be at each District Convention. DG Hashbarger, 18 -I made a motion to endorse and move forward on the process of bidding on the International Convention in Atlanta in 2020. DG Rice, 18-L, seconded the motion and motion carried.

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

PCC Smith, presented a proposed revised Constitution and By-Laws including changes requested by the Council. She asked that the Council study this proposed revision and decide whether or not they want to take this before the Lions of Georgia for a vote. The biggest change was removing the section on Committees and putting it into the Policy Manual. DG Hashbarger, 18-I, encouraged Governors to study the Constitution and By-Laws, discuss needed changes and/or approval via email, and be ready to take action at the February Council Meeting. PCC Smith asked that Council try to give her thirty days to take any changes back to the Committee for their approval.

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

Lion Miller discussed the proposed music scholarship program for the state.

**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

DG Hashbarger made a motion to accept the program with a \$2,500.00 scholarship which would be named "PID Buddy Ouzts Scholarship Fund". DG Threatt, 18-N, seconded the motion. Program would begin in January of 2014. Lion Miller asked if the Lion Tamer could sell pins, shirts, etc. in the LT store in order to generate some revenue for the project. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**REPORT MD 18 Long Range Planning Chair, PCC**

**MILLER:** On September 14, 2013 the Council of Governors adopted a Long Range Planning Committee recommended resolution in regards to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. This brief report follows up on the developments in response to the Resolution.

**Resolution of Issue of Leadership:** The Camp Board has resolved the issue relating to the office of President. This goal has been achieved.

**Balanced Budget:** On October 5, 2013, the Camp's executive committee met for the express purpose of creating a revised operating budget. They met that goal.

**Strategic Partnering:** The Camp's executive committee has put in place a small task-force to focus on developing short term partnership and marketing issue.

**REPORT OF MD 18 STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, DGE, 18-I:**

DG Hashbarger reported that the LCIF has given a grant for \$75,000.00 (matching grant) for Covington and Oxford for Newton County on a Miracle Field. DG Hashbarger asked PIP Jim if he and maybe PIP

Wayne Madden would be available to present the check when received.

DG Hashbarger stated that the next issue of the State Magazine will be coming out on the 2nd of January. He asked Governors to submit any information they would like to have included in the magazine. DG Hashbarger stated that he wanted to make a few presentations at the Council Meeting. He pointed out that training is very important. He congratulated PCC Kembra Smith on becoming a Certified Guiding Lion and made a presentation to her. He made a presentation to PCC Grace Clower as a Certified Guiding Lion.

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

Lion Schloemer reported that \$5849.00 was raised at last year's Braves game. With this event, Georgia became one of four states that became compliant with 100% donations from all clubs. She stated that she took the t-shirt money, the tailgate money and divided it equally among the clubs. She challenged every club to make a \$100.00 donation between now and March 1, Georgia will be the only state to reach what is known as dog bone level, which is \$100.00 minimum per club. Lion Schloemer reported that the road show in 18-L is up and running. Districts I, O, and N, she needs the co-chairs so that they can get started. She reported that from the Braves Game last year, the state gained six new members and three leader dog recipients. The date reserved with the Braves for next year's game is August 16, 2014. This is as late as she could get, because there are no Saturday games after that date. They will be doing the tailgate party and she is seeking a bank's sponsorship of that event. She is trying to get permission to play a beep ball game prior to the Braves game. This will be a 7:00 PM game and Lion Schloemer is working with the Intercontinental Hotel to come up with a package. She asked Governors to help publicize the event and encourage clubs to sponsor a youth program.

**REPORT OF STATE LION TAMER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – LION**

**RICK MIZELL, PDG:** Lion Tamer Mizell stated that he has received two invitations to attend the I and N District Conventions. He will attend the other two District Conventions if they want him to attend and set up the store. Please give him information on when and where their Convention is to be held. He has been working on software that will allow him to update club information from the myLCI website directly without having to type the information in. Lion Tamer Mizell was asked about the possibility of archiving past issues of the State Directories, State Magazines, etc. He stated that State Historian Chip Nedza has provided a listing on the website of all past Lions Club officers from 1920 forward, along with club meeting place.

**REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP**

**NEDZA:** PIP Ervin commended Lion Chip on his work on the museum. He stated that everything will be in the museum probably by May of next year. PDG Ray Moore will be donating a large amount of Lions memorabilia that he has collected; the Carter museum will also be donating. Each Governor will receive a flash drive with pictures of 250 items which have been photographed to date. He thanked all PIDs and PIP Ervin for their contributions to the museum. Lion Nedza stated that according to LCI, no other Multiple District has a museum, and Georgia would be the first. Lion Nedza was asked to plan for an open house with media coverage once the museum is ready.





Mark Rice

**DISTRICT "L"**

## Alpharetta Lions Club

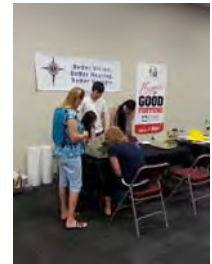
A year of in keeping members happy and busy. Almost every month there is activity in fund raising and service activity. Young and old are at work doing what Lions do best. Therefore – a few pictures will give you a little idea on what other Clubs can do – if you have any problems – just give the Alpharetta Lions a call.



First Responder Awards

[Alpharetta High School Leo Club](#) visiting [Benton House of Johns Creek, GA](#) — at [Benton House of Johns Creek, GA](#).

Providing vision screenings with the [Roswell Lions Club](#) at [North Fulton Community Charities](#) Back to School Health Fair.



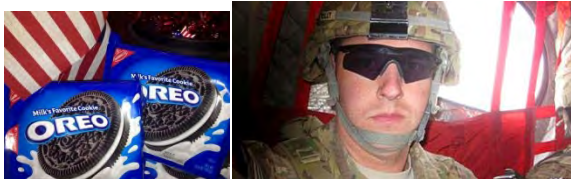
The Alpharetta Lions Club supports the Lions Clubs International Eyeglass Recycling Program by collecting used eyeglasses throughout Alpharetta and delivering them to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. At the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, volunteers clean, sort, and package the used glasses for distribution. If you have glasses you no longer need, you can donate them now at any of the locations listed below. We accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses, plastic and metal frames, and loose lenses.



Good to be back at the Alpharetta Farmers Market. Location on Old Canton Street, same great brooms with proceeds benefitting our community.



Lions Day at [Turner Field](#)



We will be supporting [Alpharetta First United Methodist Church's](#) Operation Oreo at our June meeting on 06/27 at [Alpha Soda](#). Hope you can join us and make sure you bring a bag of [Oreo's](#) or two!

Back to School Program. We will be collecting school supplies throughout July including when we return to the Farmers Market on July 27th. Start collecting new school supplies and new backpacks for our annual Back to School backpack and school supply drive.



Chilly weather. Perfect day for the Alpharetta Christmas Market!

[2013 Old Soldiers Day Parade](#)

Fun weekend building and riding our [Leader Dogs for the Blind](#) themed float.



Roswell Street never looked better thanks to [Alpharetta Lions Club](#) and [Alpharetta High School LEO Club](#) members who helped pick up trash this morning.





**Ed Hashbarger**  
**DISTRICT "T"**

## Athens Classic City Lions Club

The club meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month, the meal begins at 6:00 P.M. with an informative program beginning at 7:00 P.M. Meeting location is IHOP, 1061 Parkway Place, Athens, Georgia (just off Epps Bridge Pkwy. near Wal-Mart).

Coordinates - Latitude: 33° 55' 14.00" N Longitude: 83° 26' 30.00" W.

### Learning Ally

Making reading accessible for all.

(Formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslectic (RFB&D))

Several members volunteer at the Athens, Georgia Branch of Learning Ally serving as recorders of text books and other reading materials. They average about 18 man-hours per month converting the printed page to digital audio format.



THE LION Magazine

### Recording "The Lion" Magazine

Classic City Lions record **The Lion**, the monthly magazine of Lions Clubs International, at Learning Ally in Athens, GA from July through December each year. This activity consists of reading the magazine which is recorded to a computer disk, labeling CD's, copying disks and preparing them for mailing to those who need audio copies of **The Lion**. This activity requires about 34 man-hours each month.



### Eyeglass Recycling

Members of the Classic City Lions Club place collection boxes for used eyeglasses in eyeglass clinics and other offices around town. These boxes are checked periodically and the thousands of eyeglasses collected are transferred to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for processing and distribution. During the first four months of 2012 over 3,000 pair were donated.



The Classic City Lions participate in various other charitable activities. Some participated in the building of a room for a hot tub for a blind and paralyzed child who needs warm-water physical therapy

### Our Daily Bread

The Club provided Breakfast at Our Daily Bread on the first Tuesday of each month.

Our Daily Bread serves lunch to more than 125 people a day Monday-Friday, as well as breakfast on weekdays and a sack meal on Saturdays and Sundays. Our Daily Bread also distributes food, health, and hygiene items to guests, and provides space for guests to receive legal assistance, nursing care, and VA assistance, as well as offering free GED classes and computer skills training.



### Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

Half of the Tail Twister's receipts are sent to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia each month



A CHRISTIAN  
HEALTH  
RESOURCE  
CENTER

### Mercy Health Center

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse operates vision clinics across Georgia for eye exams and to eyeglasses for the financially needy and uninsured. They depend on resources provided by Lions Clubs and other sources, as well as, the volunteer services of eye physicians. Vision clinics are held at the Mercy Health Center, 700 Oglethorpe Ave. Suite C7, Athens, GA 30606, once each month. The Classic City Lions Club provides volunteers in alternate months to help with initial steps of eye exams, record keeping, and selection of eyeglass styles and fit.



ATHENS AREA  
Habitat for Humanity

The club has also participated in building for Habitat for Humanity.



### Pancake Breakfasts

Two pancake breakfasts are scheduled each year, one in fall and one in spring, to raise funds for various projects. Pancakes and sausage are cooked and served by Classic City Lions at a local church which supplies the kitchen and dining room. Tickets are sold in advance by club members. Over the last three years we have had an income of \$7,713.00.

### Ushering at University of Georgia Athletic Events

Classic City Lions serve as ushers at University of Georgia men's and women's basketball games, baseball games, and gymnastics meets. The UGA Athletic Association pays the club for hours worked by club members.







**Jim Walker**  
**DISTRICT "O"**

## Cordele Lion's Club

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We finished the year with a bang. We worked with the **Concerned Citizens That Care** to prepare 107 food boxes for Thanksgiving. We provided storage space and toys for the **"Adopt An Angel Program"**. We coordinated the **Annual Cordele Lions Club Christmas Parade**. We hosted a successful District O Cabinet Meeting. We did our inaugural **"Santa Calls" Project**, calling pre-school children in the local school system for **Santa Claus** and talking with them. We also hosted our Lion's Widows at one of our Club Meetings (December 17).

However, there's no rest for the weary, or the **Cordele Lions Club!!** Though the next two months won't be quite as busy as the last two, there is still a lot to do. We've got to get to work on our Membership Drive. With a membership of 87 at the present, we're within reach of our annual goal of 100. With a little effort, we can be at a hundred by the end of this reporting year for State Awards (April 30, 2014). You can help. If you have someone in the back of your mind, who you think would make us a good member and don't want to ask them, talk with a member of the **Membership Committee**, or this Editor. Anyone of them will be glad to contact them.

How many times have you heard of someone joining the Rotary Club, or the Kiwanis Club and thought to yourself; **"I should have asked him/her to join the Cordele Lions Club. He/she would have made us a good member!"** Don't wait too late and regret not asking. The worst possible thing that can happen is for someone to tell you "no" and surely it won't be the first time you've heard that word!



Program presented by  
Georgia Lions Lighthouse  
Ladies – Thanks for the  
good work you do for us,  
ladies!



You missed Lion Marina demonstrating the Cha-Cha Slide. She was moving so fast even our high speed camera shutter couldn't get a clear image! She could probably be convinced to do it again if you would like!



We honored David Edwards and Ray Lunsford for all of their help with the fair! We couldn't have done it without all of the Lions help! Lion Anthony Davis and CCHS JROTC hard at work parking cars.



Our 2nd Indoor Yard Sale was a wonderful success! Our facility was completely full, with at least 12 vendors setting up outside. We had people lined up to get inside as early as 5:00 am. There were plenty of Lions there to cook the sausage and help with parking. Thanks to Lion Johnny Dennis for spearheading this and all the Lions who gave their time to make this a success!



Mike Coleman won the raffle for the iPad!  
Mitch and Janice Mitchell won the raffle for the Big Tex Trailer!



**Cathy Threatt**  
**DISTRICT "N"**

## Port Wentworth Lions Club

Port Wentworth Annual Oyster Roast - We partner with the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce to provide a community event to promote the local activities and membership drive for Lions and the Chamber



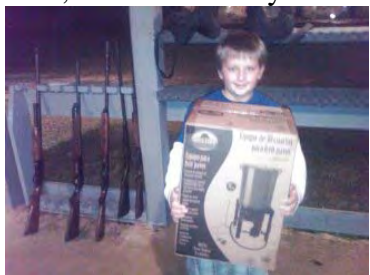
Chicken Dinner and Family Fun Day (Nov 2013) other fundraising Lions came together on November 30, 2013 to grill and prepare chicken dinners as a fundraiser for club activities. Lions Diane and Ricky Crummey chaired the event.

### ***Turkey Shoot: Fun For The Whole Family***

#### **James Barnes Memorial Turkey Shoot Port Wentworth Lions Club**

Each Friday and Saturday evening beginning at 7pm, from the last weekend of October and carrying through the end of January (roughly the end of deer season), the Port Wentworth Lions Club is hosting their annual turkey shoot. The shoot held November 1st and 2nd was in memory of fifteen year club member, James Barnes who recently passed away. Barnes was responsible for giving the shoot its start roughly 7-8 years ago.

Julie noted that the shoot is open to everyone and meant to be a family event (an alcohol free zone). It is not a competition shoot, insuring that shooters of all ages and experience levels have fairly equal footing. At a mere \$3 per shell, this is definitely an affordable activity. A 12-gauge shotgun is used for the shoot.



The hope is that other activities/interests can be added down the road for those not interested in shooting, in order to appeal to all members of the family and solidify it as the go to place for good clean family fun this time of year. You cannot bring your own ammo and the shells are carefully guarded to insure a safe environment. If you need to, you can use one of the loaner guns on hand.

The shoot is rain or shine so don't let a bit of unfavorable weather keep you away. The money raised goes to support sight conservation charities that the Club is involved in such as the Georgia Camp for the Blind in Waycross. A choice meat is given away to the winners and you don't know what type is it 'til you win it! Be sure to come out this and following weekends for a night of fun you won't soon forget.





## The Global Leadership Team (GLT) Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a 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

### Take Advantage of Leadership Development Webinars

Leadership Development webinars are off to a strong start for the 2013-2014 year with nine-hundred Lions participating! Lions from around the world join the sessions and contribute their varied perspectives, making for enriching online discussions. For example, Club Secretary Training had 314 Lions from 25 different countries participate, and Club Treasurer Training garnered 237 participants from 28 countries. Other webinars offered to date include Zone Chairperson and Club President training.

While four webinars are complete, many more dynamic topics are planned. Through May 2014, Lions at all levels can engage in sessions that address general leadership themes as well as ideas specific to Lions leadership development. Each webinar topic is offered on at least two different dates in both English and Spanish in order to reach as many Lions as possible.

We encourage you to join us for an upcoming webinar. For the complete list of dates and times, and to register for a webinar, please follow the link: [LCI Webinars](#).

#### 2014

January: Effective Club Meetings; Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds

February: The Dream Continues: Lionism as a Past District Governor

March: You've been a Club President...What's Next?

April: Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?

May: Conflict Resolution



### Upcoming Webinars

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<b><i>Effective Club Meetings</i></b> Basics of good meeting management including meeting planning, agenda preparation, post-meeting evaluation and essential facilitation skills. <b>Intended Audience:</b> Club officers who want to run productive meetings while keeping all members engaged	• <a href="#">Wednesday, January 8, 2014</a> <a href="#">1:00 pm</a>
<b><i>Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds</i></b> 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." <b>Intended Audience:</b> All Lions	• <a href="#">Wednesday, January 15, 2014</a> <a href="#">1:00 pm</a> • <a href="#">Friday, January 24, 2014</a> <a href="#">8:00 pm</a>
<b><i>The Dream Continues: Lionism as a Past District Governor</i></b> Webinar addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of Lion life after service as a District Governor. <b>Intended Audience:</b> Current and past district governors	• <a href="#">Friday, February 7, 2014</a> <a href="#">8:00 pm</a> • <a href="#">Wednesday, February 12, 2014</a> <a href="#">1:00 pm</a>

### Welcome: Zone and Region Chairpersons to the Global Leadership Team

It's official! The Lions Clubs International Board has added all zone and region chairpersons to the Global Leadership Team (GLT) at the district level (GLT-D). Effective leadership is crucial to the continued ability of our organization to provide needed community service.

It is especially crucial at the club level. Zone and region chairpersons provide a valuable link between districts and assigned clubs. By including the zone and region chairpersons as active members of the GLT-D, the GLT can maximize their leadership development efforts while enabling the zone and region chairs to better support their clubs.

As an active member of the GLT-D, the primary responsibilities of the zone and region chairpersons include:

- Identifying potential leaders at the club/zone level
- Communicating availability and promoting participation in training and leadership development opportunities
- Encouraging new leaders in their leadership responsibilities
- Collaborating with the GLT-D to ensure that club officer/zone chairperson training is effectively conducted
- Communicating training and development needs to their GLT-D members

We encourage the zone and region chairpersons to visit the [Leadership Resource Center](#) to learn more about the GLT, current training and development programs, as well as leadership resources. Zone and region chairpersons can contact the [Global Leadership Team](#) should you have questions related to the GLT or leadership development opportunities.





## Membership Committee Plan for a Lions Club during Lions Year 2013-2014

- Perform Community Needs Survey in partnership with Lions Club/County Chamber of Commerce and other local community service organizations.
- Gather a list of Business Contacts from our members and publish them on our web site and Facebook page. This is recommended to encourage business networking.
- Develop a "Lions Branding program to make people aware of the Lions Clubs International and the Lions Club. I have done an informal survey and found that the younger a person is, starting about 65, the less likely they are to know about the Lions.
  - Articles in Newspaper, Radio & Cable
  - Presentations to school groups and to Church Groups - Meet with Chamber, City & County to discuss Lions
  - Campaigns such as a QR Code Treasure Hunt
  - Use of Lion Costume and/or stuffed Lions with YELLOW vests on all TLC events.
  - Develop an up to date Lions Club Brochure to hand out
  - Encourage members to wear Lion paraphernalia whenever they go out. It should be highly visible and YELLOW if possible.
- Work at a local College to encourage students & faculty to get involved with the Lions Club by starting a Campus club or joining a Branch Club.
- Work with Public Relations Committee and Committee Chairs to make sure every committee publishes at least one article per year for publication in Newspaper/Radio/Cable. This will let the public know what we are doing and will also be good material for people making presentations on who the Lions are.
- Hold a Family & Friends Picnic Meeting. This will be a regular meeting with a speaker where we will invite members to bring family members & friends to the meeting. We will try to get a menu (hot dogs, potato salad, chips, etc.) where the meal costs can be covered by the regular dues or at worst at a reduced price for guests. We will encourage members and their family to take a tour of places of interest and we will take pictures of family groups.
- Provide members with Lions Club Business Cards and Brochures (LC & LCI) to hand out to family, friends & prospective members. We would also use these in our Branding Program.
- Budget Needs - \$500.00 - rough estimate would be spent primarily on printing of business cards and brochures.

### Official Welcome to the Team!

Region and zone chairpersons are officially welcomed to the district Global Membership Team. Working closely with the district GMT coordinator, region and zone chairpersons will continue their active and significant role in membership and new club development and club success. **Region and zone chairpersons** have always been actively involved in furthering the mission of the association. Their expertise and knowledge of membership opportunities, and needs in their areas of responsibility, will expand the depth of the district GMT, adding more eyes, ears and hands of support. Because of their familiarity with their local clubs, they will serve as a conduit between club and district leaders, and an accessible and knowledgeable source of support for club membership chairs.

### Membership Reports

"We Serve" is the cornerstone of our association. Reviewing membership data increases your ability to support your members through knowledge and analysis. The reports below can assist in the creation of the best possible membership environment and growth opportunities.

Register Reports - [www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/membershipregister/](http://www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/membershipregister/)

Missing Club Officers - [www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/gn1067d/](http://www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/gn1067d/)

Summary of Membership - [www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/gn1569/](http://www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/gn1569/)

Cumulative Reports - [www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/cumulative/](http://www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/cumulative/)

Health Assessment - [www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/ClubHealthAssessment/](http://www8.lionsclubs.org/reports/ClubHealthAssessment/)

## Involve a veteran today and build a better world for people in need

United States veterans believe in being part of something bigger than themselves. Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, can provide you with an opportunity to serve. With our 1.35 million members in 208 countries, Lions help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world.



U.S. veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members being honorably discharged from the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities. The Involve a U.S. Veteran Program provides qualifying veterans the opportunity to continue serving in a different way as Lions.

### Benefits of Involving Veterans

Many veterans want to find a way to give back, and they have a lot to offer your Lions club, including:

- The ability to turn plans into action and get the job done
- Practical skills and leadership skills
- Innovative ideas
- Dedication, loyalty and commitment
- Understanding the importance of teamwork

### How Serving with Lions Benefits Veterans

By providing opportunities for veterans, Lions can help get them involved in their communities. Consider adopting new projects in your community that appeal to veterans:

- Making and sending care packages overseas
- Organizing a book drive for military children with the USO
- Reading to patients at a local VA Hospital
- Donating backpacks and school supplies to military families
- Fundraising for wounded warriors

### Your Community Needs You

Lions clubs work as a team to get things done, and we need veterans like you on our team. Serving your community can help make an impact in people's lives. As a member of your local Lion club you'll:

- Apply your leadership skills to implement service projects that make a difference in your community.
- Strengthen your ties to the community and broaden your support network.
- Work with leaders in your community who help each other and collectively help others.
- Gain exposure to an international network of people with common interests.



### Lions Service

While Lions are well known for successful initiatives in vision health, our service is as diverse as our members. Lions volunteer for many different kinds of projects – working with local youths, caring for the environment and feeding the hungry.



### Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Qualifications

**Ask now!** The program is available to the first 5,000 certified U.S. veterans and runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

Qualifying veterans receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club. Qualifying veterans include retired U.S. military personnel (i.e. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves) or those honorably discharged from these services. Eligible persons may still be enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves.

Veterans can be certified by completion of the *Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form* - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me701.pdf>



**The Eighteenth District  
H. E. Allen  
Americus, Georgia**

I HEREWITH submit my report of the work accomplished during my term of office as District Governor for Georgia, Florida and Alabama, dating from January 1<sup>st</sup> 1922 to June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1922.

LIONISM in the south, as you know, was unheard of until 1921: during this year three clubs were organized by Mr. Thos. Marriott, Field Director, in the following cities, Atlanta, Americus, and Macon, Georgia.

At a meeting in Macon, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1921, called by Mr. M. J. Witman, President of the LIONS CLUB of this city, representatives were present from Macon and Americus clubs, with the aim of building of the clubs and offering to the citizenship of our territory LIONISM in its broad sense. I was elected to act as District Governor for Georgia, which election was confirmed by your Honorable President, and the States of Florida and Alabama were added to my district. I immediately began correspondence with Mr. Melvin Jones, your esteemed and very capable secretary, for assistance in the way of field directors. On March, 1922, Mr. H. S. Newman came to Georgia and after considerable time, secured the services of three or four young men as field directors. All of these men were without experience, and of course considerable time was spent explaining and educating them for this work. The following work was then accomplished;

*Georgia:* Mr. J. A. Davenport, Jr., was the first of the men employed to organize a club, this being in Cordele. They have 36 members and a good club and have rendered valuable services to their community. This club on charter night had as its Honored Guest, your Secretary, Mr. Melvin Jones.

Mr. J. B. Pickard organized the second club in Moultrie. They have a fine club of nearly 40 members and are receiving the hearty support of the Rotary Club which had just been organized.

Mr. Pickard also organized the third club, Waycross, and it is composed of men proud to welcome the LIONS, as they wanted a club that would render service for their city.

Mr. C. M. Hall organized the fourth club in Savannah, and I presented the charter on Saturday night, June 10<sup>th</sup>. This club has 61 members and all were present on charter night, together with several LIONS from other cities, Macon, sending 15 members in a special car headed by their President, M. J. Witman. His Excellency, Thos. W. Hardwick, Governor of Georgia was one of the principal speakers.

Mr. C. M. Hall had reported to me that he has a fine club started in Augusta, having something over 25 applications in hand and would organize in the next week or ten days.

This will give Georgia 8 clubs, the five last named being organized in the last 90 days. I have visited each of these clubs except Waycross, and my visit there has been deferred for their charter night which will be soon. All the clubs are in good condition and doing good work, and I attach reports from their secretaries showing the activities.

*Alabama:* Montgomery organized a club on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1922, having over 50 members, and being the capital of this state, which the representative business men at their head, this club should be the cause of spreading Lionism throughout Alabama. Field Director T. E. Castleberry organized the club.

*Florida:* Orlando is the only city that has a Lions Club, and reports from this club show that they had not done much, because of co-operation needed in field men to organize other clubs. Their secretary writes that they have reorganized and are now doing something for the community.



Dear Lion,

We're nearing the end of the calendar year, and the holiday season is upon us. It's a time to gather with family and friends. It's an opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. It's a moment to celebrate, and there is much for Lions to celebrate.

Every day, we are adding new Lions around the world and increasing our ability to serve. Every day, clubs are changing lives in their communities, and Lions are changing the world through our global humanitarian efforts. And we couldn't do it without you.

The success of our organization depends on the strength of our clubs and the vision of our club leaders. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, I'd like to thank you and your members for your hard work and service!

*Lion Barry J. Palmer  
Your International President  
2013-2014*

## Welcome Your New Members!

Build a foundation for success and membership satisfaction by offering [New Member Orientation](#). Orientation helps new members better understand your club, our association, and their opportunities as a Lion.

The [Lions Mentoring Program](#) pairs new members with experienced Lions to help new members set goals, plan activities and develop leadership skills. Remember, membership satisfaction is the key to keeping all members happy—whether seasoned or new!



## Share the Joy, Feed the Hungry

The holidays are a time of joy, but for those who go hungry, it's an especially difficult time of year. There are people in your community who don't know where their next meal will come from. Here's how your club can help:

- 1) Organize a food drive with a community partner
- 2) Help sponsor a holiday meal at a homeless shelter
- 3) Support a local school program to feed low-income children
- 4) Check on local seniors to make sure they have enough food

You can find more [project ideas](#) for the Relieving the Hunger campaign. Let's work together to make this holiday season a little brighter for someone in need.

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad461.pdf?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20Nov2013%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad461.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20Nov2013%20EN)



## Melvin Jones Fellowship (NOTE: This is NOT an Award)

This is the highest individual recognition that an individual Lion or Club can name an individual Lion who gives a \$1,000 to become a Melvin Jones Fellow. They will get a Melvin Jones Fellow - will receive a lapel pin and a personalized wall plaque. A diamond is added to the lapel pin if an individual or club gives another \$1,000 and this is considered a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Their names are displayed on a monitor in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of US\$1,000. It is the backbone of LCIF, providing 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honor presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others.

Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of US\$100 over a five-year period. Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

It is possible to make a donation and choose the MJF recipient later. Write "Melvin Jones Fellow to be named later" on the check or bank draft. When an individual's or group's personal donation(s) are accumulated for a club's or district's use to select a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, LCIF needs the signed consent. Please include such documentation with the completed MJF application that is sent to LCIF Donor Services.

For Melvin Jones Fellowship contributions or inquiries, contact LCIF Donor Services Department at [e-mail](mailto:donor@lcif.org) us. Also, you may contact your District LCIF Coordinator. To apply for a fellowship, complete the [MJF Application form](http://www.lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif42m.pdf) - <http://www.lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif42m.pdf>



## Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF. There are 54 recognition levels beyond the initial US\$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique pin for each giving level.

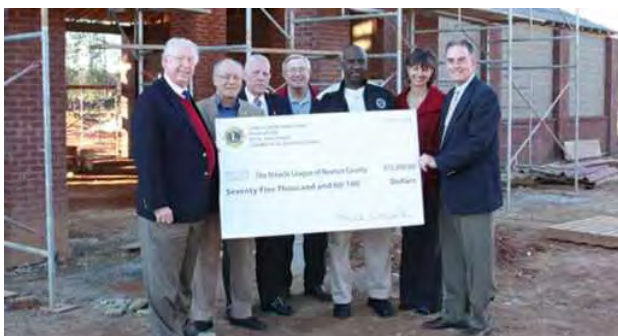
To order replacement pins or to make a PMJF donation, contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or [e-mail](mailto:donor@lcif.org) us. Prices for pin replacements vary by level.



### MJF Facts

- The Fellowship was established in 1973 and the Progressive program began in 1986 in response to Lions' request for a way to extend their commitment to LCIF.
- Donations through MJFs provide 75 percent of the Foundation's annual revenue.
- There are 54 levels in the PMJF program.
- As of the end of October 2012, there are 342,670 MJF recipients and 64,301 PMJF recipients worldwide.
- All MJFs are invited to the annual luncheon held at the convention (ticket purchase required). The MJF luncheon began in 1984 and has been held at each convention since then.
- The names of MJFs are displayed on a computer in the LCIF Room at the International Headquarters.

- See more at: <http://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/recognition-programs/melvin-jones-fellowship.php#sthash.Y1Nq0toX.dpuf>



### Your contributions to LCIF can lead to helping your community:

The Miracle League field being built in Newton County got a nice boost Thursday when the Covington and Oxford Lions Clubs and the Lions Club International Foundation donated \$75,000 to the effort. The money will go to finish construction of the concession stand and restrooms, said Richard Brown, president of the Covington Lions Club.



District Governors,

LCI is making plans for an exciting 97th Lions Clubs Annual International Convention (LCICon) from July 4 – 8, 2014 in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and we enthusiastically invite you to join the celebration.

Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city, is situated on beautiful Lake Ontario and is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant places on earth. Lions will find an abundance of vibrant nightlife, stunning architecture, great museums, wonderful vintage stores, luxury shops and everything in between. Discover and experience a world of arts, culture, and energy around every corner in a friendly atmosphere that welcomes everyone. Toronto is expecting you!

Convention-goers can look forward to an inspiring week of business and pleasure, as we unite to shape the future of our great association. The festivities include our own culturally diverse International Parade of Nations through the heart of Toronto along with interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President.

There are only a few weeks left to register at the early registration rate of \$110 for the 2014 Toronto International Convention. Early bird registration expires on Friday, January 10, 2014. Encourage your district members to [Register](#) now!

Please also remind your district to book their convention housing through LCI. Bus shuttles will be available from LCI's official hotels to all official convention events. Lions who reserve their housing with LCI will receive a commemorative gift (while supplies last).

We look forward to supporting your efforts as you rally your district. In order to assist you in meeting your goal, we will be offering a monthly listing of current registrants for your district. This is an incredible way of monitoring progress, creating goals or providing incentives. If you have not already requested this listing, please find the application attached.

Lots of fun and exciting activities are planned for the convention in Toronto; you won't want to miss the event of the year. [Register](#) today for the 97<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Toronto!

The most important part of our international convention, however, is you – the Lions and Leos from around the world whose commitment to serving those in need remains constant in our ever-changing world. Join the fun July 4 – 8, 2014 in Toronto. We are expecting you!

Stay current by following LCICon on [Twitter](#) and liking our [Facebook Page](#).

[Register Now](#)

<https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?D=d&EventCode=HPH>

Questions? E-mail us at: [convention@lionsclubs.org](mailto:convention@lionsclubs.org)





**Georgia Lions  
Lighthouse Foundation**

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



## Dear Georgia Lions!

Again, it is my pleasure to announce that the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is doing well. Our service through vision clinics and eyeglasses, surgeries, and hearing aids to indigent Georgians has grown and those services are being delivered in less time and for less cost. Check the 20-12-2013 Annual Report -

<http://www.lionslighthouse.org/files/Annual%20Report%202013.pdf>

## Services and costs

From July 1, 2013-September 30, 2013, the Lighthouse has provided vision services (eye examinations and eyewear) to 1,440 people at a cost of \$17,728.36. Our numbers show that the Lighthouse has increased its vision services of 14.97%, with a significant decrease in costs! This increase in services is consistent with the Lighthouse's past six year history as, during the same three month period, the Lighthouse provided vision services to 347 people in 2008-09, 739 people in 2009-10, 723 people in 2010-11, 1,110 people in 2011-12, 1,179 in 2012-13. The Chamblee clinic alone seeing about 500 people per month for vision screening, and the optical lab is producing about 500 pairs of eyeglasses per month. We have provided 128 surgeries at the actual cost of \$122,497.33, as a result of medical discounts of \$559,395.19. The Lighthouse has thus also increased its surgery services!

From July 1, 2013-September 30, 2013, the hearing aid program has served 374 people with hearing aids, for a cost of \$224,160.00 for hearing aids, ear molds, and providers, and administrative fees of \$15,312.00, a total of \$239,472.00. The hearing program is, therefore, also reflecting an increase in services of 17.32%! During this three-month period, the hearing aid program was funded by the Georgia Public Service Commission (\$148,500.00) and client-co-pays (\$73,795.00). This funding may also be increased later this year with grants from DeKalb and Fulton Counties and salvage aids.

## Finances

The 2013-14 budget set income and expenses at \$2,130,000.00. This budget was set \$100,000 less than in 2012-13, based on a reduction in grants as funding and a reduction in eyewear costs as expenses. Of this, the income was to be generated from public support (such as from Lions Clubs, grants, and other collections) for 61% of the total budget and from revenue generated from the Lighthouse (such as client co-pays, salvage, rental income, the optical shop, special events, and the set-aside maintenance fund) for 39% of the total budget. As of September 30, 2013, the Lighthouse had collected \$364,289.00 from public support and \$150,809.00 from revenue for a total of \$515,098.00. Although income from private gifts, rent, and recycling has declined slightly, income has increased from Lions Clubs (from \$22,762 in 2012-13 to \$28,986 in 2013-14), foundation gifts and grants, revenue from our optical shop and hearing program, and special events. On September 28, 2013, the Lighthouse's fall fundraiser, Taste of Chamblee, provided net proceeds of \$25,000. The increase in Lions' funding is a credit to each of you, as each district shows an increase in donations, including those to White Cane. The budget this year was set with the goal of increasing Lions' donations from 10.44% to 11.9% of the total Lighthouse budget, and that goal is being met. Thanks to each of you and your districts for your support!

## Summer Service Numbers

**1 Jul 2012 – 30 Jun 2013**

### ***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.**

Attached is the proposed Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. Constitution & Bylaws with amendments noted in red for review.  
[Proposed Revision.LH Const.Bylaws2013](http://lionsofga18l.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Proposed-Revision.LH-Const.Bylaws2013.pdf)

<http://lionsofga18l.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Proposed-Revision.LH-Const.Bylaws2013.pdf>

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **Lighthouse Volunteer Winter Meeting**

**Friday, 31 January –**

**Saturday, 1 February 2014**

**Hilton Garden Inn, 207 North Willie Lee Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia**

**7:00am-8:30am - Lighthouse Board of Directors**

**11:45am – 1:30pm – Volunteer Meeting and Lunch**

**1:30pm – 2:00pm – District Directors Training**

**2:00pm – 2:50pm – Lighthouse 101**

**3:00pm – 3:50pm – White Cane Committee**

**4:00pm – 4:50pm – PDG Meeting**

**6:00pm - ??? - Dinner – Pay at the door – Cost ??**

**NOTE: Meeting Room Assignments will be posted in hotel lobby.**



**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.**

## **WALMART APPLICATIONS FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE:**

Once you're at the [Local Community Contribution](#) site, click on "Click here to apply for the Local Community Contribution program."

### **A. You'll be asked a series of questions:**

- 1 Does your organization and proposed program benefit the communities within the service area of the facility to which you plan to apply? **Yes**
- 2 In which of the Wal-Mart Foundation's areas of focus does your proposed program fall? **Health and Wellness**
- 3 Please select the option that best describes your organization: **A. Tax exempt under Section 501 (c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code with a valid tax exempt number**
- 4 Are you applying for funding for one of the organizations listed? If so, please select the organization below. **None**
- 5 Are you applying for funding for any of the following? If so, please select all that apply. **None**
- 6 Do you plan to request less than \$250 from an individual facility? **No**

- B. Then, you'll receive a link to the Facility Giving Application.** You'll be asked to create a log-in—see at the top "First time user? Click here to create your password."
- C.** Once you've created a log-in, you'll be able to search for a Wal-Mart in your area under "LCC Facility Search". Find your local Wal-Mart and click "Start >" under "Create Request". This will start your application.
- D.** Select contacts for the Lighthouse. Either Jim or Michelle are acceptable contacts.

### **E. Organization Information:**

1. **Legal and Payee Name:** Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
2. **Address:** 5582 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30341
3. **Phone:** 404-325-3630
4. **Fax:** 404-636-5549
5. **Website:** [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org)

### **F. Community Served:**

1. **Area served:** All counties
2. **Geography:** 25% rural, 75% urban
3. **Gender:** 40% male, 60% female
4. **Age group:** 100% All Ages
5. **Ethnic background:** 100% All

### **G. Program Information:**

1. **Grant type:** Local Community Contribution

	<i>~ January 2014 ~Wiotekika Wi</i>					
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b><i>Glaucoma</i></b> Relieving the Hunger	<b><i>Awareness</i></b> Global Service	<b><i>Month</i></b> 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 ~Cannapop Wi</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 Warner Robins
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 Watkinsville
23	24	25	26	27	28	Notes:



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

~ April 2014 ~Wihakata cepapi Wi						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LEO Club Awareness Month	Protecting Our	1 Environment	2 Global Service	3 Action	4 Campaign	5 Month
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 Club Excellence Award ENDS	Notes:		

	<i>~ May 2014 ~</i> Wojupiwi Wi						
<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	10	
11 <b>Mother's Day</b>	12	13	14	15 Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due <b>Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)</b>	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29 Council of Governors Mtg,	30 MD-18 State	31 Convention	

	<i>~ June 2014 ~</i> Wipazuka waste Wi						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
1 Macon, GA	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	Notes:					



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



### Christmas Camp

How do you even begin to describe the wonderful time that was had at Christmas Camp. On Friday night we gathered as a camp for our first meal together (56 campers and 15 staff). The room was buzzing with excitement. To say that it was loud would be an understatement. That night we made monogrammed hot chocolate ornaments, and decorated cookies. The campers LOVED making their ornament. We told them to make sure and drink their hot chocolate on Christmas Eve and to remember their experiences at GLCB. Saturday was filled with Elf Games. We created lots of games and challenges for each "Elf" to do. Their first task was to dress themselves like an elf and give themselves an elf name. Lots of laughs were had as you will see in the pictures. Clearly it's the little things we do as for some campers becoming an elf was their favorite part of camp. We concluded the day with our annual talent show. The talent show is such a beautiful reminder of why we do what we do. To hear a severely MR lady sing a song knowing that only three years ago the thought of singing would literally make her sick. Baby steps to some, but huge strides for her. To have the privilege to stand and sing with her... "Bless the Lord Oh my Soul."

### SAVE THE DATE!

### **Camp for the Blind Winter Meeting**

**Friday, 31 January – Sunday 2 February 2014**

**Hilton Garden Inn, 207 North Willie Lee Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia**

Saturday	Committee Room	Committee Room	Committee Room
1:30pm – 2:00pm –	Constitution & By-Laws	Planning	Finance
2:00pm – 2:50pm –	Personnel	P.R. & Promotions	Policy
3:00pm – 3:50pm –	Fundraising	Building & Grounds	Awards
4:00pm – 4:50pm			Nominations
6:00pm - ??? - Dinner – Pay at the door – Cost ??			
Sunday			
8:30am – 10:00am	Camp Executive Committee		
10:30am – 1:00pm	Camp General Meeting		

**NOTE:**  
Meeting Room  
Assignments  
will be posted  
in hotel lobby.



### ***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 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

<i>Lion / District</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
<i>PDG David White / L</i>	770-973-1114	678-313-5650	<a href="mailto:dapat@bellsouth.net">dapat@bellsouth.net</a>
<i>Brian Donegan / I</i>		404-630-2910	<a href="mailto:doneganbrian1@gmail.com">doneganbrian1@gmail.com</a>
<i>Dimple Forrest / O</i>	706-472-3682	404-406-9956	<a href="mailto:forrestfamily@windstream.net">forrestfamily@windstream.net</a>
<i>Scott Eisenhart / N</i>	912-772-6537	912-704-8681	<a href="mailto:SeaDog0824@yahoo.com">SeaDog0824@yahoo.com</a>

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind  
Treasurer's Comments:

The Camp ended the first six months with a very strong contributions during December; thank you, the Lions of Georgia. Last fall the Finance Committee and Executive Committee approved a revised, reduced budget that was the same as the actual contributions for the previous year, \$266,000. The Camp personnel have "tightened their belts" and so far the Camp has a positive cash flow of \$11,000. In addition \$15,000 has been returned to the Investment Fund and we hope to return some more in the next month. However, we cannot just sit back operate on what we have. We have to be building our funds for the heavy expenditures that will be coming with the summer camping season. The average receipts needed each month is just over \$22,000; so far we have averaged \$21,000. We need the support of all the clubs throughout the year.

I would like to thank all the Clubs that have supported the Camp so far this year and hope that they will continue to support the Camp in the same way for the last half of the year. Below is a list of the number of clubs and total amounts by district that have been given through December:

18L: 24 of 51 clubs for a total of \$37,537

18I: 27 of 57 clubs for a total of \$23,292

18O: 25 of 61 clubs for a total of \$16,123

18N: 28 of 68 clubs for a total of \$37,435

Total MD18: 104 of 237 clubs for a total of \$114,387

As you can see, only 44% of the Ga. Lions Clubs have supported the Camp for the first 6 months. If your club is in the remaining 56% that have not given, why not? We need YOUR HELP to continue this service to the people of Georgia. With the help of ALL THE LIONS of GEORGIA the camp would be in excellent financial condition and we could do so much more. When you send in a check to the Camp, make sure you note YOUR CLUB in order to give your club the credit.

The Camp's main fund raiser is the selling of raffle tickets. Each club should have already gotten approximately 10 tickets per member. (If you have not or if you need more, contact your Camp VP or myself.) This year the drawing will be held at the State Convention in Macon. As you can see there are five chances to win. **The Gator or \$5000.00 CASH, \$500.00 and THREE \$100.00 CASH Prizes.** We need for each club to sell all of their tickets. Remember, if you need additional tickets. Please contact me or your local Vice-President for the Camp. Thank you in advance for you service to the Camp.

NO. 033301	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind, Inc.</div><div></div></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>5 CHANCES TO WIN:</b> <b>GATOR or \$5,000 CASH</b></div> <div style="text-align: center;">PLUS 1-\$500 AND 3-\$100 CASH WINNERS Drawing to be held on May 30, 2014 at the State Convention in Macon, GA You do not have to be present to win. Funds to help send a blind child to Camp and benefit The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. 501(c)3 Must be 18 years of age or older. <b>\$1.00 Donation</b></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div></div></div>	NO. 033301
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It is through your contributions that the Lions of Georgia can provide this wonderful and needed experience for the visually impaired citizens of Georgia.

Paul May  
GLCB Treasurer

# Adults need vaccines, too

## The shots are just as important for grownups as they are for kids

Many people assume that vaccines become less important as they age. That's wrong. In fact, adults need some shots—such as those against shingles and pneumonia—that children don't. And grownups need booster shots against some common diseases, such as the vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). All the vaccines listed below can cause mild side effects, including redness, soreness, or rashes around the injection site. Occasionally, more serious side effects might occur, especially in those who experience an allergic reaction. But the recommended vaccinations have very good safety records, and all offer benefits that far outweigh any risks. For more detailed advice and periodic updates, see the [Centers for Disease Control's vaccine information](#).

Vaccine	Who should get it?
<b>Chicken pox/Shingles</b> Two shots separated by at least 4 weeks, plus an additional shot to target shingles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults who have not had chicken pox or the vaccination against the infection.</li> <li>A higher-dosed shingles-specific vaccine, Zostavax, is also recommended for adults 60 or older regardless of their history. (It is also approved for those 50 to 59.)</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis A</b> Two doses at least 6 months apart.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any adult seeking protection against HAV.</li> <li>Adults at high risk, including homosexual men, people with liver disease or clotting disorders, and travelers abroad (excluding Australia, Canada, Western Europe, Japan, and New Zealand).</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis B</b> Two doses 1 month apart, followed by a booster shot at least 6 months later.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those requesting protection and sexually active adults not in a relationship.</li> <li>Adults younger than 60 who have diabetes.</li> <li>Certain adults who have diabetes and are 60 or older, based on their need for blood-glucose monitoring and other risk factors.</li> <li>Those at high risk, including adults with kidney disease and predialysis, hemodialysis, and home-dialysis patients; homosexual men; international travelers (excluding Australia, Canada, Western Europe, Japan, and New Zealand); health-care workers, and people seeking treatment for a sexually transmitted disease.</li> </ul>
<b>Human papillomavirus (HPV)</b> Two injections 1 to 2 months apart, with a final dose 6 months later.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women ages 19 to 26.</li> <li>Men 19 to 21 and those 22 to 26 who have conditions that compromise their immune systems.</li> </ul>
<b>Influenza</b> Once a year, preferably in October or November.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All adults, especially those at high risk, including the very old; people who have asthma or diabetes; anyone with heart, lung, or kidney disease; women who are or will become pregnant; and caregivers of children or adults with medical conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>Meningitis</b> Once. (Booster shot every 5 years for some people at high risk because of continued exposure to the bacterium.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People 11 to 18 years old.</li> <li>College freshmen living in dormitories, military recruits, and travelers to areas where the disease is prevalent, if they haven't been previously vaccinated.</li> <li>People with impaired immunity.</li> </ul>
<b>Pneumonia</b> Once. (Booster shot after 5 years for people who got first shot before age 65 or are at very high risk.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults 65 or older</li> <li>Adults 19 to 64 who have certain risk factors, including heart, lung, or liver disease; diabetes; alcoholism; cochlear implants; conditions that compromise immunity; asthma; smokers; and those undergoing chemotherapy.</li> </ul>
<b>Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough)</b> One shot, and a tetanus-diphtheria booster every 10 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults younger than 65, regardless of their last Td booster.</li> <li>Adults 65 or older who are in contact with an infant.</li> </ul>

# How to prevent the pain of shingles

**This adult form of chicken pox affects more than 1 million people age 60 and up each year**

Published: July 2012

Childhood chicken pox has a way of making a comeback—in almost one out of three adults who have had it—in the form of shingles, a painful rash and illness. The varicella zoster virus that causes the disease does not disappear after recovery from chicken pox but lies dormant in the nerve roots of the spine. Medical science does not know what causes the virus to be reactivated, but doctors are seeing more patients with this condition.



Shingles, also called herpes zoster, should not be confused with the sexually transmitted herpes simplex virus that causes genital herpes or the very common herpes labialis blisters that recur around the lips and mouth. Shingles may begin with tingling and itching and surface as a painful rash of small blisters or vesicles on one side of the face, body, or legs. The most common and dreaded complication is persistent and recurrent pain in the nerve and muscles of the affected area, a condition known as post-herpetic neuralgia, which can occur for weeks to months after the rash dries up and disappears. The symptoms can be quite debilitating, especially in the elderly, and require chronic pain management.

The majority of the more than 1 million annual cases of shingles occur in people age 60 and up, but it can also appear at any age, especially in people with immune-deficient conditions, HIV, and certain cancers (such as leukemia and lymphoma), and among steroid users and organ transplant recipients.

Fortunately there are both preventative and treatment options for shingles. A single-dose vaccine, Zostavax, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for people over age 60 in 2006. In March 2011 the FDA also approved the vaccine for people over 50. Vaccination prevents shingles in the majority of recipients and greatly reduces the risk of post-herpetic neuralgia in others. Pregnant woman, people with immune-deficient conditions and certain cancers, and those allergic to neomycin, gelatin, or other vaccine components should not get the vaccine.

People who get shingles are treated first with a prescription anti-viral oral medication, which, especially at the onset of the rash, can help speed healing and reduce complications. For patients suffering with post-herpetic neuralgia, there are several effective medications and pain-management strategies that can assist in recovery.

It's important to recognize the signs and symptoms of the uncomfortable rash and see your doctor immediately so that early treatment can improve your outcome. [If you are over 60, consider the vaccine option](#), and find out from your doctor whether you are eligible to receive it.





## WHEN YOU MEET A LEADER DOG

**A Leader Dog is a Working Dog:** Leader Dogs are friendly animals that like attention. However, it is important that most of this attention comes from their human partners.

**When you encounter a Leader Dog -**

- Do not pet a dog in harness
- Ask the owner’s permission before touching the dog or making eye contact. Eye contact can distract the dog, so always interact with the person – not the animal.

**A Person Using a Leader Dog is Independent -** Often, if a visually impaired person needs assistance, they will ask for it. If it appears the person needs help, **ASK FIRST**, then:

- Approach the person on their right side as the Leader Dog is usually on the left.
- Never startle them be grabbing there are
- Do not take hold of the Leader Dog or its harness

**Assisting With Verbal Directions -** When delivering directions to a person who is blind or visually impaired:

- Speak to the person – not the dog.
- Do not use hand signals such as pointing or broad statements like “it’s over there.”
- Use detailed easy-to-follow indicators like “Go north two blocks then east” or Turn left and go two blocks.”

**Never Offer Food to a Leader Dog –** Leader Dog owners follow a veterinarian-prescribed diet for their animals. Treats should only be given to a Leader Dog by their human partner.

**Acting as a Human (Sighted) Guide –** At times it is safer or easier to serve as a human guide instead of giving verbal directions. To act as a human guide:

- Initiate contact by offering your elbow by brushing it against the person’s arm.
- The person will hold your arm above the elbow and drop the harness, signaling to the dog that it is temporarily “off-duty.”

**An alternate method is that the Leader Dog user will instruct their dog to “Follow” you –**

- Walk ahead of the person at normal speed, inform them when they are approaching turns, doorways, stairs and drop-offs.
- At street crossings, walk with them across the street and onto the opposite curb. The Leader Dog will resume its duties once on the sidewalk.



## Service Dog Garrison Saves the Day



Bill sustained his life-changing injuries while serving our country in the US Coast Guard.

“After seeing my doctor through the VA for so many years, I think he knew the extent to which an assistance dog would be able to help me,” Bill explains.

Now Bill is a successful businessman and an active community member. He served on school boards, planning commissions and as treasurer for The Paralyzed Veteran Association.

Garrison greets Bill every morning wagging his tail, holding his food bowl in his mouth and is by Bill’s side every minute of the day.

“Being in a chair, people think your ability to think and speak is different. Garrison changes that, he acts as an ice breaker and people treat me normally,” Bill continues.

“People always ask me about Garrison, and I tell them how he helps me. But really I want them to know about what an amazing organization Canine Companions is. I’ve worked a great deal in volunteer leadership and fundraising, and I’ve never seen a more giving organization in my life.”

## Canine Companions Service Dog Caspin helps Wallis live independently.



"He can retrieve my phone and other dropped items, pull my wheelchair and open doors for me," she continues.

Wallis has a condition known as dystonia, a disease that causes her muscles to spasm spontaneously. She was at the pharmacy when a "dystonic attack" came on and she could not move. Caspin helped her pay the cashier, get the bag from the cashier and gracefully exit the store.

Wallis wanted to learn more about a career in the assistance dog world, and is currently participating in an internship at Canine Companions headquarters in Santa Rosa, CA.



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## IDA's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading



The National Assessment of Educational Progress consistently finds that approximately one third of all 4<sup>th</sup> graders read at the “below basic” level. Some of these students struggle due to dyslexia, another learning disability, a second language, or other environmental factors. While some of these students may be eligible for special education services, most are not.

A report published by the National Council on Learning Disabilities found that most students with learning disabilities attend public schools and spend 80 percent of their time in general education classes, an increase of 23 percent since 2009. These statistics support the need for general education teachers, not just the reading specialist or literacy coach, to be well-trained in language and reading science and appropriate differentiated instruction for all learners.

The IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading fill a much-needed gap in the

teaching profession by providing the most thorough, research-supported documentation of what every teacher ought to know and be able to demonstrate, whether they are teaching students with dyslexia, other struggling readers, or all students.

One of the goals in publishing the IDA Standards was to provide a framework for course content in university and other teacher training programs, and a blueprint for the development of effective instructional reading programs. The long-term goal of the IDA Standards initiative is to promote consistent and high-quality teacher preparation that will improve the educational outcomes for all students, especially those who struggle with written language. To learn more about how IDA is making an impact on how teachers are trained visit

<http://www.interdys.org/standards.htm>

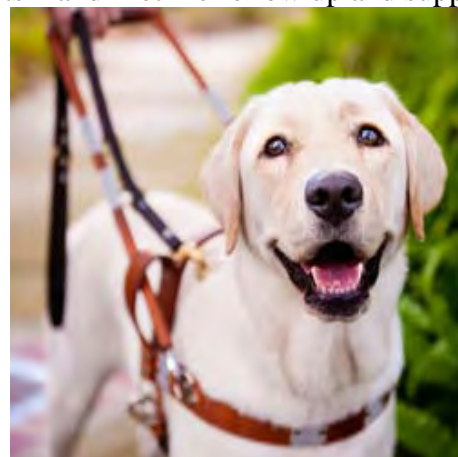
And to learn more about how YOU, as a parent, can ensure that *Dyslexia in the Classroom: What Every Teacher Needs to Know* reaches every public elementary school principal in the U.S. visit

<http://www.interdys.org/UnlockingDyslexia.htm>



## Guide Dogs

Southeastern Guide Dogs partners students with visual impairments with professionally trained guide dogs. Our certified instructors provide students and their new guide dogs with 26 days of individualized instruction at our [Palmetto, Florida](#) campus or in-home placements – and lifetime follow up and support.



Students accepted into the program spend approximately four weeks bonding and training with their new guide dog under the watchful eye of our certified instructors at a student-to-trainer ratio of 3 to 1. A bond of love, trust and devotion forms between the blind master and the dog as they become a team.

We provide the guide dog, equipment, single-room lodging, all meals, outings, instruction and post-graduation support completely free of charge, thanks to the generosity of our important contributors.

The average working life of a guide dog is eight years, and the majority of our graduates obtain multiple guide dogs from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

The process of developing and serving a successful guide dog team takes an average of ten years (two years of training and eight years of post-graduation services) and approximately \$60,000.



## Resources for You

### The Affordable Care Act and Diabetes

Oct. 1 marked the first day people could start exploring plan options and signing up for health insurance through their state Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace), giving people with diabetes new health insurance coverage options. The Marketplace open enrollment period ends on March 31, 2014, with coverage for plans purchased effective as early as Jan. 1, 2014. Check out the American Diabetes Association's Q&A document on the Marketplaces at

[www.diabetes.org/HealthInsuranceMarketplaces](http://www.diabetes.org/HealthInsuranceMarketplaces) for more information.

In addition, the New Year marks other exciting coverage changes, including the end to discrimination based on diabetes in the insurance market. For information on changes to health insurance rules check out the American Diabetes Association's Health Insurance Update document at [www.diabetes.org/HealthInsuranceUpdate2014](http://www.diabetes.org/HealthInsuranceUpdate2014).

### Sign up for the Diabetes Docket

Want more information about your child's legal rights as a person living with diabetes? Subscribe to Diabetes Docket. This new quarterly e-newsletter will provide information about diabetes discrimination, what it is, how to prevent it and what to do if it happens to your family. It also includes a "Parents Corner" with school-specific issues.

If you are currently experiencing diabetes discrimination, please call 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383) to get help from the American Diabetes Association. [Our legal advocates can offer free help and guidance for your problem.](#)



### Everyday Wisdom Kit

The Everyday Wisdom™ Kit is a tool designed to help families of children with type 1 diabetes live with diabetes everyday. It offers information, tools and even a game to help families start talking about diabetes.

[Order your free kit today.](#)

[http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/everyday-wisdom-kit-jan-](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/everyday-wisdom-kit-jan-2013.html)

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### Safe Diabetes Sitter

It's never easy leaving your child with a sitter, but when your child has diabetes, it can be even harder. Here's a tool that can help you make sure you leave your sitter with all the information they need to know.

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To Your Health!

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## *Our World, Our Future*



MD 18 winning entry of the 2013 Peace Poster Contest. It was drawn by Jenna Toombs of Greenville Middle School and submitted by the Greenville Lions Club, District 18-O.

Other entries are below -



### *LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY*

#### *Our World, Our Future*

***Seeing an Equal Future*** – by McClain Hermes – 7<sup>th</sup> grade of Frank N. Osborne Middle School (Dacula) District 18-I

Before October 23, 2009 my world was the same as every little girl: bright colors, lights, soccer and swimming. At eight, life was great. I dreamed of being an Olympic athlete, or maybe even President. But, I had never had the best vision and year after year my vision was getting worse. For no known reason, my retinas detached one after another just weeks apart in 2009. I went through a few surgeries and was left with no vision in my right eye and limited sight in my left. The world through my eyes suddenly changed. I was told no more soccer or anything involving contact. With limited sight and no depth perception, swimming was difficult.

By the time I was nine, my family and I were starting to get use to these drastic changes. I began to swim again, started using a cane, and have accommodations made at school. I was having to adjust to “seeing” everyday things differently. At a swim competition, I ran into the wall and came out of the pool sobbing. Right away my mom was ready to pull me out of the pool. My coach asked my mom to give her a week to come up with a solution. She did! We thought she was crazy when the next day she walked in holding a stick with a tennis ball on the end of it. Turns out, Paralympic swimmers use this device to tell them when they get to the wall to flip or stop. After building up the trust to have my mom and coach hit me on the head with a stick, I went to my very first Paralympic meet in October 2012, three years to the day after my first surgery! Suddenly the whole world of Paralympic swimming was opened up to me.

In the Paralympics, there are several different disabilities. There are athletes missing limbs, paralyzed, dwarfs and intellectually challenged. I realized that disabled people have to not only overcome their disability, but also the discrimination of those who don’t understand us. My best friend’s dwarf and everywhere she goes she gets stares and snickers. Daily, people stop and stare at my cane and ask why I have a stick. I know that they don’t do it to be mean, they just don’t know what to do and are curious or rude. It is not just in stores and restaurants, my Paralympic friends and I also have struggles at school.

Since 2011, my vision’s decreased at a very fast rate. I may be completely blind someday, but I “see” many things to come. I hope that everyone from one to 100 will be understanding of anyone that is different. No more staring or pointing. In the future I see myself maybe not as an Olympic athlete but as a Paralympic athlete, and you never know, I may be the first blind President! So I hope that our future world will have equality no matter our size, shape or sight.

## LEO SPOTLIGHT

**18-O** LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-C: Colquitt County > Clubs at MS-JHCCHS (Sponsored by Moultrie Lions Club) Participating in Reading Action Program for literacy // Tutoring students at elementary and middle schools // Peer Tutoring // Adult Literacy // Helping at GA Baptist Center // Distributed 12 boxes of food as part of the Hunger Awareness project // Assisting Lions with football concession stand // Prepared Thanksgiving & Christmas Projects; Early County > Club at ECHS (Sponsored by Cordele Lions Club) Senior LEOs received Young Leaders in Service certificate from LCI // Teacher Appreciation// Teacher Shadowing // Participated in Read for the Record and Literacy Day at ECES with 270 PK and K students // Helping with Holidays on The Square and Movie—Chorus Night at ECES // Assisted with Thanksgiving and Christmas Partnerships at ECHS; Seminole County > Club at SCHS (Sponsored by Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs) Participating in all school and community activities // Helping with concessions and projects // Completed several Christmas projects and community activities. Other listed LEO Clubs for 18-O include: Bainbridge (sponsored by Bainbridge), Lamar County Comprehensive (Sponsored by Barnesville-Lamar), Upson-Lee High and Middle (Sponsored by Thomaston), and Westwood Christian(Sponsored by Yatesville).



## 18-I

### Towns County LEO Club Give-A- Christmas

Saturday, December 14, 2013, the Lions Club held its annual Give-A-Christmas program in the Anderson Music Hall. Leos served as "elves" to assist Santa with the children. Approximately 100 children came on this cold rainy morning to visit Santa, eat cookies, and receive gifts. Fund was had by all as we enjoyed the smiling faces of the children as they saw Santa and received their gifts. Thanks to the Leos who helped with this project.



LEO Club donated \$150.00 to the Mountain Shelter from funds raising during its Pet Rescue Project



### Chinese American LEO Club

LEO Club members help senior citizens raise money in effort to support bi-monthly activities for seniors for 2014.



Distracted Driver Simulation with Chinese American LEO club of Atlanta provided by our partner Mrs. Emma Harrington from Grady Memorial Trauma Department.





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# Masonic Home of Georgia



## Our Mission

*To provide an environment for youth to develop themselves - physically, mentally and spiritually.*

*"If only one pure sweet girl be saved from degradation,  
If only one boy be rescued from a life of crime,  
If only one soul be saved for Humanity and God,  
If but one tear dried, one sorrow comforted,  
Will not even this be sufficient to reward us all for all toils  
and struggles."*



It was Grand Master Max Meyerhardt who said these words as the cornerstone to the Masonic Home was laid on October 27, 1903. Along with other individuals, Max Meyerhardt played an important role in the Masonic Home of Georgia becoming a reality. Senator Augustus O. Bacon donated 100 acres for the Home's location on the East side of the Ocmulgee River. The site included a beautiful knoll, which enabled the future building to have a panoramic view of the property as well as the river.

On June 14, 1905; Superintendent A.S. Harris and the Home staff welcomed the first 14 guests to the Masonic Home. Initially the Home provided care for the elderly as well as children. However The Grand Lodge of Georgia made the decision in 1912 to admit thereafter only children. The elderly already at the Home continued to live there and the last adult "Aunt Molly" passed away in 1945.

The State of Georgia is made up of 12 Masonic districts, each having a trustee representing the district. The [Board of Trustees](#) serves as the governing body of the Masonic Home and is responsible for the overall operation of the Home. The main thrust of the Board over the years has been to operate a home and not an institution.

## The Heart of Georgia Masonry

Since June 14, 1905 the Masonic Home of Georgia has served over 2100 children in need from the State of Georgia. The Home is located on 650 acres in Macon, "the Heart of Georgia." The ideal location makes it easily accessible to all of Georgia. The Home is non-profit organization that is funded by the Masons of Georgia. Presently in Georgia there are 433 lodges with over 47,000 members.

The Home is a residential child care facility that provides basic care to children in need. Residential child care is defined as the appropriate placement of children whose care cannot be provided in their own home or for whom group care is a positive alternative.

**Love, Security, Personal Growth and Achievement** are the guiding principles at the Masonic Home of Georgia. Our Primary goal is to prepare children and families for reunification whenever possible. In other cases our aim is prepare children for independent living by providing a structured living environment where the children can learn responsibility for their actions and become resourceful so they can function in today's society.

## Application Process

- \* Children must be between the ages of 6 - 16. (A 5 year old may be accepted in a sibling group.)
- \* The legal guardian will be the main contact person.
- \* Each child, before admission, will be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge which the Director of Social Services will obtain.
- \* Emotional and Academic needs must be serviceable in a basic setting, these needs are evaluated on an individual basis by the Director of Social Services.

Alumni of the Home are still an important part of the Home. Many of them feel that the Masonic Home of Georgia is their Home. Every year, the third Sunday in May marks Alumni Day at the Home. Our Alumni will come back to share stories, rekindle old friendships and reminisce about their time at the Home. During this day our Alumni Association meets and presents a gift to the Home. They will also decide a weekend in September to spend at our Camp in Shellman Bluff. If you are an Alumni, we invite you to come visit anytime, regardless of how long you lived here or how old you are now.

If you can't visit then please send an e-mail to the Secretary with your address and phone number, so that your name can be placed on the Alumni Association mailing list. The following is a perspective written, in his own words, by Noah Hughes. As you can see, Noah has presided at the Home for over 6 years and is on his way to becoming the productive citizen that he refers to:

*Noah Hughes  
Masonic Home of Georgia*



*“The Masonic Home of Georgia is a place for any child with varying domestic problems to be. The purpose of the Home is to take in children ages 5 to 16 and provide them with the basic, essentials necessary like a roof over their heads, food in their stomachs, clothes on their bodies, etc. In addition to the basics, the employees supervising and maintaining the children’s daily activities and needs make sure that the children also receive some of their wants like extra-curricular activities in school and minor desires like going to the movies or hanging out an amusement park.*

*The Masonic Home has been around over a hundred years, beginning in 1904 exactly. The Home has proven to be a safe haven for children who come from dissatisfactory family backgrounds. Children living at the Home have very different reasons why they were placed there by their guardians. Despite the differences however, all of the children share a very similar thing; all of them have problems and all of them needed a different setting in their lives to make something better of their situations. The Home was just the place for such a setting.*

*Many of the children at the Home are ordinary, normal kids like any other kid who can be called ordinary and normal. Numerous times in a year Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Georgia travel from their homes to the Masonic Home to take care of the Homes’ affairs. Whether the affairs consist of maintenance work, embroidery, accounting, managing, etc., the Free Masons everywhere come to the Home with a noble purpose to make sure the Home stays intact and worthy of a child’s residence.*

*I am one of the children living at the Masonic Home. You can’t really consider me to be a child since I am 21 years old attending college in my third year. I have been living at the Home since I was 16 to be exact and I was placed here partly because I was unruly and also because I couldn’t maintain a loving relationship with my mother. At the time some 5 years ago from this year 2013, it was absolutely necessary that I be placed elsewhere to calm down, come to better positive senses, and just find a way to succeed academically and mentally. Since I’ve been here at the Home I have steadily progressed in those endeavors and have become a more appropriate young man.*

*Indeed, sometimes, perhaps more than that it can be just plain ol’ stressful and agitating to live at the Home primarily because I am not living with blood relatives and am surrounded by strangers who I don’t know all too well. But those stresses are outweighed by the benefits of living there. For example, since I live at the Home I get to go to college payment-free. That’s right, I get to go to virtually any college or university I want to attend for free as long as I keep my grades, behavior, and looks upright. Maybe the looks aren’t really that significant, but it may help in some small way or another.*

*In addition, since I am a Masonic Home ‘kid,’ I can live there for free, eat for free, watch cable television for free, think for free, and do lots of other things...for...free. No the Home isn’t a part of the Federal Government, but it is a good place that I would rather stay at as long as I can go to school, stay away from negative people, live without financial losses, and really just take advantage of what the place has to offer. I think I am being wise quite frankly by staying here and taking advantage unless anyone should tell me otherwise.*

*Another point I think I should clarify is that I am aware that the title of FreeMason is just that, a title. The other children and I are fully aware that the so-called ‘FreeMasons’ are ordinary people who have their own families, financial crossroads, issues, aka, their own lives. Because of this fact, many of the children feel humbled and so do I whenever anyone considers donating anything to the Home so that we could be benefitted. Just our thanks is all we have possible to express our gratitude towards the Free Masons purpose and their intentions in helping people get on their feet and survive in this life.*

*Thanks to the FreeMasons, the possibility of a good education, a better setting, more opportunities and perhaps a better attitude towards life is made realistic. Hundreds of young people have walked through the doors of the Home buildings for years, some staying a significant amount of time, some staying only a few days. In any case though, anyone who has passed through has benefitted from the Home’s services. I hope to stay long enough to obtain a degree and enter the workforce and be a decent, productive citizen. Thank you to every FreeMason in the State of Georgia. God Bless.”*



**Special Olympics  
Georgia**

**Volunteer Opportunities**



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Fax: 770-216-8339

## Upcoming Events

# Save the date: 2014 Polar Plunge, Saturday, February 15, Lake Lanier



Mark your calendars to jump in Lake Lanier Feb. 15th. Participants collect pledges to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Georgia. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume, highest fundraiser, highest fundraising team, and more! For those who do not love the Polar Bear habitat, we will have areas to keep you warm – such as heated areas, warm concessions, and fun souvenirs.

### What it takes to be a “Plunger”...

Anyone with a little guts and a warm heart wanting to support the athletes of Special Olympics Georgia is welcome to participate. We’ve seen plungers in varying ages, mayors, law enforcement officers, news anchors, sports figures, corporate teams, civic organizations, mothers, high school clubs, college organizations, and everyone else in between! Of course there is always room for more hesitant souls who just wish to be spectators!

5th Annual Polar Plunge  
February 15 Lake Lanier Islands Beach & Water Park



<http://www.specialolympicsga.org/plungeregister/>

**11 a.m. Registration & Activities Open,**  
**1 p.m. ALL Plungers must be registered**  
**1 – 1:30 p.m. Costume Contest on Beach**  
**1:30 p.m. Plunge Program, Safety Briefing, &**  
**Awards**  
**2 p.m. PLUNGE TME!**

**The Polar Plunge is the largest fundraising effort benefiting Special Olympics. Many states across the nation participate in this annual event through the efforts of their Law Enforcement Torch Run program. Its purpose is to simply raise funds to enhance Special Olympics’ mission.**

### What is the Polar Plunge?

In a nutshell, participants collect pledges in exchange for the opportunity to jump into icy waters of Lake Lanier Feb. 15th. All proceeds collected by “plungers” will benefit the

athletes of Special Olympics Georgia. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume, highest fundraiser, highest fundraising team, and more! For those who do not love the Polar Bear habitat, we will have areas to keep you warm – such as heated areas, warm concessions, and fun souvenirs.

### Interested in taking the plunge?

Great! You won’t regret it! We’re here to help you every step of the way. See below for your next steps:

1. Create a personal fundraising page by [clicking here](#). This is a quick and easy way to get started in raising funds and only takes a few minutes to set up!
2. The Plunger Tool Kit will help you get started in raising the much needed funds. Sample letters, worksheets, and so much more to help you get started. [Click here](#) for the Plunger Tool Kit.
3. To sign up offline, [click here](#) to download and print the registration from.

Below are a few resources which should help you in your fundraising efforts for the 5th Annual Polar Plunge.

To get started [Register Now](#) or

Click on any of the below links to download and view:

[Plunger Waiver Form](#)

[Who do you know?](#)

[\\$500 in 10 days](#)

[Sample Donation Letter](#)

[Fundraising worksheet](#)

Still missing something or need more help – contact the Plunge Hotline at (770) 414-9390 x 119 or

[David.Crawford@SpecialOlympicsGA.org](mailto:David.Crawford@SpecialOlympicsGA.org)

### Matching Gifts

Double or triple your tax-deductible donation to Special Olympics Georgia through your company’s matching gift program. Thousands of companies match charitable contributions made by their employees. Find out if your company will match your donation to Special Olympics with [our custom search engine](#) or by visiting your personnel office. If your company does match gifts, please provide SOGA with the necessary paperwork. It’s an easy way to make more of an impact from your donation!

### Interested in getting your company involved?

Great! We have several sponsorship levels available which all provide great media coverage and provides employee participation. Click here to download the sponsorship information. A customized presentation can also be tailored to help present to your company.

Looking for a tailored package or other ways to get your company involved? Please contact David Crawford at (770) 414-9390 x 119 or

[David.Crawford@SpecialOlympicsGA.org](mailto:David.Crawford@SpecialOlympicsGA.org)

\*Contribution is contingent on the event occurring, money will be returned if the event does not occur. Money will be counted as a contribution in the year of the event. (2014)

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### Color Me Rad, Conyers March 22nd

Color Me Rad, benefiting Special Olympics Georgia, will take place March 22nd at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. Color Me Rad is a 5K that fires off in a blaze of color bombs, color cannons, color mortars, and multi-toned courses and guarantees a tsunami of color that'll make colored tears of joy run down your cheeks and will renew your will to live.

You'll start off with a shirt as pure and white as your granddaddy's dentures, and throughout the run, your body will be coated with color bombs of blue, green, pink, purple, and yellow until your face, shirt, and body come out silkscreened like a tie-dyed hippy on the other side. Each section of the run adds a new explosion of color to your clean, painter's palate until you cross the finish line into a final blitzkrieg of color.

### Over the Edge April 26th

Be brave and change your life forever when you go Over the Edge with us Saturday, April 26th, 2014. Edgers will rappel 20 stories from Buckhead Tower in Atlanta if they raise \$1,000 for Special Olympics Georgia. Want to become an "edger"? [Click here](http://www.specialolympicsga.org/2014ote/) <http://www.specialolympicsga.org/2014ote/> to register and learn more about the event! Contact [Autumn Unrein](#) for more information. Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor [Autotrader.com](#).



### 2014 State Fall Games Will be Held in Hall County

State Fall Games will be held in Hall County October 10th-12th, 2014, announced Special Olympics Georgia CEO Georgia Milton-Sheats and Hall County officials at a press conference Wednesday, December 4th. That weekend, Hall County will also host Special Olympics Georgia's State Horse Show for the second consecutive year at Chicopee Agricultural Center. Both games, where nearly 2,300 athletes and coaches will travel across the state to attend, is expected to benefit the area's economic development with a boost for retailers



and hoteliers. Dalton hosted State Fall Games for the previous three years.

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**GIVE A GIFT. CHANGE A  
LIFE.  
MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFT  
TODAY!**



**Did you know that there are 25,878 athletes participating in Special Olympics right here in Georgia? Every day they are beating their personal bests, shattering stereotypes, defying low expectations, and building confidence and skills to succeed in sports and in life.**

**Special Olympics Georgia athlete Rudolpha Barron says it all: "Being a part of Special Olympics Georgia has taught me that being special is what makes me special. I am defined by my abilities and not my disabilities, and I can do anything I set my mind to do."**





## LCI NEWS



### Where in the World

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

Lions News Network  
• LQ-Lions Quarterly ?

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### International President Barry J. Palmer



### LCIF Donation Video

LCIF has put together a new video to encourage donations to the Foundation. Please feel free to use it during district meetings, club visits, etc. You will need internet access to play the video during the meetings.

We hope you enjoy it!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CX5k\\_hXQ9w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CX5k_hXQ9w) (Preview)

Thank you for all you do for Lions and the Foundation. I hope each of you is having a wonderful holiday season!

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### Celebrate Family and Friends Month in April!

There's nothing more important than



family and friends. In April, let's show them how much they mean to us, and how much your Lions club means to the community. Family and Friends Month in April is an opportunity to invite your family and friends to learn,

serve and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, plan an open house, host a lunch or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love. Download the [Family and Friends Month flyer](#) and get the word out to your members today! [Learn more about Family and Friends on the LCI website.](#)

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### Listen to Lions Online Radio



The [Lions Clubs International Online Radio](#) is now streaming music for free for your listening pleasure! Listen to your favorite songs on stations including Greatest Hits, Oldies, Country Hits and Classic Country. You'll also stay up-to-date with regular international news announcements that affect Lions everywhere. Access the Lions Radio [directly from the LCI website](#), or visit the [Lions Radio page](#) and choose a media player of your choice (Windows Media Player, Quicktime, Winamp, etc.). Enjoy!

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### Watch the January Issue of Lions Quarterly

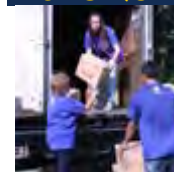
The [latest issue of Lions Quarterly](#) (LQ) video magazine is now available to view and download on the Lions News Network. Watch how Lions continue to respond to Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in November. Lions in Iceland restore their environment by planting trees and grass, while Wisconsin Lions plan a successful statewide "Stuff the Bus" event that provides school supplies and books to children in need. Finally, get a sneak peek at the fun and excitement in store for the 2014 Lions International Convention in Toronto!

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### Lions Club hosts magic show

The Newnan Lions Club sponsored their annual circus magic show recently at East Coweta Middle School with a large crowd in attendance. "It was a pleasant night and the crowd enjoyed every minute... magic tricks, a pet pig, several trained dogs, clowns and trained birds," said local Lions representative Dunk Hale. The kids also enjoyed face/arm painting by a local artist and refreshments, plus the opportunity to learn magician secrets.

### LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions are helping victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

### 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

#### 2014-2015 Peace Poster Kits

Purchase through Club Supplies starting January 15

### EVENTS

#### Convention Early Registration Deadline

January 10, 2014

#### LDUN Registration Deadline

January 15, 2014

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE







Dear Lion,

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for all of your admirable service work through your clubs and through Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF would not be what it is without [your support](#) and dedication to service.



This can easily be seen through your disaster relief response to [Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines](#). As I was shown the devastation and wreckage during my visit recent visit there, I was humbled and saddened by what I saw. But I also saw Lions' efforts to provide aid, including where other organizations could not. This filled me with great pride. Lions on the ground have made a huge difference in the month following the typhoon.



Lions around the world are helping to amplify typhoon relief efforts through more than US\$ 1 million in disaster relief donations to LCIF. The Lions, Multiple Districts and countries that have made large contributions and commitments for the Philippines can be [found on the LCIF website](#).

Along with Lions, our partners at VSP Global should also be recognized for their commitment – they are matching every dollar that VSP Global employees donate to LCIF for disaster relief in the Philippines, up to US\$10,000. We are grateful for everyone's support – every dollar helps and can restore hope when someone has lost everything.

I witnessed more of Lions' dedication to supporting LCIF at several recent fundraisers. Contributions made at local golf events in Japan and MD 300 Taiwan will strengthen humanitarian programs. And I am looking forward to attending a [Lions golf fundraiser and tournament in Spain](#) this March. Lions must register by January 31, 2014. The tournament proceeds will support LCIF's efforts to [stop measles](#) worldwide.

Lions around the world are truly making a difference. I am excited to see what the next few months hold for Lions and LCIF as we continue our humanitarian efforts to change lives.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. Madden  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

## Ten Thousand Vision Screenings and Counting

Thanks to your support, more than 10,000 children will receive vision screenings where needed most in Asia through LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care's [Sight for Kids](#) program!

Through the Donate a Photo smartphone application, we can provide vision screenings for up to 30,000 underserved children. It's an easy way to provide a needed service this holiday season. Now through January 31, 2014, you have the chance to make a difference.



## How to Get Started

1. Download the FREE "Donate a Photo" app for your Apple or Android device by searching for it in [iTunes](#) or [Google Play/Android](#).
2. Once downloaded, follow the easy, in-app steps to set up an account and profile.
3. Choose LCIF's cause: "[One Photo helps protect a child's sight... with Sight for Kids](#)."
4. Take a picture – any photo will work! Or choose a photo from your device's library or album.

The entire setup process should only take around two minutes.

**Thank you for your support and for protecting children's sight!**

## Photo Guidelines

Users can donate up to one photo a day, every day, to the Sight for Kids cause through January 31, 2014. Be sure to tag photos with the hashtags [#lionsclubs](#) and [#jnj](#) on Facebook and Twitter. We will share select photos through the Lions Clubs International official [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

The Donate a Photo app is available in the United States only. No matter where you live, be sure to get the word out about Lions Sight for Kids program and the importance of eye exams for our children. Photos shared are not used for any commercial purposes.

*Disclosure: You can donate a photo to one cause, once a day. For every photo donated to Sight for Kids, Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc. will donate \$1 to that cause. You can donate photos to Sight for Kids until January 31, 2014 or until it reaches its goal of \$30,000, whichever comes first. Sight for Kids will receive a minimum of \$15,000.*

# 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!

### MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Lion David McDonald  
1624 Hannahs Mill Road  
Thomaston, Georgia 30286  
H: 706-648-3950  
Email:  
dmcdonald@charter.net

Lions; The telephone number for the Marriott Macon City Center, which was listed on the 2014 State Lions Convention Form, is INCORRECT. Please use the following number: (478) 621-5300

Below you will find the reservation links your guests can use to make online hotel reservations.

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%20of%20Georgia-Multiple%20District%2018^mcnfs%60logloga%60119.00%60USD%60false%605/28/14%606/1/14%604/28/14&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%20of%20Georgia-Multiple%20District%2018^mcnfs%60logloga%60119.00%60USD%60false%605/28/14%606/1/14%604/28/14&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)



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