

# Lions of Georgia



## *75 Years of Lion Service*

*Read pages 22 and 23*

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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 International President will be the guest for the Georgia Lions State Convention. Past President Ervin stated that LCI is beginning to focus more on the Centennial Celebration. They have hired a firm to promote this. He encouraged Georgia Lions to make plans as to how they want to celebrate and recognize the work done through the Lighthouse, the Camp, and all the things done here in Georgia. He encouraged Council to begin looking at funding for this celebration.

PIP Ervin thanked PID Haynes Townsend and his committee for their work to bring in qualified candidates for consideration by the Lighthouse for a new Executive Director. PIP Ervin thanked PCC Mark Miller as area leader for the Southeast GLT. PIP Ervin recognized and thanked PCC Kembra Smith for an outstanding job at the Lighthouse.

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

PID Townsend stated that PIP Ervin remains as one of the most visible Lions at the International level, and thanked him for his service.

PID Townsend discussed his committee’s work to locate a new Executive Director for the Lighthouse. Some 50 to 60 applications were received. The committee narrowed that number down to seven that were interviewed at the Lighthouse several weeks ago. Two candidates were chosen from the seven and a decision will be made in the next week or so by the Executive Board of the Lighthouse. He thanked the other members of his committee for their work on this: Grace Clower, Mark Miller, Jim Adams, Cheryl Reid and Jon Winters.

PID Townsend stated that he and Donna will be able to attend three of the four District Conventions. They will be in Tennessee the weekend of 18-O’s convention.

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION MYERS BANISTER:**

PID Banister thanked the Council for the work they have been doing and to keep up their hard work.

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. JOHN PEARCE:**

PID Pearce brought everyone up to date on Ina Mae, who had radical surgery on her shoulder last August. The Dr. says it may take up to a year to get over the injury, and Ina Mae is at six months now. She is present this weekend and will be at the Lighthouse Luncheon. He thanked everyone for keeping her in their prayers.

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. BEVERLY A. ROBERTS:**

PIP Ervin stated that he had a long conversation with PID Dr. Beverly Roberts yesterday. Dr. Roberts has changed her address. Her mother is 102 years old and resides in a special home. Dr. Roberts and her sister, Gail, spend a lot of their time taking care of their mother. Dr. Roberts states that she is looking forward to being able to become active in Lions once again and thanks all of the Lions for their thoughts and prayers.

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

DG Hashbarger discussed the Macon Convention. He stated that PDG Dave Forrest will get with PCC Kembra Smith to make sure he knows what training is to take place. PDG Forrest also needs to know if there are any other seminars or training that the Council wants to have. Lion Hashbarger pointed out that there will only be one Hospitality Room shared by all four Districts. He stated that the Macon clubs are trying to set up some type of shuttle so that Lions can visit the Mason’s Children’s home.

### **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 has not heard from them yet with any of those arrangements. He stated that he is trying to negotiate with the Hotel for the Georgia Jamboree on July 6th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. He stated that he is working to see if Lions can take peanuts for giving away at the Jamboree. There are only 13 or 14 persons registered to attend the convention.

### **A. 2020 Atlanta International Convention Bid:**

PDG Jane Price gave a report for PCC Richard Brown on the 2020 Atlanta International Convention. The convention bid is in process of submitting the bid by the November deadline. PDG Price stated that PCC Brown would like to increase the awareness of the Lions of Georgia about the convention. He asks if he can attend each District Convention. He is not asking for time on the agenda unless the Governor wants him to. He simply wants to make the Lions of Georgia aware that we are bidding on the International Convention. Lion Brown will be submitting an article for the State Magazine, and there will be a booth at the State Convention. PD G Price asked each Governor to coordinate PCC Brown’s attendance at their District Convention. CC Winters asked each Governor to extend an invitation to PCC Brown to attend their convention.

**REPORT OF MD 18 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHAIR – LION KEMBRA SMITH, PCC:** On Saturday, December 7, 2013, the Council met with the Committee Chair to review the revisions that the Council wanted. Although those changes were subsequently made in a proposed draft for the committee, which the Chair believed had been sent. The Chair subsequently experienced computer problems and learned only recently that the draft was lost, and the dissemination to the committee was not made. The Chair will correct this matter as soon as possible, providing both the Council and the Committee with the proposed revisions, with the goal of having all corrections and suggestions finalized for the Council before the district conventions. Once the Council has accepted a proposed final version, the Committee will be working on the revision of the Policy Manual.

**REPORT OF MD 18 GEORGIA LIONS ALL STATE BAND CHAIR – LION LESLIE MILLER:** Lion Miller reported that applications for the Scholarship Program will be going out soon. Some electronic copies have already been sent out.

**REPORT MD 18 Long Range Planning Chair, PCC MILLER:** PCC Miller stated that the Long Range Planning Committee was tasked by the Council to advise and make up some recommendations concerning the long term aspects of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The result was a resolution from the Council to the Camp. PCC Miller reported that the first two of the requests made have been fulfilled. The first was who was going to serve as president. The second being a balanced budget. The camp has made some effort on fund raising. There is a golf tournament that a Zone in 18-L is sponsoring; this will be a new source of revenue for the Camp. The other items have not met with quite as strong a response from Camp leadership. Particularly the desire to focus on program development that will make the camp a more viable outreach for Lionism and showing what we are doing for both visually impaired as well as other people with special needs. That strategic planning still has not taken place. The offer from the Long Range Planning Committee to facilitate that Long Range Planning has not been accepted. The Camp is in transition still. They will be holding elections this weekend and have new Secretary, President and this will be yet another transition happening for them over the next few months. PCC Miller stated that he feels the Council still needs to be actively engaged in encouraging the Camp to look strategically at where it is now and where it is going. Just continuing to operate the way it has always operated is not going to produce a positive result. There are some significant opportunities and challenges which if addressed could preserve the Camp.

DG Hashbarger, 18-I, made a motion that Council establish a Task Force chaired by PID Haynes Townsend, along with three Second Vice District Governors from I, O, and N; and the First Vice District Governor from 18-L. Motion seconded by DG Mark Rice, 18-L, and motion carried.

**REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG:** Lion Helwig reminded those present that the LEO Gathering at the Camp is scheduled for March 21-23. He stated that he has been asked by LCI to serve on the LEO Advisory committee. LCI is rolling out some training programs for LEOS, and they want him to test them on the LEOS at their gathering. PIP Ervin commended Lion Helwig for the fine job he has done. CC Winters pointed out that at the work session last evening Council discussed Lion Helwig's request for \$250.00 to support administrative expenses for the MD 18 LEO program. DG Walker, 18 -O, made a motion that Council provide \$250.00 for the MD 18 LEO Administrative expenses. DG Hashbarger, 18 -I, seconded the motion, and motion carried.

**REPORT OF MD 18 STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, DGE, 18-I:** DG Hashbarger stated that he had asked each Governor and Vice Governor to seek individuals in their district who have 60 years or more of Lionistic service. Lion Hashbarger would like to have a paragraph or two with their thoughts into the next magazine. DG Hashbarger pointed out that funds to LCIF remain about the same as last year. There will be a listing going out to all clubs that have monies sitting on account. Make sure when a check from an individual goes into LCIF that the club is indicated on the check and put their member ID number on that check also. When a club submits a check, the club ID number should be on the check.

**REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – LION PAM SCHLOEMER:** Lion Schloemer distributed flyers for this year's Lions Night with the Braves which will be at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 16th. She pointed out that last year's game gained our organization 7 new members and four recipients of Leader Dogs. She stated that every LEO Club should be in attendance, and clubs should sponsor as many youth as possible to attend. Children should be over age 5 and groups of children are not limited to ball teams. Youth can be from a Church group or other organization. Lion Schloemer stated that since the game is at night this year, she has made arrangements with the Intercontinental Hotel for Lions to stay with them at the rate of \$119.00 per night. 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 although he does not have a room for the store this weekend, he does have items for sale. He stated that he does have eyeglass collection boxes at \$8.35 a box. Lion Mizell stated that he has taken over the 18-O functionality on the state website and if you go to galions.org/18O you will find a listing of clubs. He is trying to keep club information up to date on the website.

**REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP NEDZA:** The Lions of Georgia Museum project is pleased to announce that we have a building to house our collection of Lions related memorabilia. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse has offered us the third floor of their building in Chamblee to display our memorabilia. Each of the 500+ items have been photographed and cataloged. A power point copy of the items has been given to all current District Governors. We welcome any additional pieces to the Museum; contact me and I'll make arrangements for pick up if necessary. In February 2014, I will be setting up the memorabilia for display at the Lighthouse, am hoping to have a grand opening in May, 2014. I thank all the Lions for their generous contributions to the Museum and am grateful to be part of this significant project..

State Historian Nedza reported that he has received Lions memorabilia from President Jimmy Carter. All items will be displayed in the Museum. Opening of the Museum is scheduled for May, and if President Carter is available, it is hoped he can attend, along with PIP Jim Ervin. Lion Nedza pointed out that Jimmy Carter is the only President who was a Lion. Eisenhower and Nixon were both Honorary Lions. He also pointed out that President Carter is the only President who ever lived in subsidized housing.



Mark Rice  
DISTRICT "L"

# DISTRICT 18-L CONVENTION

CONGRATS to DGE Garner Andrews  
1stVDGE Fred Carlson  
2ndVDGE Leslie Miller





*Ed Hashbarger*  
**DISTRICT "F"**

# DISTRICT 18-I CONVENTION

**CONGRATS to DGE Vicki Hubbard  
1st VDGE Anne Mundy  
2nd VDGE "Bob" Norton**





# DISTRICT 18-O CONVENTION

CONGRATS to DGE Bonnie Kelly  
1stVDGE Hannah Flynn  
2ndVDGE Willie Cooper



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





# DISTRICT 18-N CONVENTION

**CONGRATS to DGE Chip Nedza  
1st VDGE Larry Varnedoe  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Frank Lane**



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





## 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
<p><b>Effective Club Meetings</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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, <a href="#">January 8, 2014</a> <a href="#">1:00 pm</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds</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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, <a href="#">January 15, 2014</a> <a href="#">1:00 pm</a></li> <li>Friday, <a href="#">January 24, 2014</a> <a href="#">8:00 pm</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>The Dream Continues: Lionism as a Past District Governor</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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, <a href="#">February 7, 2014</a> <a href="#">8:00 pm</a></li> <li>Wednesday, <a href="#">February 12, 2014</a> <a href="#">1:00 pm</a></li> </ul>

### 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.





## Together We Can Grow Contest

Want to be rewarded for growing your club? The Together We Can Grow contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. Building a strong club takes teamwork and leadership. Your club can do even more when the current and incoming club presidents work together this year to increase club membership. Check out what you can earn for your efforts!

### Here's what your club needs to achieve to win:

- Be the top club in your district with the largest net membership gain (by percentage) between January 1 and July 31, 2014.
- Your club must have at least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain during the contest period. See complete contests rules below.

### Together We Can Grow winners will also receive:

- A congratulatory letter and certificate from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston for the current club president and the incoming club president
- A Together We Can Grow banner patch
- Special recognition on the LCI website

### Together We Can Grow Contest Rules

- LCI will count new members who join between January 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014, as reflected in LCI's official records. Reinstated members do not qualify.
- At least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain are required during the contest period.
- The winning club in each district shall have the highest net membership gain (by percentage) in the district for the contest period, and shall have already submitted to LCI (prior to January 1, 2014) names for the persons of Club President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- To receive the US\$250 prize, winning clubs must pay their first membership dues billing for 2014-15 by August 31, 2014.

### Enter our Innovative Member Recruiting Contest!

Twenty-four clubs from around the world will be recognized for their creative and effective approaches to adding or inducting new members. The 24 winning clubs will each receive:

- US\$250 in a Club Supplies Credit or a US\$250 donation from LCI to LCIF towards the club's next MJF
- Publication in LION Magazine and on the LCI website

Participating clubs must submit their member recruiting stories from August 1 to August 30, 2014. Winners will be judged on the quality, creativity and effectiveness of their invitations, recruiting campaigns and induction ceremonies. See complete contest rules below.

### Innovative Member Recruiting Contest Rules

- Submissions will be accepted from August 1 to August 30, 2014.
- Entries must be 500 words or less.
- 3 clubs from each constitutional area and Africa will be chosen as winners.
- Winners will be selected by the international Global Membership Team (GMT).
- Clubs are eligible to win in both contest categories – membership growth and innovative recruiting.



## Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center

Because good vision in childhood is essential to the proper development of vision into adulthood, we created a dedicated center for pediatric patients, the Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center. This center cares for children through all phases of diagnosis and treatment. The goal of the physicians at the center is to diagnose and treat childhood eye diseases early before the affected individuals actually lose vision. Contributions from the Georgia Lions have helped fund several important aspects of care provided by the center, including the following initiatives.

**Genetic Research** = The center provides genetic evaluation, counseling, and genetic research for families with inherited eye diseases such as congenital glaucoma, cataracts, and retinoblastoma.

**Program to ensure careful follow-up for children with family or financial issues** = Emory helps arrange care for children with blinding eye diseases who have family and financial issues that prevent them from receiving adequate care. For example, children with retinopathy of prematurity, the most common blinding disease in premature infants, often need regular treatments by an ophthalmologist to protect their vision. Issues such as poverty, inadequate insurance, or lack of transportation, some of the same issues that contribute to prematurity, make it difficult for these children to receive adequate eye care. Since there is a small window of time during which these children can be treated successfully to prevent blindness, a coordinator at Emory monitors and assists their parents with transportation and other matters to get them to their follow-up appointments. Since this program was initiated and funded, in part, by the Lions of Georgia, the center has not had a single child lose vision because of neglected follow-up.

**Specialized treatment for pediatric glaucoma patients** = Since it can be tough to get kids to sit still, especially during sensitive medical procedures, specialists at Emory have developed a better way to treat pediatric glaucoma. Glaucoma causes the eye to build up fluid and pressure that can destroy the optic nerve—and vision. With adults, surgeons can open a drainage hole in the wall of the eye and control rapid draining by cutting the sutures one at a time over a period of several weeks with an in-office laser. Because children can't remain motionless during the removal procedures, Emory glaucoma specialists have developed better tools and modified the standard techniques to treat glaucoma. Their procedure is better than conventional methods because it requires only one surgery instead of three and significantly reduces the likelihood of later development of scar tissue and nearsightedness.

**Technology on the cutting edge** = Emory's pediatric ophthalmologists and other specialists utilize advanced treatments for disorders that affect primarily infants and young children. The accomplishments of these experts range from developing new and highly successful surgical treatments for pediatric glaucoma to performing laser treatments for retinopathy of prematurity, a blinding disease of the retina that affects premature babies. Pioneering laboratory research has resulted in the discovery of a gene defect that causes a certain kind of childhood blindness. A new camera at Emory has helped retina specialists better diagnose and treat retinoblastoma, a vision-threatening, life-threatening cancer that strikes infants and young children.

**Infant Aphakia Treatment Study (IATS)** = From birth to age two, the eyes grow very rapidly, and visual acuity stabilizes and sharpens as the child matures—a process that is critical to good vision later in childhood and adulthood. This process is disrupted in children whose vision is blocked by congenital cataract. The [Infant Aphakia Treatment Study \(IATS\)](#), an important clinical study led by Emory researchers, was designed to determine which treatment works better in infants (four weeks to seven months) who have had a cataract surgically removed: the use of a contact lens or the surgical placement of a plastic lens in the baby's eye. [See news release: ["National Study on Children with Cataract Removal Reports Using a Contact Lens or an IOL for Vision Correction Results in Similar Visual Acuties."](#)]

**Clinical Care** - The Emory Eye Center's Pediatric Ophthalmology service provides comprehensive, compassionate care of children's vision ranging from general eye exams to treatment of the most complex childhood eye diseases and disorders. As part of the [healthcare network of Emory Healthcare](#), [Winship Cancer Institute](#) and [Children's Healthcare](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, Emory Eye Center's pediatric ophthalmologists can offer the best possible integrated, holistic clinical care and treatment options.

**Research** - Emory Eye Center physicians are involved in ongoing clinical trials and studies for the treatment of eye disorders and diseases. Being part of a major medical center allows access to collaborative studies not otherwise possible. We will look a few eye conditions in the next few issues – first will be on:

## Retinoblastoma (RB)

**What is retinoblastoma?** - Retinoblastoma (RB) is a rare type of eye cancer that mainly affects young children and occurs in one in 20,000 live births. It is a malignant tumor of the retina, the back of the eye. Retinoblastoma can be hereditary or non-hereditary. When inherited, it can affect both eyes and sometimes other organs of the body, whereas the non-hereditary type will usually only affect one eye.

**Diagnosing retinoblastoma** - Emory Eye Center employs the most advanced technology available for detecting blinding retinal diseases in children. Our RetCam 120 camera provides a high-resolution, 120-degree view of the retina. Standard cameras, which provide 30- to 60-degree views, miss the periphery of the retina. This technology is particularly useful for

retinoblastoma, which can involve a large portion of the retina. Early detection and medical or surgical intervention can help these children keep their sight, and in the case of retinoblastoma, save their lives.

**Overview** - Emory Eye Center's ocular oncology (eye cancer) physicians provide comprehensive care for adult and pediatric patients with eye malignancies. Our caring physicians and affiliated professionals are committed to delivering the highest level of treatment and compassionate care while engaging in rigorous research for cures for certain types of eye cancers. As one of a few Ocular Oncology and Pathology specialties in the country, our services include diagnosis and clinical care, as well as surgery and radiation treatments, if necessary. We are a recognized center of excellence for rare and complex cancers.

**Clinical Care** - We offer compassionate, expert care for retinoblastoma by providing the combined expertise of the specialists in our [Ocular Oncology and Pathology](#) service, which includes a pediatric retina surgeon, pediatric oncologist, radiation oncologist, genetics counselor and a host of consultants. Although eye cancers are considered rare, they do happen. Our specialists evaluate and treat patients with eye, eyelid, and orbital tumors, including ocular melanoma, retinoblastoma, lymphoma, periocular (skin tumors around the eye) and other tumors of the eye and surrounding tissue. As part of the [Emory Healthcare](#) network in Atlanta, Ga., we are uniquely situated to provide the best possible integrated, holistic clinical care and treatment options for patients.

Members of our interdisciplinary ocular oncology and pathology team are retina, cornea and clinical eye pathology specialists who work in collaboration with radiation and medical oncologists, physicists, and other oncology specialists at Emory Healthcare, [Winship Cancer Institute](#) and the Cancer Center at [Children's Healthcare of Atlanta](#).

This collaborative care gives patients the advantage of seamless coordination of medical, radiation, surgical, and laser treatments within the Emory Healthcare network, including dermatology, neurosurgery, and head and neck surgery. Retina specialists Chris Bergstrom, MD, OD, and G. Baker Hubbard, III, MD, treat all diseases of the retina and bring particular expertise to ocular tumors. Additionally, G. Baker Hubbard, MD, is a nationally recognized specialist in ocular tumors ([retinoblastoma](#)) of children.

**Ocular Pathology | Diagnosis** - Critical in the treatment of eye cancer is the integration of oncology with pathology services. Emory Eye Center provides on-site, world-class eye pathology services in the [L. F. Montgomery Laboratory](#). This laboratory evaluates one of the highest volumes of ocular pathology specimens in the world. Under the direction of Emory Eye Center's internationally recognized ocular oncologist/pathologist, Hans E. Grossniklaus, MD, MBA, Montgomery Laboratory provides the expert analysis necessary for ocular oncology diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Grossniklaus is board certified in both ophthalmology and anatomic pathology. He specializes in diagnostic ophthalmic pathology, ocular oncology and ophthalmic pathology research, including drug delivery. He regularly sees patients with ocular malignancies and other ophthalmic conditions.

Tumors are evaluated to determine the best possible treatment for each patient. Diagnostic options may include a thorough eye examination, ultrasound (echography), photography (fluorescein angiography and/or fundus photography, ocular coherent tomography (OCT), and/or the use of computerized tomography (CT) scan or MRI.

**Treatment options** - Depending on the type of cancer and location, options may include chemotherapy (topical for anterior surface tumors, injectable about the eye, or systemic administration), cryotherapy (use of low temperatures), external beam radiation, radiation plaque therapy (also called brachytherapy) and surgical excision of the tumor. Oculoplastics physicians or tumor surgeons offer reconstructive surgery and prosthetic devices, tailored to each individual patient's case.

A story about a precious little girl and her brave family that was brought to the attention of the Savannah Port City Lions club. While their support came in later in the game, the club is monitoring and will do all they can to continue to help. At present the Club is providing gas cards to get them to doctor's appointments. Emmy's mother did end up quitting her job as caring for Emmy is a full time job in itself. If you wish to read some of the story go to <http://galions.org/18n/newsletter.pdf> and read Retinoblastoma Or "The world through Emmory's Eyes" as paraphrased from her mother's Facebook.



Thank you to everyone in our community and to those from far off that have supported and continue to support our precious Emmy. This article was submitted by Lion Jennifer Eisenhart.



Dear Lion,

As you continue planning your [Family and Friends](#) activities and events for April, consider browsing the [Lions News Network](#) or the [LCI YouTube page](#) for videos that show potential members just what it means to be a Lion. You can download videos from the LCI website and play them in the background at your [World Lunch Relay event!](#)

Above is a great video about how Lions are recycling, planting trees, providing clean water in their communities and more — service activities that are perfectly aligned with next month’s Global Service Action Campaign, [“Protecting Our Environment.”](#)

*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!

Family and Friends Month is a special time to learn, serve and celebrate with your family, but it doesn't have to end in April. Invite your family members to join your club so they can serve with you. When family members join the same club, they can receive a special discount on membership dues through LCI's

### Family Membership Program – Check out page 9



*Have you seen this sign around?  
Let us know what you think*

## Serve with Family and Friends

The only thing more effective than telling your family and friends about your service activities is involving them in a project. Consider inviting them to join you in a special Family and Friends service project to support the [Protecting Our Environment](#) campaign in April. [Learn about ways to protect the environment](#) and make a real impact in your community.

### Inactive Members? No problem!

Every club has members that are not as active as we would like them to be. Consider reaching out to those members to see how they are doing and let them know your club misses them! If you have a service project or event that is coming up, personally ask those Lions to participate. Take a look at the [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#), it can help!

## Make April Your Best Membership Month!

There's no better opportunity than Family and Friends Month in April to grow your district membership. Make sure your clubs are planning special events in April to showcase their clubs to family and friends.

**Make inviting women a priority.** Recruiting new women members is a priority. Inviting men *and* women can help ensure the long-term health of your clubs and district. Hosting a [Lions Family and Women Symposium](#) is a great way for Lions to showcase their clubs to new women members. Remember, April is Family and Friends Month, so there's no better time than now to focus on recruiting!

## LCIF's Response to a Major Catastrophe

Over the past 10 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has provided more than US\$100 million for disaster-relief programs worldwide. When a major catastrophe happens, like the recent typhoon in the Philippines, Lions around the world are quick to support fellow Lions and their communities.

When you give a donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief fund, your contribution may be used for many different types of needs. Not every disaster is the same but typically there are three different phases of a major catastrophe.

### Immediate Needs

Donations from Lions and friends around the world provide immediate basic needs such as water, food, clothing, and medicine to the affected area. Lions Clubs in the local area begin applying for Emergency Grant assistance to fund immediate needs projects such as food distribution at a community center. Many times Lions will work alongside religious institutions and fire stations to deliver these basic needs.

### Mid-Term Needs

Once recovery planning begins, a local committee of Lions is established to begin the process of evaluating the mid-term needs and identifying appropriate relief projects to implement. Following SuperStorm Sandy that hit the East Coast of the United States in 2012, the Lions of New Jersey received funding from LCIF to make basic home repairs for low income individuals who did not have insurance and did not receive any Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to make homes habitable again. Donations may go to fund a mid-term need project such as this when you give to support Disaster Relief.

### Long-Term Needs/Rebuilding

Once a clear plan for recovery has been put in place by the government, local communities, and other community organizations, Lions begin participating in the rebuilding process. Lions have been very instrumental in the rebuilding process in Haiti following the earthquake in 2010. LCIF provided US\$1.4 million to construct new homes for 600 Haitian families who were initially housed in Lions tent cities following the earthquake. Donations may fund rebuilding projects like this significant project in Haiti. Other examples of long-term needs are rebuilding of schools and construction of hospitals and health centers.

Financial support provided by Lions and friends around the world is disbursed to the affected area incrementally. Funds go directly to the Lions Relief Committee to support their disaster related projects. Financial reporting is required with each grant and must be submitted to LCIF following a project.

Support following disasters and major catastrophes around the world are funded through LCIF's Disaster Relief area of giving. This month, consider making a donation to Disaster Relief to help support Lions and LCIF respond to disasters throughout the world. For more information about disaster relief efforts by Lions and LCIF, please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

- 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)



**Dear Georgia Lions!**

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is doing well, but is—as has been consistent for the past year—continued to experience some issues with staff and budget. Our final numbers for calendar year 2013, however, show that the Georgia Lions Lighthouse delivered more services to indigent Georgians than ever!

**Services and costs** From July 1-December 31, 2013, the Lighthouse provided 2,672 patients with vision services (eye examinations and eyewear) at a cost of \$38,721. [From July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012, the Lighthouse provided 2,585 patients with vision services at a cost of \$47,395]. Our numbers, therefore, show that the Lighthouse has increased its vision services with a significant decrease in costs. This increase in services is even more exciting when viewed in the past six year history.

The Lighthouse provided 299 surgeries at the actual cost of \$288,104.64, as a result of medical discounts of \$1,210,349.09. From July 1-December 31, 2012, the Lighthouse provided 236 surgeries at an actual cost of \$225,844.96. The Lighthouse has thus also increased its surgery services!

The hearing aid program served 648 with hearing aids, for a cost of \$388,238.79 for hearing aids, ear molds, and providers, and administrative fees of \$26,339.00, a total of \$414,577.79. From July 1, 2012-September 30, 2012, the Lighthouse provided 276 people with hearing aids. The hearing aid program was funded by the Georgia Public Service Commission (\$297,000.00) and clientco- pays (\$128,679.00). This funding may also be increased later this year with grants from DeKalb and Fulton Counties and salvage aids.

The service numbers, when viewed for the calendar year, are even more exciting. While in 2007, the Lighthouse served 2,313 patients at 8 clinics, in 2013, the Lighthouse served over 7,042 patients at 26 clinics!

The Advisory Committee has submitted their proposed revision of the Lighthouse’s Constitution and Bylaws to the Governance Committee for its review and recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Governance Committee and staff are also revising the Personnel and Policy Manuals within the next year. The Search Committee accepted applications for the ED through November, and interviewed seven candidates in January. Their report to the Board of Directors will be provided to the Board of Directors at its meeting on February 1, 2014. In the meantime, the finalists visited with the staff and the staff’s recommendations will be provided to the Board of Directors, when they interview the ED finalists in early February. The Board of Directors hopes to have the ED position filled by early March 2014. Although the Lighthouse has operated with unfilled positions for the past few months, two of those positions are now filled (or will be filled shortly). Lion Kembra K. Landry was named as the Development Director in December. In this position, she is now in charge of the Night of Spectacles’ event. Further, Americorps member Pen Finch has accepted the position of volunteer coordinator, and will be assisting in the optical laboratory. The Lighthouse also soon hopes to have two VISTA positions filled.

Besides all of his other work on behalf of the Lighthouse, ED Jim has coordinated the efforts of the clinic staff in the development of a new clinic procedures manual, which will provide a unified procedure for the staff and volunteers at the 26 clinics in Georgia. The Board of Directors has encouraged each program at the Lighthouse (surgery, hearing, recycling) to create similar manuals for the use by the staff and volunteers.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as the Chair of your Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Please support our work in your communities and our Night of Spectacles fundraising event on Saturday, May 10, 2014 in Atlanta. I hope to see you there!

**Summer Service Numbers**

**1Jul12013 – 28Feb2014**

**District L**

*Eye Exams: 692  
Eye Glasses: 1532  
Eye Surgeries: 118  
Hearing Aids: 655*

**District I**

*Eye Exams: 265  
Eye Glasses: 720  
Eye Surgeries: 69  
Hearing Aids: 361*

**District O**

*Eye Exams: 291  
Eye Glasses: 377  
Eye Surgeries: 81  
Hearing Aids: 334*

**District N**

*Eye Exams: 415  
Eye Glasses: 662  
Eye Surgeries: 112  
Hearing Aids: 211*

**Fiscal Year Totals:**

**Eye Glasses: 6761  
Eye Exams: 5874  
Eye Surgeries: 380  
Hearing Aids: 1561**



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

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



# night of spectacles

## The Buckhead Theatre

May 10, 2014

[www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org)

Join us in celebrating the work of the Lighthouse at the **7th Annual Night of Spectacles**, to be held May 10, 2014 at the historic Buckhead Theatre. This unique evening will feature a fashion show with designs made with recycled eyewear, a silent and live auction, entertainment, and good company. [Get your tickets today!](#) \*all proceeds benefit Lighthouse programs.

If you are interested in event sponsorship, or have general inquiries about the event, please contact Kembra Landry, Development Director for the GLLF. [klandry@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:klandry@lionslighthouse.org). | 404.325.3630 x 322

### FASHION SHOW



The Night of Spectacles fashion show gives fashion design students at schools in Georgia the unique and exciting opportunity to design dresses made from recycled eyeglass frames and lenses. Their designs are presented in true runway fashion, then judged by local celebrities and fashion experts. The winning student will take home a \$1,000 scholarship.

### LIVE & SILENT AUCTION



With 100 items and counting, the silent and live auction will feature weekend getaways, beauty services, designer eyewear, and plenty of Atlanta staples.

### FUND-A-NEED

It is estimated that 80% of what a child learns is visual. Many families in low-income neighborhoods don't have the financial resources to get their children's eyesight check, and poor vision often goes undiagnosed.

Since 2011, the Lighthouse has continually increased our efforts to serve these children and make an impact on the healthcare gaps impacting children in Georgia.

## Lions Museum

### Opening

The dedication ceremony for the **first** Lions Museum in the country will take place in the afternoon of May 10th, before the Night of Spectacles.

The museum will feature memorabilia donated by Lion Jimmy Carter, The Carter Center, and the Lions of Georgia. The ceremony will include a tour of the Lighthouse and will be free to all Lions Club members. More information to follow.

When you visit – please bring your glasses, cell phones, hearing aids and jewelry.

### Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

**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.**

**White Cane is an annual fundraiser to support Lighthouse's eye surgeries.**

Every Spring, Lions Clubs across the state raise money to help cover operating costs of our surgery program, which provides over 400 sight-saving surgeries to Georgians annually.



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From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



## Christmas Camp

Hi! I just wanted to take a moment and give you guys a heads-up on some upcoming events with the camp.

\* Work Weekend is April 12&13. You can find the reservation form on [Glcb.org](http://Glcb.org) under Lions info. Please let us know you are coming as soon as you can

\* Camp will start June 16th!!! We are so excited about this upcoming year; You can find an application on our website as well.

\* Lions Day is July 19th- As soon as we get the reservation form we will get it out. Mark it on your calendars to be here though. It's going to be a blast!

We are so grateful for those that came to our last work weekend in March. To be honest though we have a lot more things that need to be accomplished. Please plan on joining us so that we can knock a few more things off our list. Also, if you have bought a brick for the Memorial Garden they are planning on laying them again at Lions Day. I know that some of you have not bought yours yet. You can find the brick application on the website under donate now. Please get that in to us as soon as you can, so we can make sure that YOUR brick is here on Lions Day. As always we are so grateful for your service to the camp!

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## Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind 2014 Silent Auction



Thank you for making last year's Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction a success! With bids and donation we had a grand total of \$5025. Many said that it was the largest auction, but I know with your help this year the auction can be a greater success. Lions working together can accomplish great things.

We are challenging all clubs to participate in the GLCB Silent Auction during the 2014 Lions State Convention in Macon, May 30 – June 1. This is a great opportunity to get your members involved in a club project and you may want to showcase products from your area. Please attach a list of the items in the basket and the total value. Theme baskets will be displayed with bidding sheets in an orderly manner so the bidding process runs as smoothly as possible. **Theme baskets will be on display during the State Convention and bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday night, May 31.** Last year we had a watermelon, chocolate candy, Lions pins, weekend at a bed and breakfast, coolers with food and even a fire pit to mention a few. The baskets are only limited to the creativity of the members.

The camping program is for campers from 4 years old to senior citizens and it offers campers an opportunity to experience things they never thought were possible. You as Lions and Leos help to make dreams for these campers come true. You are also helping to provide learning and fun experiences that the campers will never forget. The Camp needs support from every Lions and Leo Clubs in order to continue its important mission. If a club is not able to donate a theme basket to the auction, a monetary contribution to the Camp would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email me at [forrestfamily@windstream.net](mailto:forrestfamily@windstream.net).

The Camp is planning to repay \$35,000 to their Trust Fund this year, in addition to the current revised budget of \$266,000 for operating expenses this year. Remember, there are Camp costs all year round. The Camp Raffle is going on now, and this is the biggest fundraiser. Clubs have been sent 10 tickets per member. Please sell all of your tickets. For your information, December was the best month this year for Club contributions: \$33,157.

The Brick Memorial Garden project is complete, except for all the additional brick memorials that can be purchased. Your contribution of \$100 will get an engraved Memorial Brick. The next brick-laying will be Lions Day at Camp. Now, most of your donation will be going toward the general camp expense fund. Recognizing your clubs leaders and departed leaders with a memorial brick will be a good way to remember them. Don't forget the 1776 project, Keep the Campfires Burning, and the old "Send a Kid to Camp." Remember, sending one kid to camp costs over \$3,000 a week.



### Join the Gwinnett Braves and the Lions Clubs of Georgia

Saturday June 21st, 7:05 PM  
vs. Louisville Bats

For more information concerning this event – check with:  
Pete Stamsen  
Chairman  
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Fundraising Committee

This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year for this event and I am happy to report that each year it has grown. In the three previous years, we have sold an average of 206 tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$8ea and for each ticket sold over 200, \$3 stays with the Club that sold the tickets, to be sent to the Camp after the Game. That comes out to about \$619 for each of those three years. Every Club that sold tickets would send the revenue from the game to the Camp as per their share.

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind  
Treasurer's Comments:

*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.*

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Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind, Inc.  
**5 CHANCES TO WIN:**  
**GATOR or \$5,000 CASH**  
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.  
**\$1.00 Donation**

NO. 033301

*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



### **Biographical Sketch of Jim L. Gillis, Jr.**

James Lester Gillis, Jr., known as Jim L. by most people, was born October 2, 1916. He is the eldest of two sons of Jim L. Gillis, Sr., and Annie Lois Walker Gillis. He has lived in Treutlen County all his life. He attended high school in Soperton where he was Valedictorian and he graduated from the University of Georgia in 1937 with a BS degree in Forestry. He has been a member of First Baptist Church of Soperton since 1927 and is a member of the Men's Bible Class.

A banker, timber man, cattleman, and farmer, he has been very active in conservation work most of his life. He manages approximately 15,000 acres of timberland, and foresters from all over the Southeast respect his timber management program. He is President of Soperton Naval Stores, Inc., a family corporation, and has managed the Naval Stores and timberland operations since 1938. He has served as past Director and is President of the American Turpentine Farmers Association. He served as President of Georgia Forestry Association and also served as a member on the Board of Directors. The Georgia Forestry Association awarded him the 2007 WISE OWL AWARD. He was appointed to the Georgia Forestry Commission on February 14, 1977, and has been reappointed by each Governor since. On January 24, 2005, he was reappointed by Governor Sonny Perdue. Until 2007, he had served continuously as Chairman of the Georgia Forestry Commission since January 1981. Today he continues to serve as a Georgia Forestry Commission Board Member. He is an Honorary Member of the Society of American Foresters and has been awarded their Golden Membership Award. In 2002, he was inducted into the Georgia Foresters Hall of Fame. The University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Alumni Association awarded Jim L. the Distinguished Alumnus Award on Friday, October 17, 2008 in recognition of exceptional service to the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources.

In business affairs, Jim L. was elected Director of the Bank of Soperton, on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1940, following the death of M. B. Gillis, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1939. He became Vice President of the Bank of Soperton, on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1952. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1960, he was elected President of the Bank of Soperton and served in that position until 1981. He has served as Chairman on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Soperton since October 29, 1974. He has been past President of the Georgia Bankers Association and served as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee for two years.

Jim L. was elected District Supervisor in the Ohoopce River Soil Conservation District in 1939. On May 4, 2010, he was given a 70 year plaque for extraordinary contributions and achievement in serving 70 years as a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor from 1939-2009. He is the only person in our nation that has achieved that award and he is still presently serving today. He was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> President of the Georgia Association of Soil Conservation Districts in 1945. He served as Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee for almost 24 years. In 1960, he was chosen "Outstanding Conservationist of Georgia" at the annual Governor's Awards Banquet, sponsored by Sears Roebuck Co. and Georgia Sportsman Federation. On August 16, 1967 he was recognized as an Honorary Member of the Soil Conservation Society of America. In January 2001, he was inducted into the GACDS Hall of Fame.

In 1969, Jim L. was elected president of the Georgia Association of County Commissioners. He also served on the Board of Managers for a number of years. In March 1961, Jim L. was named as the Georgian to receive the coveted "Citizen of the Year Award" which is presented annually by the Georgia Association of County Commissioners. He was elected county commissioner of Treutlen County in 1961 and served for 40 years. He served as Chairman of the Treutlen County Commissioners from 1973 to 2001.

In civic affairs, Jim L. has been a member of the Lions Club for over 75 years – serving as past president and Zone Chairman. He was active in Boy Scouts work and served for two years as finance chairman for the Pine Forest District of Boy Scouts and was on the National Council of Boy Scouts. He is a member of the President's Club of the University of Georgia.

With all his other activities, Jim L. has had neither the time nor the inclination to pursue a political career. However, he has served one term in the State Senate from 1945-46. In 1959, Governor Ernest Vandiver appointed Mr. Gillis to the State Democratic Executive Committee. He served as Co-Manager for the Lyndon B. Johnson campaign for President for the State of Georgia. He has also served as Chairman of the Treutlen County Democratic Executive Committee. Jim L. has served on the City Council of Soperton and was elected Mayor of Soperton without opposition for five years.

Jim L. was married to the late Katherine Hudmon of Screven County on March 20, 1936. Mrs. Katherine Gillis died on March 7, 1997. On January 14, 2001, Jim L. married Augusta Smith Woodcock of Haddock, Georgia. Mrs. Augusta Woodcock Gillis died on September 3, 2006.



**Lion Jim L. Gillis Jr.**

Mr. Gillis joined the Soperton Lions Club June 1, 1938, sponsored by his father Jim L. Gillis Sr. During his tenure he served as Club President and two terms as District Zone Chairman. He has received numerous Club awards and citations.

Presently Lion Jim has over 75 years of serve as a Lion, with 70 years of perfect attendance.

Lions International has 1.4 million Lion members in the world. In 2013-14 only 4 in the world have received the prestigious 75 year serve Chevron from Lions International. Lion Jim is one of them. He is the Oldest Lion in Georgia with 75+ years of service. There are presently 236 Clubs in Georgia with 6000 members.

**Fun Facts**

- 1936: Worked summer for \$.40 an hour at UGA nursery, carrying water for trees. As a Georgia State football player I manned the pump, which required a strong arm. That year I caught a ride to work with anyone who had a car.
- 1937: After College (Forestry School), worked for Georgia Forestry Commission in Baxley, salary; \$125 per month. This time I had to provide my own ride so I used an old car to get to work.
- 1938: I took over operations of Soperton Naval Stores, my father's business.

**Q&A**

*What is your favorite part about being involved with the Lion's Club?*

Helping people. There was a time we were out with buckets collecting donations and some guy came up and said, "When I was a kid the Lion's Club gave me my first pair of glasses, or I wouldn't have had glasses. I'd needed glasses for a long time." He was probably 85 or so. And every once in a while a parent will come up and say, "The Lion's helped me with a cochlear implant." It's a good feeling knowing that you're part of that.



*Why is the Lion's Club important?*

Most people would say "Oh, the Lions do vision." Lions do a lot more than that. We're known for vision and we do a great job is saving vision and helping people with vision and hearing. We also help with disaster relief. We do a lot of work for the elderly. We build ramps to help people get into their homes if they have a disability. Our motto is "We serve," but just as good of a motto would be "We save lives."

When Lion Jim L. joined the Soperton Lions Club in 1938, this is what items cost:

- Car: \$700**
- Gasoline: 20 cents/gal**
- Bread: 9 cents/loaf**
- Milk: 50 cents/gal**
- House: \$6,400**
- Postage Stamp: 3 cents**
- Cigarettes: 15 cents/ pack**
- Average Annual Salary: \$1,700**



## Message from the President The What, Who, Why and How of Leader Dog

In June of 1989, the first issue of Update was published to celebrate 50 years of Leader Dog, 1939–1989. Since then, Update has had many different looks but has maintained the goal of sharing client success stories and program updates with our supporters and clients.



"The Michigan 'Three Crown' is a leading candidate for most of the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Michigan. Michigan, it has been the leader for the last 50 years.

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The Leader Dog School was founded fifty years ago in 1939 by three Lions who were unable to obtain Leader Dogs through other means. The school's original focus was to train dogs for the blind, which is the main focus. Over the years, the school has expanded its services to include training for the deaf and hearing impaired as well as training for the visually impaired. The school is currently located on 10 acres at the corner of Rochester Road (M-148) and Jones Road (M-100).

The school is the largest and the largest in the United States. It has been named the Michigan State School of Leadership since 1984. The school is led by Dr. William and Dr. Debra, who have been named Michigan's most distinguished citizens. Dr. William, who is blind, has been named Michigan's most distinguished citizen. Dr. Debra, who is deaf, has been named Michigan's most distinguished citizen. The school is currently located on 10 acres at the corner of Rochester Road (M-148) and Jones Road (M-100).

This issue of Update has a fresh, updated look featuring our new branding, which was designed to highlight our four client programs: Guide Dog Training, Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training, GPS Technology and Summer Experience Camp. These programs allow us to achieve our mission of

empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel.

The new branding purposefully focuses on what Leader Dog does and who we provide services to so that people unfamiliar with us quickly realize our mission—why we exist. The question of how we are able to provide these services without cost to our clients is answered as people learn more about our organization.

People new to Leader Dog are initially interested in our dogs and our clients—how they are trained and how they work together. But they are often surprised when they learn about the wonderful people who support us and make everything possible: the donors, Lions, on-campus volunteers, puppy raisers and the families that host our breeding stock dogs—the thousands of people who care and take action every day on behalf of Leader Dog. It is uncovering this surprise that solidifies their desire to support Leader Dog. People want to be a part of something great, and your support makes Leader Dogs for the Blind something great!

So, I hope you like the new look of Update and continue to enjoy getting to know more about our clients and our services. Thank you for your continued passion and support of Leader Dogs for the Blind, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

*Susan M. Daniels*



## Volunteer Puppy Raisers in the Workplace



Volunteer puppy raisers' primary responsibility is socializing puppies and getting them used to different environments. Riding public transportation, grocery shopping, doctor appointments and movie theaters are great examples of everyday socialization opportunities.

When volunteers work outside the home, the puppies benefit from learning to behave in a professional environment. Fortunately, there are many generous companies willing to open their doors to Canine Companions puppies in the spirit of community service.

Qualcomm is one example. Susan Laun, vice president, Human Resources and Global Social Responsibility, explains, "We highly encourage employee involvement in the community and are pleased to have several puppy raisers for Canine Companions onsite at Qualcomm. It is a joy watching the puppies grow and develop vital skills, and it brings us immense pride knowing that our employees contribute to helping people become more independent."

Volunteers Heidi, Ben and Allison now enjoy the privilege of bringing their Canine Companions puppies to work at Qualcomm every day. Coworkers also reap the benefits! Heidi, who works in human resources, explains, "Several people stop by my office regularly to see Stanza so they can have something to brighten their day!" Allison runs Qualcomm's global philanthropic and volunteerism programs. She adds, "Brisbane was even featured in a humorous work video announcing our new CFO. The Finance Department employees still regularly mention it to me!"

If you think your workplace would enjoy the presence of a Canine Companions puppy, visit [cci.org/puppy-raiser](http://cci.org/puppy-raiser) to learn more about volunteer puppy raising or call (800) 572-BARK.





State RFB&D Chair  
**Lion Fred Smith**  
[lionfredsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lionfredsmith@gmail.com)

## Learning Ally Teams with Wounded Warrior Project to Empower Veterans with Print Disabilities

Audiobooks and supporting services will enable soldiers with visual impairments or traumatic brain injuries to continue their education and succeed in transitioning to civilian life.



“The extent of injuries these veterans endured makes reading textbooks challenging or outright impossible. With this kind of technology, we’re opening up a world of opportunities for their future success.”

[Learning Ally](#), a nonprofit organization serving individuals across the U.S. with visual and learning disabilities, is teaming up with Wounded Warrior Project to help this generation’s injured service members achieve their educational and professional goals.

Through this collaboration, wounded veterans who are registered with WWP will now have access to Learning Ally’s library of [80,000 human-narrated audiobooks](#), including thousands of texts for college and post-secondary learning. “This agreement empowers warriors who have a difficult time reading due to the extent of their injuries, and provides an alternative education method for those who excel through auditory learning,” says Randy Plunkett, director of education initiatives at [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

Background: More than 50,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in recent military conflicts. In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated as many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Another 320,000 are believed to have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment.

Nearly one third of registered WWP Alumni are pursuing educational goals. While many are participating in WWP’s economic programs – including Transition Training Academy and [Warriors to Work](#) – many more are attending universities across the country.

Learning Ally’s services will be available to all warriors who have a difficult time reading printed text, and is also being integrated into WWP’s [TRACK](#) program. Based in Jacksonville, FL and San Antonio, TX, TRACK is a one-year community college and internship program geared primarily toward service members with no prior exposure to higher education.

Wounded Warrior Project Alumni who would benefit from this service can contact Randy Plunkett at 904.528.6136 or [rplunkett@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:rplunkett@woundedwarriorproject.org) .



## Mission Moment

Deidri Cumbie grew up seeing just fine.

In her 30's, a benign brain tumor stole her vision completely. Light to darkness, just like that. Deidri learned to walk with a cane, and slowly adjusted to life without vision.



In her 40's, she received her first Southeastern Guide Dog, Eddie. Eddie helped Deidri gain confidence and regain her independence. When Eddie retired and Deidri met her next guide, Duke, she'd come a long way. She'd learned to navigate and travel, and was busy raising her family. With Duke, she remembers thinking, "What can I do now?"



Among other adventures, she and Duke hiked in Yellowstone National Park and ran a 5K race. And just recently, Deidri was paired with her third guide dog, Bopeeper, or Bo. "It just keeps getting better," she says. "I can't wait to find out what I can learn from her!"

At Southeastern Guide Dogs, our graduates have our lasting support through each phase of their journey. We're proud of Deidri and graduates like her who have overcome so many challenges.

And we can't wait to hear about Deidri and Bo's new adventures as they travel forward, together.



## Communicating with Your Child



There is a fine line between caring and nagging – between showing concern and hovering. How do you achieve the balance? The following are some ways for talking with your child about diabetes.

- **Use words and tones that aren't angry or judgmental.** Certain words or ways of asking questions can send scary or hurtful vibes to your children. Think about the words you use. For example, use "high" instead of "bad" blood glucose (blood sugar). Take care not to blame or nag your child as you help him manage his diabetes.

- **Engage in Active Listening.** It's sometimes hard to do, but it's important to listen closely to your child's comments and questions. Repeat back to them what they said or asked about to be sure you understand, and be sure to make eye contact.

- **React calmly.** Kids remember your responses and often try to avoid a negative reaction in the future. When your child has a high blood glucose reading or forgets to bolus, stay calm. Focus on the solution and move on.

- **Beware of negative facial expressions.** Try not to look disappointed or frightened when you see a blood glucose reading outside of the target range. Your child can read your facial expressions, and he may feel that you are disappointed in him or fearful when it is too low or high.

- **Share your feelings.** If your child understands how worried you get, then he might better understand why you ask so many questions.

- **Set realistic expectations.** Mistakes will happen and perfection is impossible in managing diabetes. If you believe this, your child will too, and you won't be so hard on each other. When you set unrealistic goals, your child may hide things from you. For example, expecting perfect blood glucose levels is not realistic. Blood glucose levels aren't always controllable but the goal is to keep them as close to the target range while adjusting for life as it happens.

- **Ask for honesty – no matter what.** Let your child know that you want to hear the truth. If he feels he did something he shouldn't have, telling you right away is the best option. Be curious about what happened. Work together to solve the problem.

- **Empathize.** Put yourself in your child's shoes. Try to imagine how your child is feeling. These feelings may range from fear, sadness, and anger to denial, burnout and even guilt for causing you so much worry.

- **Keep an open-door policy.** Tell your child that you're open to hearing ideas and complaints – any time, any place. Reassure him that if he has anything on his mind, he should come and talk with you. You want to listen and help when you can.

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## A Place for Parents

Connect with other parents of children living with diabetes in our online community. Here's what they're talking about now...

"My daughter was diagnosed 2 weeks ago. I could duplicate so many posts on this board—shock, guilt, fear, anger, and overwhelmed. Of the many issues that I am trying to manage and learn, the one that is really stressing me out is checking my daughter overnight.... I am absolutely terrified that she will go too low overnight, will be asleep so won't recognize it and will sleep into unconsciousness and worse. ... I would really like to hear from parents as to your "normal" routine of night checks—or lack thereof."

[Read more and add your comments.](#)

<http://community.diabetes.org/t5/The-Place-for-Parents/Newly-Diagnosed-13-yr-old-daughter-night-checks-help-please/td-p/446229>

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## Welcome to the 2014 Atlanta Tour de Cure!

Route Distances: 2,28, 37, 65, 100 MI & 2-mile Family Fun

Contact your event manager, Anissa Johnson:  
[anjohnson@diabetes.org](mailto:anjohnson@diabetes.org) | (404)320-7100 x3036

Please mail checks to our local office:  
American Diabetes Association  
ATTN: Tour de Cure  
225 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 550  
Atlanta, GA 30303

131 Days to event. 68 teams. 305 riders. [Join us!](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=9372&type=fr_informational&sid=15800) = [http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr\\_id=9372&type=fr\\_informational&sid=15800](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=9372&type=fr_informational&sid=15800)

**Register. Ask a Friend. Start a Team. Stop Diabetes.**

When: 05/18/2014  
Where: Boundary Waters Park  
Address: 5000 Georgia Highway 92/166  
Registration Fee: 15.00  
Fundraising Minimum: 200

## American Diabetes Association.



Help Us Raise \$100,000 to Stop Diabetes®

Today, there are new challenges in the fight against diabetes — and a **new opportunity** that can double our power during a **special matching gift campaign** being sponsored by Domino Foods Inc., the maker of Domino® Light and C&H® Light Sugar and Stevia blends.

Top diabetes researchers and clinicians report several alarming new trends:

- **The incidence of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes has increased substantially among young people — more than 20 percent over the past decade.** That means children are now developing type 2 — once known as "adult onset" diabetes — and are showing "adult" signs of diabetes complications such as nerve damage.
- **As of last year, 1 out of every 4 senior citizens in the U.S. is currently being treated for diabetes.**
- **The economic cost of diagnosed diabetes in the U.S. has skyrocketed 41 percent over the last 5 years — from \$174 billion in 2007 to \$245 billion in 2012.**

### DOUBLE YOUR POWER

Your **\$25** gift  
can become **\$50**

Your **\$40** gift  
can become **\$80**

Your **\$60** gift  
can become **\$120**

**DONATE NOW** ▶

Reversing these trends will require more than outrage; **it will require action.**

That's why this new matching gift challenge from our supporters at Domino Foods Inc. simply couldn't have come at a more important time.

**When you make a gift today,** Domino Foods Inc. has agreed to match every gift, dollar-for-dollar, up to a campaign total of \$50,000, to fund diabetes research, education and advocacy that will help us Stop Diabetes® for people of all ages, once and for all.

Your tax-deductible gift of \$25 can become \$50, your gift of \$40 can become \$80, and if you can give \$60, your gift can become \$120. **That means that, together, we can raise \$100,000 to help reverse these shocking trends and put an end to this country's rapidly accelerating diabetes epidemic.**

**Your generous donation will be put to work immediately,** providing twice the support, twice the hope, and twice the empowerment to children, adults and seniors with diabetes.

**The stakes of our fight against diabetes are high — and getting higher each day. Now more than ever, the American Diabetes Association needs your help.**

Together, we have the power to change the future of diabetes.

With great thanks,

Larry Hausner  
Chief Executive Officer  
American Diabetes Association



This special matching gift offer is brought to you by our corporate sponsor, Domino Foods Inc., the maker of Domino® Light and C&H® Light Sugar and Stevia blends.

NOTE: This matching gift offer does not apply to donations or contributions to Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes®, Tour de Cure® or other special event fundraising campaigns.



## Our World, Our Future



Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from India, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. He was sponsored by the Moirang Lions Club.

### "Peace, Love and Understanding"

is the theme of the 2014-15 [Peace Poster Contest](#). Lions clubs can sponsor this [art contest for kids](#) in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

#### Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- **Official Club Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

Order a Kit

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr785.pdf>

Please [review contest rules](#) and order kits as soon as possible to guarantee sufficient time for a well-planned contest. For orders within the United States, please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Additional delivery time is needed for orders outside the United States.

#### Promoting the Contest

In addition to the kit, you can also use the following PR Tools to promote your club's Peace Poster Contest:

- [Peace Poster press release](#)
- [Peace Poster Brochure](#)
- [District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide](#)
- [Honorable Mention certificate](#)
- [Peace Poster DVD](#)

### Our World, Our Future Essay Contest

Ashish Karki, a 12-year-old boy from Nepal, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International Essay Contest. He was sponsored by the Kathmandu Ramechhap Lions Club. "We have to bring the light of peace, justice, brotherhood, responsibility and rational human behavior through education," Ashish wrote in his essay.

### "Peace, Love and Understanding"

is the theme of the 2014-15 Essay Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor this [contest for kids](#) in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2014-15 Lions International Essay Contest is "Peace, Love and Understanding." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

#### Essay Contest Guidelines

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. **Read the complete essay contest rules and entry form.**

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr41.pdf>

View past grand prize winning essays:

- [2013-2014 "Our World, Our Future"](#) by Ashish Karki, age 12
- [2012-2013 "Imagine Peace"](#) by Maura Loberg, age 11
- [2011-2012 "Children Know Peace"](#) by Mikaela Smith, age 12
- [2010-2011 "Power of Peace"](#) by Amy Bosko, age 12

### For More Information

To learn more about the Lions International Essay Contest, please [contact the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Department](#).

Each grand-prize winner will receive a special award and US\$5,000. Both winners will be recognized at this year's Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Congratulations and thank you to all the children and Lions who participated!

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 // Attended District 18-O Convention; Early County > Club at ECHS (Sponsored by Cordele Lions Club) Senior and Junior 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 // Attended District 18-O Convention; Seminole County > Club at SCHS (Sponsored by Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs) Participating in all school and community activities // Helping with projects // Sponsored 18-O Young Ambassador. Other listed LEO Clubs for 18-O include: Bainbridge (sponsored by Bainbridge) and Lamar County (Sponsored by Barnesville-Lamar).

18-O Young Ambassador – Liz Varnum was named the 2014 Lions Young Ambassador for District 18-O at the District 18-O Convention held March 1, 2014 in Albany, Georgia. Varnum was sponsored by the Seminole County LEO Club and the Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs in this event. The Lions Young Ambassador of the 21st Century program recognizes youth for outstanding community service involvement, leadership accomplishments, public speaking skills, and scholastic achievement. Varnum noted to be active participant and leader in a variety of school, community, and service events. The YA program centered on the Lions 13-14 International theme of "Follow Your Dream." Lions Past International President Jim Ervin, Lions Past International Director Lowell Bonds, 18-O District Governor Jim Walker, and 18-O Lions Youth Chair Chris Sumner presented the Young Ambassador Awards. Varnum was presented a \$150

Scholarship from District 18-O Lions. Varnum will also receive Young Ambassador Scholarships from her sponsoring Lions Clubs.



## Upcoming Events

### 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](#)



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.



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 Rudolph 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."

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## GACHIP - the Georgia Child Identification Program



**“One of the most important tools for law enforcement when searching for a missing child is an up-to-date, good quality photo along with descriptive information. A Child ID kit is a simple yet effective tool to help families maintain current photos of and descriptive information about their children.”** *National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*

### A Gift from the Freemasons of Georgia

Georgia Masons provide the GACHIP program FREE of charge as a public service and as our gift to the citizens of our state.

**GACHIP - the Georgia Child Identification Program** is one of the most comprehensive Child Recovery, Identification, and Abduction Awareness programs ever to be offered to parents in the state of Georgia. The packet provided to parents or guardians at a GACHIP event can assist law enforcement by providing vital information about a child at a time when time matters most. In 76 percent of child abduction homicides, the murder of the child occurs within the first three hours.

At a GACHIP event, Freemasons provide the equipment necessary to generate completed identification kits. Each person progresses through several stations taking about 10 to 15 minutes for the entire process. The recorded information is presented to the child's parent or guardian in a sealed GACHIP envelope to take home for safekeeping. There is no age limit!

GACHIP provides a valuable tool for the parents or guardians on a DVD that includes:

- Full color digital photographs showing various poses of the child: These color photographs can be circulated by the police to the media in the case of abduction and can be used in the AMBER Alert Program.
- A brief video interview of the child displaying unique speech patterns as well as mannerisms.
- A complete set of digital fingerprints
- DNA Swab
- Data about the child including distinguishing features such as hair and eye color, scars, etc...
- The DVD will also contain contact information

for parents or guardians.



All of the identifying information collected at the event about the child is given to the child's family. The GACHIP program retains only the permission slip that must be signed prior to

participation in the event. All other data is permanently erased after the child's document is prepared. Privacy is our number one criteria.

Uniformed law enforcement is present at all GACHIP events. We are proud to have received endorsements from several organizations including:

- *Georgia Governor's Office*
- *Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)*
- *Georgia Department of the Military (National Guard)*
- *Georgia Police Officer's Association*
- *Georgia Peace Officer's Group (POAG)*
- *Georgia Superintendent of Schools*
- *Georgia Sheriff's Association*

GACHIP has proudly partnered with local organizations such as Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, American Legion Posts, Boys and Girls Scout Troup's, Pilot Clubs and many more in hosting events. Volunteers have found that there is a place for them at any GACHIP event, no matter their talents. Our events have taken place at schools, community festivals, church events, National Guard Troop Send-offs, as well as many other venues where the integrity of our system would not be compromised. We guard against the sharing of information very seriously and all efforts are made to protect that information and see that it goes no further than the packet provided to the parent or guardian of that child.

Although the Masons of Georgia have traditionally funded this program through the generosity of our members, we have received grants from various foundations and organizations that have enabled us to continue our growth by purchasing much needed supplies and equipment.

While there is no way for us to know how many parents or guardians have had to use their GACHIP packet or how many children have been found as a result of our GACHIP efforts. What we do know is, we can be extremely proud of the efforts of all who participated in this community service project. If only one child might have been, or might be saved from harm or even worse, we feel that we have done ourselves, our communities and our children the greatest of service. Learn more at [www.gachip.org](http://www.gachip.org)

Lions work together with the Georgia Masons providing safety for our children:



This is also a great opportunity for Lions to check children's vision. This is a team effort in supporting our children in safety and vision correction. Find a Lodge near you – the more we get involved the more we can accomplish.

Watch the following video to see GACHIP in action:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzFRkBZIEQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzFRkBZIEQ)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
Call Center: 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)

The vast majority of missing children are recovered quickly. When NCMEC receives word of a missing child through its Call Center, or from law enforcement agencies, it serves as a centralized clearinghouse to help families and law enforcement respond to child abductions. When a child is reported missing to NCMEC, the case is categorized as an endangered runaway; family abduction; lost, injured or otherwise missing; or nonfamily abduction. In 2012 NCMEC received information on 10,689 missing children cases.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has played a role in the resolution of more than 183,000 missing children cases since the organization's inception.

For more information on NCMEC visit their website at  
[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

Mark Bradley, State Chairman  
Lions Youth Services  
Multiple District 18

To: Lions, Lioness and Leos Clubs  
From: PDG Dave Forrest, State Convention Chair  
Date: March 10, 2014

The 2014 State Lions Convention is just around the corner and YOU have the pleasure to meet and hear the 2013-2014 Lions International President Barry J. Palmer. YES, that is correct.

International President Barry Palmer will be the Lions of Georgia guest for the weekend. You will also have opportunities to discover more information about the Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind; attend trainings; Melvin Jones Luncheon; be a part of the GLCB Silent Auction; see fellow Lions recognized for their accomplishments and much more.

The convention will be held at the Marriott Macon City Center on May 30 – June 1. Please complete the attached form and return it to David McDonald for your hospitality book. For your convenience the Marriott has set up a reservation link.

Click on [Book your group rate: Lions of Georgia - Multiple District 18](#) for making online room reservations. The Marriott must receive your room reservations on or before *April 28th* to receive the special Lions of Georgia rate of \$119 plus tax.

A wonderful way to welcome our guest, International President Barry Palmer, is for you or your club to purchase an ad in the Lions of Georgia Convention Program. A full page ad is \$100, 3/4 page ad is \$75, 1/2 page ad is \$50 and a 1/4 page ad is only \$25. What a wonderful way to show our southern hospitality. Checks should be made payable to Lions of Georgia MD Convention and mailed to David McDonald by *April 15th*.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Get your reservations, buy an ad in the program and attend the 2014 State Lions Convention at the Marriott Macon City Center.

If you have any questions, please email Dave Forrest at [forrestfamily@windstream.net](mailto:forrestfamily@windstream.net) or David McDonald at [dmcDonald@charter.net](mailto:dmcDonald@charter.net).

See you in Macon.



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# 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



## Get Rewarded for Growing Your Club!



The new Together We Can Grow Contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win US\$250 in LCI club supplies or a US\$250 donation toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellowship. Winning clubs will also receive a banner patch and special recognition from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston.

Remember, [Family and Friends Month in April](#) is a great opportunity to recruit new members and grow your club. If you haven't planned your club event, do so today!

The Together We Can Grow Contest is underway, so [visit the contest page](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new->

[clubs/membership-award-programs/together-we-can-grow.php](http://clubs/membership-award-programs/together-we-can-grow.php)

## Protecting Our Environment with Family and Friends



This April, join Lions around the world and protect the environment.

Planning an environmental project is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to engage in hands-on service. Organize a community clean-up, plant a tree, or plan a recycling project to collect old eyeglasses, batteries or small electronics -- you decide based on the needs in your community.

Use the following resources to plan and promote your Protecting our Environment Global Service Action Campaign project:

- The [Call to Action Flyer](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad460.pdf> and [Planning Guide](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad463.pdf> are great resources that will provide you with ideas to jumpstart your project.
- Visit the [Family and Friends webpage](#) for more information on this initiative.
- And remember to share your projects using [MyLCI](#)!

## LCIF's Million Dollar Measles Challenge

World Immunization Week is April 24–30. In celebration, [LCIF has launched a 30-day challenge](#) = [http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian-efforts/measles/measles\\_challenge.php](http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian-efforts/measles/measles_challenge.php) to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. Donations made for measles during the month of April 2014 will be matched 100% by the family of Abhey and

Aruna Oswal, for a total of up to US\$500,000.



Visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org) to learn how to make your contribution today! Donations to the Lions Measles Initiative are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible (excluding funds provided by the match).

## LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about the LCIF and Bausch + Lomb Pediatric Cataract Initiative.

## 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

### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

### [International Convention – Toronto 2014](#)

Last chance to register in advance. Avoid long lines and register by May 1st!

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE







Dear Lion,



I have an exciting announcement to share with you: in celebration of this year's [World Immunization Week](#) from April 24-30, LCIF has [launched a 30 day challenge](#) to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative!



Did you know that each year, more than one million children will not make it to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday due to a vaccine-preventable disease? This includes measles and rubella, which can cause illness, disability, blindness and death. That is why we must act now – we can help these children through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative and through events like World Immunization Week.

By accepting this challenge, you are helping us provide vaccinations to children in need and also helping to raise the awareness of just how important routine vaccinations are for global health. Together, I know we can meet this challenge.

And, not only are we issuing this challenge, but we are also receiving a generous matching contribution from the family of Abhey and Past District Governor Aruna Oswal to help us reach US\$1 million for measles. When you [make a donation for measles](#) during the month of April 2014, it will be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Oswal family, for a total of up to US\$500,000! Every dollar that you donate is doubled until we meet our goal.

You can learn more about [the Million Dollar Measles Challenge online](#), as well as Lions' and LCIF's [efforts to end measles](#), our [partnership initiatives](#) for measles and how to [make a contribution](#).

As a Lion, you can help save lives, spread knowledge and make the world a healthier place for children. You can make a difference.

Sincerely,

*Lion Wayne A. Madden*  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

*Lion Wayne A. Madden*  
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## New LCIF Video Available

[LCIF is Your Foundation](#), the newest video from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), is now available in all 11 official LCI languages! Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has been supporting Lions in their efforts to make a difference around the world. In this new video, you can learn about the accomplishments of Lions and LCIF.

The videos are available to [view](#) and [download](#) on the LCI Lions News Network, or you can watch them on YouTube:



[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php?id=gBiHgF&utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20March%202014%20-%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php?id=gBiHgF&utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20March%202014%20-%20EN)





Saving lives – especially the lives of children – will be a key Lions' message for **World Immunization Week, April 24-30, 2014**. Simple immunizations have been recognized as one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions ever introduced. Through One Shot, One Life, Lions have been saving children's lives one dollar, one shot, at a time.

LCIF will mark this year's World Immunization Week with a special **Million Dollar Challenge**. The family of Abhey and Aruna Oswal will match every Lions' donation to One Shot, One Life received by LCIF during the month of April up to a cumulative total of US\$500,000 for a grand total of US\$1 million dollars.

**This means that any One Shot, One Life donation by a club or Lion will be quadrupled during the month of April only:** gifts will be matched by the Oswal family and those doubled gifts will be matched in full by the Gates Foundation and the UK's Department for International Development through the GAVI matching fund. This is a unique opportunity that clubs and Lions in your district can use to expand the impact of their donations. Donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit, however credits are not given for the additional funds matched by the Oswal family and the GAVI Alliance matching fund partners.

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**During the Month of April:**

- Lions and friends donate funds to LCIF in support of measles activities
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**Donate Now**  
Make a Difference

<https://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-measles-donation.php>

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Best regards,

PIP Clem Kusiak and PIP J. Frank Moore III

Dear Lions leader,

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is excited to share with you a **new Disaster Relief Grant pilot program** that is now available in Constitutional Areas I, III and V through March 2015.

Because Lions worldwide continue to prioritize disaster relief as one of their most important local service activities, LCIF is now piloting a wider variety of funding options to help enhance and expand these efforts. The LCIF Disaster Relief Grant program can support Lions' participation in different phases of emergency management based on the needs of their community and the skills, interests, and availability of their local membership.

This pilot project will determine the effectiveness of new grants that are designed to:

- Strengthen local disaster relief project coordination
- Encourage and support advance planning for disasters
- Leverage Lions' strengths in the community

The new Disaster Relief Grant options include:



The new LCIF Disaster Relief Grant program is being piloted in the **United States, Latin America and Asia** through March 2015. "Traditional" [emergency grants](#) remain available for all other regions.

Please [contact the LCIF Humanitarian Programs department](#) to learn more about the program and how to submit a proposal: Telephone: (630) 203-3819  
Email: [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org)

Or, you can find the brochure and criteria online. Applications are available in [English](#) = [http://lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif146.pdf?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Disaster%20Pilot%20Promo%20-%20EN](http://lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif146.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Disaster%20Pilot%20Promo%20-%20EN)

# 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=reservation&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=reservation&stop_mobi=yes)



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