

Lions of Georgia



Nation's Only Congressionally Recognized Braille America Flag
Check out page 10-11-12

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



State News



Council received reports or comments as follows:

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

PIP Ervin thanked CC Winters for the outstanding job he has done this year in working with and leading the Council this year. He thanked the Governors for their leadership this year. He asked Governors to look at their membership and ways to save clubs scheduled to be dropped.

PIP Ervin stated that incoming President Joe Preston, at a meeting in Oak Brook, discussed the fact that maybe the United States could come up with a special service project that would not only serve every Multiple District but also create a new awareness and initiative for membership development. A committee was appointed to explore that. They have come up with the possibility of having a kids’ sight screening as a major objective. This has not been finalized yet. They have asked PIP Ervin, as head of the GMT, to also submit a subcommittee of Lions from around the U.S. who may have new ideas or approaches as to how to bring this out and make it very effective.

PIP Ervin stated that there will be a contested election at the convention in Toronto. Georgia has endorsed Lion PID Bob Corlew and those attending the convention will be asked to help with his campaign. PIP Ervin pointed out that Georgia is endorsing a candidate at this convention who will hopefully be going on to the International Board. The Multiple District will need to help in her campaign at the convention. PIP Ervin has asked PID Haynes Townsend to handle the paperwork so that it can go out immediately this weekend.

PIP Ervin stated that he is always available to the Council, as are the other Past International Directors in the state. He wished Alan and Carole Bethel much success as they transfer their membership to South Carolina. He stated that PCC Bethel has been a great leader in Georgia Lionism and he will be missed.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION MYERS BANISTER:

PID Myers Banister congratulated the Council for the hard work they have done and the accomplishments this year. He asked Governors Elect to challenge their clubs to move forward with good ideas and good programs. He stated he is available to help

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. JOHN PEARCE:

PID Pearce stated he had a comment about the State Convention Program. He asked incoming District Governors to take a close look at the Melvin Jones Luncheon time slot. He pointed out that State Awards presentation takes place just prior to the MJF Luncheon. The Luncheon is scheduled for one hour. He felt there is no way to give honor to whoever happens to be the speaker and have lunch. He asked the incoming Governors to give a look at this Luncheon and see if they can allow more time.

REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION and INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION Ed Hashbarger, DG 181:

- A. DG Hashbarger discussed the Macon Convention. He pointed out that there will be a lot of walking involved for this convention, and everyone should wear comfortable shoes. He reminded all that State Projects and vendors will be set up in the lobby.
- B. Lion Hashbarger stated that Callaway Gardens is confirmed as the site of the 2016 Convention. The Jekyll Island 2017 Convention has been passed on to the incoming Council for their work. There are problems with a possible Columbus Convention in 2018. DG Hashbarger recommended that Governors find a location in the northern part of the state for a convention. He stated that Towns County might be a possible convention site.
- C. CC Winters reminded Council that Tifton is set for the 2015 Convention. There will be a registration table set up at this convention, and registration is \$100.00 per person, this weekend only.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DG Hashbarger stated that he is working on invitations to the Jamboree, and PCC Mark Miller will hand these out to the DGEs at the Convention. The Jamboree is scheduled to be held in the same hotel which will house the DGEs. He is still trying to get a group to perform at the Jamboree. He is still working with the hotel for snacks to serve. There will be two open cash bars.

DG Hashbarger discussed the Parade. He pointed out that those planning to march in the parade should have their parade shirt. He will have the banner to be carried by the DGEs. Parade starts at 10:00 AM. There are 33 people from Georgia registered to attend the convention. Georgia will be #47 in the parade.

CC Winters has Breakfast Tickets for those who have ordered them.

A. 2020 Atlanta International Convention Bid:

PIP Jim Ervin reported that a representative of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau will be in attendance at the convention this weekend and she and PCC Richard Brown will have a table set up in the lobby with information on the bid. PIP Ervin has asked former President Jimmy Carter if he will do a three minute video supporting the Lions of Georgia bid to host the convention. They are coordinating this effort now.

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 at the beginning of the year. The Council at their last meeting appointed a Task Force. This Task Force has met. He asked Lion Anne Mundy to give a report. Lion Mundy stated that the Task Force met in March; She, Mark Rice, Garner Andrews, Hannah Flynn, Grace Clower, and Patrick Pignataro were in attendance. She stated that it was a good meeting. Everyone was open and candid about what was going on with the Camp. They set realistic goals of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Task Force and the Camp were in complete agreement that the Camp needed to be saved. The Task Force will continue to meet. She encouraged the incoming Council to continue to foster harmony.

CC Miller stated that it is time for the Multiple District to do some strategic planning. The LRP Committee would like permission from the Council to do an online survey that will evaluate and get their input as to where their plugging in with a focus on District and Multiple District programming in support of their clubs. This information would be shared with the Council and the new LRP Committee. DG Rice made a motion to allow the LRP Committee to proceed with the survey. Motion seconded by DG Threatt, 18-N, and motion carried.

REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE

HELWIG: This year I presented programs to the Colbert and Milledgeville Lions clubs. Clubs currently working on chartering a Leo club are Byron/Centerville (jointly), Fitzgerald, Athens Classic City and Colbert. I recently spoke with a member of South Cobb regarding the 2 clubs they currently sponsor (South Cobb and Pebblebrook H.S.'s) and discussed with him the possibility of converting to community-based club due to difficulties working with the schools and the opportunity to save money (only one annual fee vs. two). I have attached to this the 2014 Gathering and Conference Official Report. This year's event was smaller in numbers of Leos but was still very worthwhile. 2015 will be the 10th consecutive! Regarding the 2015 Gathering/ Conference- Lions and Leos have approached me concerning a number of items and each has pros and cons:

Holding the 2015 G&C in North Georgia. It is believed by some that holding it at a location in north Georgia would spur interest from Leo clubs north of I-20. It has also been brought up to hold two Gatherings-one at the Camp and one in north Georgia-while holding the Conference at one of the locations. Leo Conference Grant. Up to \$2,000.00 is available from LCI. I will be addressing the Leo Council this weekend regarding these items as part of my Final Report and would also appreciate Lions Council input. I will be happy to discuss the pros and cons of each in detail. Leos will be involved with a number of events at the Convention:

Flag ceremony-MD18 Leo President will bring in the Leo flag. I will present the Leo Awards Friday evening The MD18 Leo Council meeting will be held Sat. afternoon

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

DG Hashbarger stated that he currently emails the Magazine to about 2,000 email addresses. He encouraged Governors to discuss and ask support for LCIF at each club they visit. He challenged them to have every club make a minimum contribution to LCIF each year.

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

DG Hashbarger read a note from Pam Schloemer, MD 18 Representative to Leader Dogs. He discussed the Braves Game on August 16th. Tailgate starts at 2:00 PM and the game starts at 7:00 PM. Leader Dogs will get \$10.00 per ticket sold. Funds raised from Tailgate would be divided between clubs. DG Hashbarger asked the 1st Vice District Governors Elect to select a date to attend Leader Dog School. Either August 8-9, or August 15.

REPORT OF STATE LION TAMER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – LION RICK MIZELL, PDG:

PDG Mizell stated that the Lion Tamer store will be in Room 310 for the Convention. There are plenty of towels for sale, as well as pins. PDG Mizell stated that he has been working with the State Historian on the Lions Museum. He is working on some changes for the website. He asked for suggestions.

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP NEDZA:

Lion Nedza thanked everyone for their attendance at the Grand Opening for the Museum. He thanked PIP Ervin for helping him to get permission to look at files at LCI. He will then have the complete history of every club in the state of Georgia. DG Ed Hashbarger, 18-O, made a motion to authorize an expenditure of \$600.00 to help defray the expenses incurred by Lion Nedza for this trip to LCI. DG Jim Walker, 18-O, seconded the motion and motion carried.

REPORT OF STATE AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR – LION WELBY STAYTON:

Lion Stayton asked Governors to consider a change to Award # 36, the Elkan-District Governor's Award. Instead of an award for the best club in the state, the award would have a winner in three categories: Clubs with 1 to 25 members; clubs with 26 to 50 members; and clubs 50 and above. There would be a first place only in each category. DG Hashbarger made a motion to approve the State Awards Committee recommendation; DG Walker, 18-O, seconded the motion and motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Billboards with Lion Messages: DG Hashbarger stated that 8 billboards have been put up and discussed some of the areas where they are visible. Lion Hashbarger will work with Info Technology Chair Rick Mizell to handle information requests received from people.

B. Towels have been shipped to LCI for the International Family.

C. Task Force for the Camp: CC Winters stated that this was addressed earlier by PCC Mark Miller and Lion Anne Mundy.



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



Garner Andrews
DISTRICT "L"

Newnan Lions Club

The **Newnan Lions Club** sponsored their annual circus magic show recently at East Coweta Middle School with a large crowd in attendance.

“It was a pleasant night and the crowd enjoyed every minute... magic tricks, a pet pig, several trained dogs, clowns and trained birds,” said local Lions representative Dunk Hale.

The kids also enjoyed face/arm painting by a local artist and refreshments, plus the opportunity to learn magician secrets.



“Thanks to many business and individual sponsors in Coweta County who donated the funds for the show, almost 300 deserving students and their parents were able to attend the show free,” Hale said. “The Lions Club also receives a portion of the sponsorships. The Lions Club in Newnan allocates most of their charity monies to sight conservation — eye exams and glasses for the needy,” Hale said.

Lions Clubs were founded in 1917 with the objective to “help those less fortunate.” “After Helen Keller challenged the Lions in 1925 our primary focus has been to provide services to the blind and visually impaired,” Hale said. “Efforts include eye banks, dog training, leader dogs for the blind, eye surgeries, eye exams, eyeglasses, camps for the blind, treatment of river blindness and more recently we have added drug and diabetes awareness and hearing aid assistance.”

“Our local club also supports many community efforts, including One Roof, Bridging the Gap, Coweta County Adult Drug Court, Coweta Cancer Support Group, highway trash pickup, used eyeglass collection and foreign student exchange,” Hale said. “Our major emphasis is eye exams and eyeglasses for those below the poverty line, especially children and elderly.”

Several local eye clinics — Grant MacDonald/Sean Carr at Coweta Eye Care, Amy Jeffries at Jeffries Eye Care, and Robby Smith at Lenscrafters — have agreed to provide their services at below cost in order to support the Lions Club’s charity work, he said. “We are very thankful for their support.”

“We are confident that having corrected vision is beneficial to the individual and society. Good vision allows people to drive, work, use the computer or perform well in school. Over 250 individuals have received eye exams and eyeglasses from our club... all free to the recipient,” Hale said.

“We have established relationships with all school nurses and school counselors in Coweta County and made them aware of our desire to help needy children. Many of those we have helped are children whose families could not provide them with proper vision correction,” he said.

The Lions collect used eyeglasses at 18 different drop-off points throughout the county. A convenient drop-off location is the Newnan Wal-Mart store, Hale said.

“These eyeglasses are recycled for the benefit of disadvantaged people in all parts of the world,” he said.

The Lions meet at noon each first Tuesday at Golden Corral restaurant at Newnan Crossing West shopping center off Bullsboro Drive. Anyone interested in joining the Lions Club — the world’s largest service club — may contact Dunk Hale at 678-876-1328.



CONGRATS to DG Vicki Hubbard
1stVDGE Anne Mundy
2ndVDGE "Bob" Norton



Vicki Hubbard
DISTRICT "T"

Evans Lions Club

Mark your calendar Columbia County because the Food 2 Fight Hunger is coming back. Evans Lions Club vs. The Salvation Army representing Columbia Co and Richmond Co respectively. Show the Augusta area that we are Columbia County Strong. July 26th at Kroger in Evans on Washington Rd. Come see us at 10am and help us build the best pyramid ever!!!

Grab your canned goods and join the Lions as we build a pyramid to the clouds in Columbia County at the end of July. We are looking to take the bragging rights away from [The Salvation Army of Augusta](#) this year and show them how to build a pyramid and collect food. Come and help us Knock out Hunger in Columbia County.



Fall of 2014 - Exact Date TBA - 7th Annual Jim Metts Memorial Car Show



Past and future events



Taylor Hyundai kicked off the Toys for Tots. Lions are collecting toys all over!



Project Handwarmers Packing Event - We support the military in any way and are proud to help with Project Hand-warmers — at [Be My Guest: Catering and Events](#).



Supporting Salvation Army



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



Bonnie Kelly

DISTRICT "O"

Greenville Lions Club

Greenville Lions Club is proud to announce that Perry Price, a recent graduate of Greenville High School, was awarded the GLC scholarship of 2014. Perry, son of Elizabeth and Todd Price, scored the highest on math and economics tests as a senior and was the 6th in his cumulative grade average. His academic success was not without considerable effort. Perry was labeled Autistic in first grade by the Marcus Center in Atlanta (a consultant group recommended by the school system). His mom was told he would never read or hold a job. His mom did not accept this and worked closely with his teachers. Perry responded with an equal amount of determination.

All school personnel and parents who knew Perry expressed delight that Perry had been chosen as our scholarship recipient. Many noted that he was always polite. Others said he was a perfect gentleman and a genuinely well liked person. The school front office noted that he was a valuable office assistant. He handled calls, took messages, completed assigned projects and ran errands with professional skill. Perry plans to attend either West Georgia or Gordon State College in the fall. He would like to major in computer science and write novels. Both schools have offered to wave math courses and provide financial assistance. We wish Perry and his family continued success. Hopefully, his story will enable others to know that with hard work, dedicated teachers and a supportive family, success is possible.

We were delighted to have our first and second place winners and their families with us last Thursday Night. 1st: Jenna Toombs, 2nd Sydney Jackson

Lighthouse Report: Lion Marlene gave an update on clients from District O that have been seen in clinics, had exams, received glasses, had surgery, or were fitted for hearing aids since July of 2013.

Camp for the Blind: President Ricki reported that there have been some financial difficulties, and the budget has been redone. New officers will be elected at the joint Lighthouse/Camp meeting in Warner Robins on February 1-2, 2014. Work weekend schedules are not in place as of this time.

Salvation Army bell ringing: Lion Hannah reported that our club raised \$533.00, and the Manchester High School Key Club rang the bell on two Fridays at Piggly Wiggly in Manchester where they collected \$315.00 GRAND TOTAL was \$848.00

Fruit bags: Pres. Ricki reported that 75 bags were made up and delivered.

Empty Stocking Christmas: Lion Sonya reported that gifts were delivered to 20 children in 7 families. A food box was given to each family.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Club Shirts - Pres. Ricki stated we still do not have all the details worked out. (2) Coordination of meals for regular meetings: We will use Clinton's but there was some concern about the stability of Court Square Café. After some discussion, it was decided to give Court Square a chance if the same menus and costs given by the manager will now be honored. In the meanwhile, the club members may form several teams and prepare some of the meals.

(3) Since the meal for the next meeting should be steak and that meat is getting so expensive, it was decided that the members would prepare the meal. The menu will be: roast beef/some chicken - Marlene, party potatoes - Julie, Salad-Hannah, rolls - Sonya, tea-Claude, dessert-Pat and Tommy Adams.

Pres. Ricki displayed several banner patches from LCI. Lion Pat will sew them on.

After some discussion, it was decided that the secretary would send thank you notes to Sharon for stepping up and preparing tonight's meal at the last minute and one to Woodbury United Methodist Church for the use of their Family Life Center for our Christmas party.



CONGRATS to DG Chip Nedza
1stVDGE Larry Varnedoe
2ndVDGE Frank Lane



Chip Nedza
DISTRICT "N"

HEPHZIBAH = Annual Golf Tournament (May 2014) Fundraising Event / Campaign. Saturday, May 17, the Hephzibah Lions Club held our 16th annual Golf Tournament at Applewood Golf Course. There was a Putting contest, Hole in One prizes and prize for the Longest Yard. There was no winners of the Putting contest and no one got a Hole in One, but the real winners are the GLCB, the GA Lions Lighthouse and Leader Dog, all of whom donations will be sent from proceeds of the tournament.

RICHMOND HILL = Aid of Elderly Lady - Member gave an elderly lady \$400.00 to pay on her house note; they also spent 2 hours helping her at her home. Renovating civic services - Lion member volunteered 16 hours painting in the Methodist Church. Community Service - Change sign every Sunday to advise the community of the services offered to everyone. Every Sunday volunteer to greet members and visitors that attend services. Cut grass at the Presbyterian Church on workdays. Replaced bad wooden steps at the same Church. supply ice every Wednesday for gathering. Education - Lion Terry participated as a Moderator at Parents University's program to help determine the needs of parents of pre-school age children for future workshops. Food preparation and distribution - Lion member volunteered 4 hours preparing and delivering food to needy families in the Richmond Hill community also 1 Member delivered 98 meals in South Bryan County for the Soup Kitchen. Research - DGE Chip Nedza and Terry Nedza traveled to Oak Brook, Illinois to spend time at LCI's Headquarters researching information for a "Family Tree" project.

LIBERTY COASTAL L C = Sight for Students - aid to disadvantaged children. Presented Sight for Students program to Board of Education Social Workers and other interested parties. Met with lead school nurse. Work with Veterans Organizations aid to military families - Attended VVA meeting; dedication of VA Clinic; and work with providing information to surviving spouses of veterans. Provided Eye Exam and Glasses - Provided qualified individual with an eye exam and glasses. Exam also showed other problems with eyes that may require surgery in the future. Peace Poster Preparation - Met with school principal and BOE representative in preparation for upcoming school year and Peace Poster Contest. Eyeglasses Collection - Collected eyeglasses in 3 boxes in various businesses for a total of 150 pairs. Number of Eyeglasses Collected: 38

WAYCROSS OKEFENOKEE = Habitat for Humanity - aid to disadvantaged families. Misc assistance - aid to the elderly / disabled meals, yard work, etc. Lions of Georgia Follow Your Dream Talent Showcase = Fundraising Event / Campaign. Talent Contest to benefit GLCB Funds Raised: 900 Crocheting = other assistance to individuals. Flag Day = fundraising display American flags.



BAXLEY = Glasses aid to the vision /hearing impaired - Our vision and hearing conservation committee helped three individuals apply for assistance with their glasses through the GLLF. Visiting the Alma Lions Club - The club is changing to a noon meeting on the first Monday beginning in July. Four of our members visited the Alma Lions Club meeting to see how a noon meeting is done. Multi-District 18 Convention - Seven of our members participated in the state convention. Red Cross Bloodmobile - Our members promoted the Scheduled bloodmobile. Six of our members volunteered to help with registration, escorting, and serving snacks at the bloodmobile. GLCB - Our club helped one of our members pay the adult camp fee at the Georgia Lions Camp. District 18-N Talent Showcase - Two of our members helped sell refreshments at the talent show. Four others attended.



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

The MD GLT has continued with the Lions Clubs International's ("LCI") mission for identifying and developing, and training and developing leaders. Under LCI's "Identify[ing] and Develop[ing] Future Leaders", the GLT coordinators continue to:

- "Educate members about leadership development opportunities." The GLT coordinators provided information about leadership development opportunities, including LCI's Advanced Lions Leadership Institute ("ALLI") and the Lions Leadership Institute of the South ("LLIS"), as evidenced by the attendance at ALLI of 1 Georgia Lion and at LLIS of 3 Georgia Lions.

- "Encourage potential leaders." The GLT coordinators encouraged new leaders in their districts, including their replacements in all four districts. It is also noted that none of the future District Governors ("DGs") or Vice-District Governors ("VDGs") has served in these positions in the past.

- "Promote the active involvement" of leadership trained Lions. The district GLT coordinators each provided names of their trained Lions, and recommended them for training sessions during the state convention. Of the 14 sessions offered during the state convention, five will be taught or monitored by individuals who have never previously taught a session at state convention, including one current and one future GLT Coordinator; one 2014 LLIS graduate; and two will have panels consisting of Lions who have not presented at a state convention.

Under "Train[ing] . . . and Motivat[ing] Leaders":

- "Establish annual leadership development plan." The GLT coordinators have continued to work with the First VDGs in the development of their 2014-15 goals and leadership and membership plans, and future MD 18 GLT Coordinator Past Council Chair Mark Miller has scheduled a session to work with the 2014-17 GLT Coordinators and the 2014-15 DGs during the state convention, and during an orientation session in late June.

- "Ensure . . . vice governor training." All but one each of the District Governors-Elect ("DGEs") and 1st ("Vice District Governors-Elect"), and all of the 2nd VDGEs attended the DGE training in April in Macon, Georgia. Council Chair PDG Jon Winters assisted with this training. All of the Lions Clubs International ("LCI") courses were covered during the training session, which also included a discussion of district conventions and other MD 18 matters. Based on the funding provided by the MD 18 Council of Governors and Lions Clubs International, all participants were provided with some funding reimbursement.

- "Organize training for zone chairpersons, guiding Lions, and others." Zone chair training is offered during the state convention, and was offered during 18-N's convention. District 18-I has held its spring training session with a session for guiding Lions.

- "Ensure effective delivery of club officer training." Club officer training and secretary training are being offered during the state convention. 18-L has held its Lions University, including club officer training, and 18-I has held its spring training session for club officers. Districts 18-O and 18-N will be offering club officer training in June. Further, the GLT coordinators are available for personal instruction if needed.

- "Implement CEP workshops." CEP training was offered during the 18-N convention, and CEP is still in process from last year's classes in three districts.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Lions of Georgia as MD 18 GLT Coordinator. Thank you for this opportunity.

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

PCC Miller pointed out that there are 40,000 more Lions worldwide than this time last year. He stated that on a global basis GLT and GMT have made great strides. He discussed Multiple District GLT and GMT. 2nd VDGs and 2nd VDGEs are invited to be PCC Miller's guests at lunch today to discuss putting together a calendar for leadership training next year. Tomorrow morning all GLT and GMT teams will meet at 9:00 AM in Room 312 for a team effort to try to look at the goals for membership and leadership next year.

He stated that he and Jane Price have some initiatives they would like permission from the Council to start. They would like to do a Zone Chair Workshop and would like to hold it on a Saturday in July. They are asking the DGs to send key people to this event. While training Zone Chairs in the workshop they will also have an initiative for Certified Guiding Lion Facilitator training. PCC Miller stated that he and PDG Price would like to start an incentive program for Certified Guiding Lions. They would like to develop a Pin system with danglers. You would receive a pin when you complete Guiding Lion training. Danglers would be awarded depending on other accomplishments by the Certified Guiding Lion. DG Threatt, 18-N, made a motion to accept this proposal. Motion seconded by DG Rice, 18-L, and motion carried.

PCC Miller stated that he and PDG Price feel that with the consolidated effort, MD 18, two years from now, will have a positive gain in membership. He stated this is a realistic plan and objective and the Council needs to be a part of the team effort to build new clubs, foster existing clubs, and making clubs the key central core of our program in the Multiple District.



**Just imagine if every Lion, 1.35 million, asked one person to join their club...
Now imagine how much more Lions could do and how many more people they could serve!**

All it takes is asking one person...get started today!

- **Just Ask.** Use the **Just Ask! Guide** = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf> to lead your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth.
- **Promote your next meeting.** Spread the word about your club by using this [sample press release](#) below. It can be quickly and easily customized to include your club's information.

For More Information

[Name]

[Club Name]

[Phone Number]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 208 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.



Kansas Braille Transcription Institute



Who We Are = The Kansas Braille Transcription Institute, Inc. is a **non-profit corporation** dedicated to serving the visually impaired through the operation of an innovative Braille transcription center.

Our mission is threefold:

To utilize Library of Congress-certified Braille transcribers and state-of-the-art technologies in the production of Braille documents, and to provide quality repair and servicing of manual Braillewriter writing devices for the blind.

To provide **economically efficient methods** for saving learning institutions, state agencies, and the general public from the exorbitant costs of Braille production and avoidable legal action resulting from failures to adequately serve the visually impaired.

To operate the corporation in a way that actively recognizes the central role that nonprofit organizations play in the structure of a society.

History = In 1995 Randolph Cabral, Kansas Braille Transcription Institute's founder, began learning Braille to help his father. By 1996, Mr. Cabral had become a **Library of Congress Certified Brailleist**. In 1998, he began research into how post-secondary education institutions provided Braille-to-Braille-reading students.

He was dismayed to learn that these institutions lagged woefully behind K-12 in both awareness and provision of Braille. For example, blind students often had to wait a week longer than their sighted classmates for class handouts and course materials. Often times, Brailled textbooks could not be located or produced at all.

In 2000 Mr. Cabral founded KBTI as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization in an effort to rectify this situation as well as provide quality Braille transcription to the general public. By mid-2000, KBTI began operating as both a training and production facility in **properly formatted refreshable Braille transcription** and manual Braillewriter repair. KBTI additionally offers Large Print, Audio CD/MP3 formatted materials and has mass production capabilities.

Our Mission Statement = "To enhance the personal independence and opportunities of large print and Braille readers through an innovative centralized Braille transcription service."

Technology = **Adaptive hardware and software technologies** are becoming critical to properly serving the blind and other disabled communities, allowing them to have much greater functionality at both work and in the home.

Adaptive Technologies Include:

- Adaptive Hardware, Including Wireless Keyboards and other Input Devices for Persons with Physical Disabilities.
- Braille 2000 is an Innovative Braille Translator, that Translates Printed Text into Braille and Interfaces with Edit-PC.
- JAWS (Job Access With Speech) Software that Translates On-Screen Visual Output into Synthesized Speech.
- OPENBook Software that Translates Scanned Material and On-Screen Text into Synthesized Speech.
- Refreshable Braille Displays, Note Takers.
- The Duxbury Braille Translator that Translates Print Text into Braille in Many Different Languages and Grades.
- VersaPoint Braille Embossers that Print Double-Sided Braille Pages Electronically.

Braille Handbook for Boy Scouts: Not too long ago KBTI was contacted by a local Boy Scout troop that wanted to include a visually impaired boy. Apparently there are no copies of the Boy Scout Handbook in braille which makes it difficult for blind boys to follow and achieve without great assistance. So we've created the first official Braille Boy Scout Handbook.

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children: The NOPBC is an organization of parents with blind children. This group of parents considers blindness as a characteristic of their child, not a defining disability. We support the efforts of this group to encourage the climate of opportunity and understanding for parents.

In the coming months it's our goal to provide 1000 braille flags to the children as they learn about the history of the United States and the meaning behind our nation's symbol of freedom and unity.

If you haven't seen our braille flags, they are not simply a piece of paper with braille description, instead these are fully tactile flags of high-quality, weatherproof thermoform paper. Thermoform light-weight textile plastic material commonly used in the industry to the blind for reproduction of tactile graphics as it retains the raised images and Braille dots better than standard Braille paper.

The flag is unique in that it permits a person who is non-sighted to fully see (via touch) the raised stars and stripes, but the colors of the flag as well. The flag also features the American Pledge of Allegiance in print and raised Braille dots in grade one Braille. (Grade-one Braille was chosen as it can be read by both novice and seasoned Braille readers.)

Children who are blind are consistently taught the Braille color code. The color code is made up of an arrangement of three dots, very easily learned. However, for any person who is blind that may not have learned the color code or Braille, a separate "key" was created located at the lower portion of the flag that conveys that the smooth stripes are red, and the raised-grainy stripes are white stripes. Also within the key, a smaller raised graphic depicts the orientation of the fifty white stars on its blue canton (field).

We feel it's important for children to know and understand the place our flag holds in history. What better way than to let them "see" it.

Braille and Large Print Restaurant Menus



Individuals with visual impairments cannot read most restaurant menus. With few exceptions, area restaurants do not provide **Braille or large print menus** for their customers who are **blind or visually impaired**. Some points to consider:

- More than 750,000 individuals in Kansas report difficulty seeing or are unable to read a daily newspaper. These same individuals may experience further frustration with the typically low-light environments found in many restaurants. (Also see our [Blindness Information page](#) for statistics on blindness and visual impairment among adults in Kansas.)
- USA Today recently reported that nearly half of Americans over 65 develop at least one chronic eye-related disease. As Baby Boomers age, this number is expected to rise. This group, well known for its preference of dining out, may be most appreciative of a restaurant's willingness to accommodate them by providing appropriate menus.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations for public accommodations include Braille and Large Print materials as effective methods of ensuring that no individual with a visual impairment is denied service.

However, restaurant owners are becoming increasingly aware of the difficulties that exist for patrons who struggle with standard small-print menus, as well as how to better serve **blind patrons**. The Kansas Braille Transcription Institute is now offering menus in both Braille and large print.

For a tax-deductible donation of \$50.00, KBTI will reproduce your menu in Braille and/or large print. For orders, please see our order form below. For more information on how to have your menu or other documents produced in Braille, or Braille with large print, please contact us at info@kbt.org. Please note that one page of print usually translates into 2-3 pages of Braille.

Partial List of Restaurant Menus Produced by KBTI in Braille and/or Large Print:

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Chili's | • El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant | • Riverside Cafe |
| • Chipotle | • El Torrero | • Ryan's Steakhouse |
| • Chuck E. Cheese | • La Chinita | • Saigon |
| • Cici's Pizza | • On The Border | • Taco Loco |

For your Braille/Large Print Menu order of \$100.00 or more, you will also receive a free Braille American Flag (see above). To view and order a Braille American Flag, visit: **Braille American Flag** <http://www.kbt.org/store.html/>

Blind Student and Braille American Flag Meet

Though no longer attending school, the highly commendable actions of a blind Eagle Scout did not go unnoticed. Several notable Kansas Legislatures presented him with personalized certificates of recognition for his outstanding performance in his Kansas community, honoring his achievements as an Eagle Scout.

One particular Kansas Representative, Jim Howell of Derby, Kansas, went the extra mile. He not only presented this fine young Eagle Scout with a framed certificate in Braille, he also presented him with a Braille American Flag! State Representative Jim Howell personally drove several hours distance to do so!



Blind Eagle Scout presented with Braille American Flag
by Kansas State Representative

The efforts of many Viet Nam Veterans cannot go unrecognized or unappreciated either. One in particular is former Sgt. Walter Peters of Nashville, TN. A combat related blind Veteran. Like several blind and sighted Veterans, Walt is making it possible for blind Americans everywhere to "see" Old Glory in ways never before possible. This past Memorial Day, Walt joined with the Viet Nam Veterans of America to install a bronze version of the Braille American Flag at a Veterans Park in Gallatin, TN.

Viet Nam Vets of America Donate Braille Flag Monument

If you enjoy country music than you are not going to have a problem knowing the names of two of country's most celebrated artist: Mr. Tracy Lawrence and Mr. Ronnie Milsap! If you don't know who they are, then believe us, you owe it to yourself to do your homework. These men are legendary.

KBTI was especially honored to appear ON STAGE and present a framed Braille American Flag to the one and only Mr. Ronnie Milsap! What a night to remember!

Prior to accepting the Braille American Flag Mr. Milsap recounted to the packed audience having learned Braille at the age of 6 and music at the age of 9. He shared being told by a former teacher that he should rethink music, because as a blind person he could never expect to be successful.

But in case that teacher doesn't know it, Mr. Milsap is credited with six Grammy Awards and forty No. 1 country hits, third to George Strait and Conway Twitty. He was selected for induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2014.

Following the presentation of the Braille American Flag Mr. Milsap read out loud the Braille words on the Braille Flag: "For liberty and justice for all", and then ended his performance singing, America the Beautiful to a roaring and clapping crowd of fans, and friends, joined by KBTI staff members

Dear Lion,

It is truly an honor to serve as your new international president of Lions Clubs International. With my 40 years of service as a Lion, I know that we are much more than volunteers. We're an international family working together to strengthen our communities and the clubs we love.

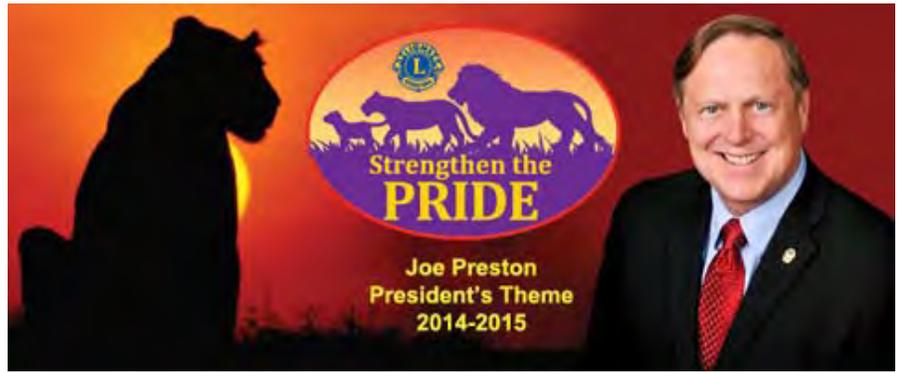
Being a Lion has meant so much to me, but I wouldn't be in the position to serve this great association if someone hadn't asked me to become a Lion.

I was just a 21-year-old starting a career when a local businessman invited me to lunch. He didn't tell me where we were going, but he took me to a lunch hosted by my local Lions club. It was such a great experience, and the club invited me back to the next meeting...and the meeting after that. And before long, I was a Lion.

As Lions, it's our mission to serve, but it's also our duty to ask new members to join our clubs. I hope you will join me in strengthening our membership and our service throughout the year. Together, we can strengthen the pride!

Together in service,

Joe Preston



Ask One!

Just imagine if every one of our 1.35 million Lions asked one person to join their club. Imagine the huge impact it would have on membership growth and the amount of service we can provide.

It starts by inviting one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join. Give them the opportunity to be a Lion, and give your club the opportunity to grow. Click the Ask1 image to get the tools you need to invite new members, then Ask One today!



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

Centennial Service Challenge!

Lions will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017, and I'm inviting you to be part of this special moment in our history. The [Centennial Service Challenge](#) encourages Lions around the world to help reach our goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017.

Lions can participate by supporting our Global Service Action Campaigns throughout the year: [Engaging Our Youth](#) in August, [Sharing the Vision](#) in October, [Relieving the Hunger](#) in December and January, and [Protecting Our Environment](#) in April. Let's celebrate 100 years of Lions Clubs International by doing what we do best: Making a global impact through service!



Fellow Lions,

Aloha Lions! The 98th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26th – June 30th, 2015.

Honolulu is like paradise. Over 100 beaches surround Honolulu, more than any other city in the on the earth. You can relax on the white sandy beaches of Waikiki, hike the magical trails on Diamond Head crater, and view incredible waterfalls such as Waimea and Maunawili Falls are among the many favorites not be missed.

Also, take time to explore the history Honolulu offers. The USS Arizona Memorial is a renowned portrayal of World War II, while the Pearl Harbor Park provides a sobering yet stunning piece of history that will never be forgotten.

In today's ever-changing world, Lions from all walks of life symbolize a 'ray of hope' in their commitment to touch the lives of those in need. LCI's convention offers a once-a-year opportunity to meet together to discuss the important matters of the day that will form the future of our association, and to create new friendships along the way.

Make plans now to join us for an experience to remember!

Hawaii Convention Center (HCC)

The hub of activity will be the [Hawaii Convention Center](#) where all of the plenary sessions will take place, as well as LCI's exhibits and seminars. We're sure you'll enjoy the convenience as well as the striking architecture of the HCC with its terraces, lanais, courtyards, waterfalls, and even some fishponds!

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

LCI's Headquarters Hotel, the [Sheraton Waikiki](#), is located in the heart of Waikiki Beach. It is beautifully appointed and surrounded by great shopping, dining options galore and breathtaking views.

[Register Now](#)

<http://hawaiilions2015.com/files/91478003.pdf>

Questions? E-mail us at: convention@lionsclubs.org



Dear Georgia Lions!

The past few months at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation have seen changes in staff, and resultant new energy! And, again, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse is on target to deliver more services to more indigent Georgians than ever!

Services and costs

From July 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014, the Lighthouse provided **4,690** patients with **vision services (eye examinations and eyewear)** at 26 clinics at a cost of \$66,905.95. [From July 1, 2012-April 30, 2013, the Lighthouse provided 3,900 patients with vision services at a cost of \$70,578.52]. Our numbers, therefore, continue to 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 **477 surgeries** at the actual cost of \$492,587.01, as a result of medical discounts of \$2,187,880.94. [From July 1, 2012-April 30, 2013, the Lighthouse provided 412 surgeries at an actual cost of \$397,364.29]. The Lighthouse has thus also increased its surgery services!

The **hearing aid** program served **1080** individuals with hearing aids, for a cost of \$638,443.54 for hearing aids, ear molds, and providers, and administrative fees of \$43,480.00, a total of \$681,923.54. [From July 1, 2012-April 30, 2013, the Lighthouse provided 768 people with hearing aids, for a cost of \$484,137.49]. The hearing aid program was funded by the Georgia Public Service Commission (\$594,000.00), client-co-pays (\$214,573.00), and grants from Fulton and DeKalb counties (totaling \$28,325.00).

Thus, as of April 30, 2014, the Lighthouse has provided vision and hearing services to over 6,247 indigent Georgians!

Finances

The 2013-14 budget set income and expenses at \$2,130,000.00. The income was to be generated from public support (such as from Lions Clubs, grants, and other collections) for 61% of the total budget and from revenue generated from the Lighthouse (such as client co-pays, salvage, rental income, the optical shop, special events, and the set-aside maintenance fund) for 39% of the total budget. As of April 30, 2014, the Lighthouse had collected \$1,130,736.00 from public support and \$402,484.00 from revenue for a total of \$1,533,220.00. Although income from memorials, Tom Bingham awards, White Cane, foundation gifts and grants, recycling, and special events declined, and the Lighthouse took no money from the Trust or the building maintenance fund, **income increased from Lions Clubs** (from \$86,200.81 in 2012-13 to **\$107,549.00 in 2013-14**), the optical lab (from \$53,130.00 in 2012-13 to \$59,290.00 in 2013-14), and from hearing fees (from \$147,952.00 in 2012-13 to 242,717.00 in 2013-14).

Lions Clubs across the state contributed to this increase in funding. In 18-L and 18-O, 46% of the clubs contributed in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$6,600. In 18-I, 61% of the clubs contributed in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$2,895. 18-N, 43% of the clubs contributed in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$12,088.76. **Every contribution, no matter the size, helps!!!**

The Lighthouse's largest fundraising event, **Night of Spectacles**, was delayed about five months in preparations, and that delay is reflected in a decrease of almost \$150,000.00 in donations. Night of Spectacles was, however, a wonderful event again this year, attended by more Lions than ever! **Each district governor attended** and all districts were represented by attending members! Please continue to support the Lighthouse and encourage your clubs to do the same so that more indigent Georgians can be served. As announced at the Lighthouse's February 1, 2014 Volunteer luncheon meeting, the club's former Associate Directors are now called "Lighthouse Liaison" to more accurately reflect their role in providing information about the Lighthouse to their club and in developing relationships between their club and the Lighthouse

Summer Service Numbers

1Jul12013 – 31May2014

District L

*Eye Exams: 1,099
Eye Glasses: 2,591
Eye Surgeries: 165
Hearing Aids: 860*

District I

*Eye Exams: 297
Eye Glasses: 815
Eye Surgeries: 99
Hearing Aids: 482*

District O

*Eye Exams: 400
Eye Glasses: 511
Eye Surgeries: 108
Hearing Aids: 490*

District N

*Eye Exams: 719
Eye Glasses: 998
Eye Surgeries: 138
Hearing Aids: 290*

Fiscal Year Totals:

*Eye Exams: 2,515
Eye Glasses: 4,915
Eye Surgeries: 510
Hearing Aids: 2,122*

Service Numbers

Service Numbers have hit all-time highs in the past several months! With over 6,500 services projected by year end, our goal for 2014-15 is over 7,000.



Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.

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



United States

Estimated Number of Cases by Vision Problem Age ≥ 40

Total Population ≥ 40	142,648,393
Vision Impairment & Blindness	4,195,966
Blindness	1,288,275
Vision Impairment	2,907,691
Refractive Error	
Myopia ≥ 1.0 diopters	34,119,279
Hyperopia ≥ 3.0 diopters	14,186,819
AMD*	2,069,403
Cataract	24,409,978
Diabetic Retinopathy	7,685,237
Glaucoma	2,719,379

* Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older

Georgia

Estimated Number of Cases by Vision Problem Age ≥ 40

Total Population ≥ 40	4,192,325
Vision Impairment & Blindness	96,011
Blindness	31,507
Vision Impairment	64,504
Refractive Error	
Myopia ≥ 1.0 diopters	974,697
Hyperopia ≥ 3.0 diopters	372,084
AMD*	47,025
Cataract	629,983
Diabetic Retinopathy	212,365
Glaucoma	82,642

* Age-related macular degeneration, age 50 and older

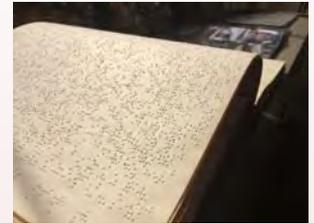
A Growing Team

We are so excited to have a growing staff! FY 2013-2014 has been an amazing year of progress and growth for the Lighthouse. See below for all of our newest additions:

- Kembra Landry, Development Director (December)
- Roberta Green, Executive Director (February)
- Caitlin Hammond, Development Specialist (February)
- Yadira Velasquez, Program Coordinator (May)
- Colin Poe, Associate Director of Marketing & Accounting (June)
- AmeriCorps VISTAS (May)
 - o Michael Zelin, Outreach Coordinator AmeriCorps VISTA
 - o Joi Stewart, Development Coordinator AmeriCorps VISTA
 - o Taylor Northern, Marketing Coordinator AmeriCorps VISTA

GLLF Lions Club Museum

Visit the first and only Lions Club History Museum at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Chamblee, GA. The museum showcases the rich history of Lionism in Georgia, Featuring over 400 historical items, including pieces donated by the Carter Center and 65 year old Braille Bible from the Statesboro Lions Club, comprised of 15 volumes.



To schedule a visit contact:
 Chip Nedza, Lions Club
 Historian | chip993@msn.com |
 912.756.3215 visit
www.lionslighthouse.org

Lighthouse Van in LCI Toronto Parade



◀ June	~ July 2014 ~					August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day 97 th	5 Int'l
6 Convention	7 Toronto,	8 Canada	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 CAMP FOR THE BLIND 38th Summer CAMP Lions Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

◀ July	~ August 2014 ~					September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Council of Governors Mtg, Tifton, Georgia
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					

◀ August	~ September 2014 ~						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11 USA -	12 Canada San Juan,	13 Forum Puerto Rico	
14 Cruise	15 -----	16 -----	17 -----	18 -----	19 -----	20 -----	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	Notes:				

◀ September	~ October 2014 ~						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4 North Metro 	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Savannah 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

◀ October	~ November 2014 ~					December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Council of Governors Mtg, Warner Robins, Georgia
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Jacksonville 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Notes:					

◀ November	~ December 2014 ~					January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Notes:		



From - Scott Eisenhart, Georgia Lions Camp President

Ladies, gentlemen and Lions of all ages,

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for the support you've shown me in being elected as President of the Georgia Lions Camp! I'd like to give you a brief introduction and my idea of where our camp is headed in the future. First off, my name is Lion Scott Eisenhart. I have been a Lion since 1999, complements of my wife, Jennifer. I come from a family of Lions. My wife, along with my two girls Ellie and Eliza are also Lions. I have held most of the positions within the club: 1st/2nd year directors, 1st/2nd VP, Tail Twister, Secretary and President. At the district level, I have been a zone chair, director for the camp, 18B VP, 18N VP Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. I have also served as the District Tail twister for 18B and 18N. I am a graduate of the South East Lions Leadership Institute and 100% Club President award.

My goals are to increase the number of campers that we serve, increase revenue, open the facility to outside sources, to expand our current services and to effectively promote our camp. It is also a goal to increase the active participation from the Lions of the state. As we all know, being Lions, the camp is one of the major Lions charities that we support. The camp is doing wonderful things for the visually impaired and will continue to do so!

Speaking of which: have you been to a Lions Day and have you seen what our camp does for these campers? This past weekend, Jennifer and I had the opportunity to pop in on the adult group and observe the camp in action. Our Lions Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, starting at 9:30 AM. We've got a day of activities planned. Come out and see your camp in action! See the difference our counselors and our camp has on these campers! You will not regret it, I can promise you! Lunch will be served. Our theme is Christmas in July. Lion Linda Selby will be sending out a registration form for Lions Day along with a wish list. Please send your reservations via email to SeaDog0824@yahoo.com (my email) between now and July 15th, from July 16th through 19th, please send them onto the camp secretary, Merri Blount at secretary@glcb.org.

Have you purchased a Memorial Garden Brick? If so, please make every effort to attend Lions Day to lay your brick. We will have folks available to help you, should you need assistance. Come and leave your mark on the camp! For those that haven't yet gotten your brick, I'm sure that our Memorial Garden Chairman, Carey Vanlandingham will have applications available so that you can purchase your little piece of the camp in a memorial brick.

On a different topic; do you like shopping online? Do you like supporting the camp? Now you can do both at the same time! www.Amazon.com, www.igive.com are just two websites that will donate a portion of your online sales to the charity of your choice. I'm relatively sure there are others out there, it's fast, it's easy and it's painless; you shop, the camp wins! Take a moment to check them out. There are no fees associate with either website. How about grocery shopping? We all have to go to the store for groceries. You can also link your Kroger rewards card to the camp and each time you swipe your Kroger card, the camp also gets a portion of your sales. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>, create an account and link your card to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. It's easy!

I look forward to hearing from you. Should you have a concern that you believe needs addressed, please send me an email or give me a call. I look forward to seeing you at Lions Day and elsewhere that our paths cross.

In Lions Service, Scott Eisenhart, Georgia Lions Camp President.

The Camp is in fair shape financially at this time. We are hoping that the Lions of GA will continue to support the Camp. Camp has already started their sessions and will continue to the middle of July.

Projects that have been completed at the Camp:

- 1) We had to repair the roof of the Activities Building,
- 2) the BBQ grill has a shelter over it,
- 3) the east end of the bathhouse has been concreted and screened in,
- 4) installed 6 RV plugs that will accommodate campers with 50 amp, 30 amps, 20 amps and water hook-ups. These plugs are south of the well and the water tank. If any Lion would like to come down and bring a camper, let the Buildings and Grounds Manager know in advance that you are coming. That way you will have a RV plug in. In the long range planning, we are adding some more plugs as funds become available.

Memorial Garden: We are going to again this year have a brick laying on Lions Day. If you have purchased a brick since July 2013 and would like to lay your own brick, be at Lions Day which is July 19. (The deadline for purchasing a brick will be the June 15. After that date we will start accepting applications for 2015.) The construction phase of the Memorial Garden is still underway. The Memorial Garden began as a fund raiser for the Camp. Funds raised last year were \$6,700 after the expenses of having the bricks engraved. This year we are close to the same number of bricks sold as last year.

News From The State Convention:

- 1) Via Constitution & By-laws, the name for our camp has been changed for corporation purposes to Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.
- 2) Article 5: Directors and Officers – the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasure, 1 Vice-President for each of the sub-districts (L-I-O-N), the M-18 Council Representative, and 1 Director from each sub-district. At all times Members of the Board of Directors shall consist of Lions Club members.
- 3) Section 6: In the event the office is President shall become vacant the Vice-Chair will assume the duties of the president. The Vice-Chair will be elected from the 4 Vice-Presidents.
- 4) Duties of the President will be adjusted to state appointments for special and standing committees, Committee Chairpersons, and Parliamentarian will be made by July 1 each year.



LIONS CARS n' CRAFTS DAY
Cars and Arts & Crafts Show benefitting the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind (GLCFB)
"KEEP THE CAMPIRES BURNING"
5828 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, Georgia 31503
OCTOBER 4, 2014, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Save the Date!
10-4

FEE SCHEDULE
Lions CARS n' CRAFTS Day 10-4-14

- \$100.00 from the 1st 100 registered includes car entry and a chance to win \$10,000.00!
- \$35.00 / show car at gate or after September 1st
- \$25.00 / show car pre-registered by September 1st
- 15% of gross for Food vendors with \$35.00 down
- \$35.00 outdoors-\$50.00 indoors no electricity
- \$100.00 indoors with electricity for Arts & Crafts vendors.
- \$5.00 spectator fee per vehicle at Entrance Gate. Everyone in one ride gets in for \$5.00!

For more information contact:
Event Organizer, Brenda Arnold
229-921-2793 text or call.
Email: brendaagle99@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/lionscarsandcrafts

YOUR CAMP NEEDS YOU!

The Camp for the Blind is organizing a new fundraiser to be held at the Camp in Waycross on October 11, 2014. This will be an Arts & Crafts and Car Show and need your help. Listed below are the volunteer opportunities we are looking to fill.

VENDER SERVICES

- Inviting Venders

MARKETING

- Taking Flyers to Travel Centers

LOGISTICS

- Booth Space Marking

WHAT DID YOU MISS?









Greetings!

Celebrations are well underway for the 75th Anniversary of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Our Open House on May 3 was fantastic and far exceeded expectations! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this exciting event! Most of the 1,000–1,500 visitors were here for the first time and without exception, every guest I spoke with was thoroughly enjoying all the activities, had wonderful questions and wanted to learn about Leader Dog. I was even able to meet Leader Dog Client Charles Hisner who drove all the way from Cincinnati, Ohio strictly for the event and I was able to personally sign the ownership transfer paperwork for his Leader Dog, Mason.



In addition to our Open House, many other things are currently happening here at Leader Dog. As this goes to print, we are preparing to say goodbye to our last class of this fiscal year. This group is representative of our typical classes—people of many ages, from many states and with diverse backgrounds.

In addition to our Open House, many other things are currently happening here at Leader Dog. As this goes to print, we are preparing to say goodbye to our last class of this fiscal year. This group is representative of our typical classes—people of many ages, from many states and with diverse backgrounds.

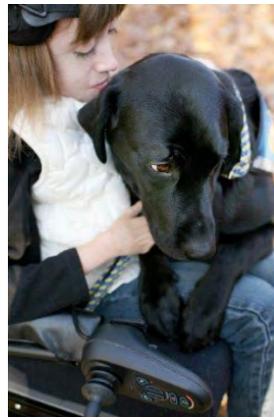
July 1 marks the beginning of the final year of our three-year strategic plan. Key initiatives of the plan, which are all moving forward, include delivering superior client experiences in all programs; breeding, raising and training dogs that meet LDB quality standards to meet annual client goals; achieving a superior level of team and volunteer engagement; and ensuring that philanthropy provides financial sustainability to support long-term operations and strategic plan initiatives. The project of redesigning our current kennel into a Canine Development Center falls within these initiatives, and that is also proceeding as planned. Additionally, we have begun working on our next strategic plan, which will guide us from 2015 through 2018.

Even though things are really “hopping” here, please know that we think of you, our loyal friends and supporters, each and every day. We are so appreciative of you and your continued support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Thank you for all that you do to help us make our mission a reality. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!
Sincerely,

Susan M. Daniels



Not Just Another Accessory



When Emily Cikra got the call inviting her to the May 2012 Team Training at the North Central Training Center, her initial reaction wasn't one of joy. “The embarrassing thought that came into my mind was that having a service dog would be another accessory to add to my arsenal of things that make me stand out,” she explains. “I already have a wheelchair, trach with occasional ventilator and sometimes a brace on my hand. It felt like a lot for people to take in as is and adding a dog to this mix felt over the top.”

But the Bay Village, Ohio resident chose to ignore those feelings and she is so thankful she did. Emily explains, “My service dog, Dash II, has done the exact opposite of what I feared. He has not added to my ‘disability accessories,’ he has actually detracted from them!”

With Dash by her side, Emily has found that people are more comfortable approaching her in public. “Often, once I've answered a few questions about Dash, people realize that although I am in a wheelchair, I am the same as anyone else,” she says. “Dash has helped to bridge a gap that shouldn't exist anyway—the gap between me as a woman with a disability and the rest of the able-bodied world.”

Dash assists Emily by picking up dropped items, opening doors, turning light switches on and off and pushing automatic door buttons. Emily's favorite command is “visit,” when Dash rests his head in her lap so she can give him some love.

“Canine Companions has given me the best gift I have ever received,” says Emily. “I truly desire for other people that would benefit from one of these amazing dogs to get one as soon as possible.” To that end, Emily is very active with the Northern Ohio volunteer group. She often speaks at community events, attends training sessions with puppy raisers and raises funds for the Cleveland DogFest Walk 'n Roll event.

What's Emily's advice for anyone who is thinking of applying for an assistance dog from Canine Companions? “Do it! You will not regret it!” she says. “Dash has exceeded my expectations in furthering my independence.”



State RFB&D Chair
Fred Smith
lionfredsmith@gmail.com

Blinded Marine Goes the Distance

*Great news from a great friend: Since he was blinded by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2004, retired U.S. Marine Corps serviceman **Michael Jernigan** has gone the distance – returning to college, advocating for wounded warriors, getting married, and building a vibrant, active life of service to others. We couldn't be more excited to post some good news that Mike and his wife, Leslie, have just sent along.*



I thought that I would let you know that Leslie and I have both graduated from the University of South Florida. Leslie finished her degree in psychology and I finished my degree in history.

Leslie will be transferring to Kyser University in Lakeland Florida and enrolling in a program to receive a second bachelor's degree in dietetics. She would like to become a registered dietician. I will be starting a full time job next week at Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. as a Community Outreach Coordinator. I am looking forward to going back to work with such a great organization.

We have finally done it! The degrees are finished and we are both moving on to different positions. I think that Leslie will be a great dietician and I know that I will thrive with SEDGI. We hope that you are doing well and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for all of your help over the last five years. I could not have finished my degree without Learning Ally and of course, Barbara Zustovich.

I still remember sitting in that presentation that you made to the Blinded Veterans Association in 2007 out in New Mexico. I was thinking that I will not need this organization. **Little did I know that only a couple of months later I would be calling frantically to get my textbooks!** Again, thank you for all of your help.

Semper Fidelis,
 Mike Jernigan

Watch a [video about Mike Jernigan's amazing story](#) on Learning Ally's YouTube page.



Mission Moment

Lightning Strikes for Roselyn

Roselyn was born with Leber's congenital amaurosis, a rare condition resulting in tunnel vision. As a senior at Ave Maria University, she has wrestled through many crowded hallways.

"It's crazy using a cane at school," she says. "I've tripped people, whacked people, and people run into me."

Now that Roselyn has met Lightning, her energetic yellow Labrador and new best friend, everything is about to get better.



"I'm more confident and I've become more trusting," she says. "I've always had my sisters as sighted guides - it will be cool not to depend on people."

Back home in Cape Coral and also at school near Naples, Roselyn's family and friends are excited and supportive, and Roselyn looks forward to her future with Lightning. "I can't wait to see how we will work together. We're going to make a great team. I'll graduate with him, start my first job with him, maybe even start a family with him by my side!"



Ryan Reed



After being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in Feb. 2011, during the highlight of his racing career, Ryan's approach in his life, career and goals in racing changed.

After being told he would never race again and with a strong effort to continue on, Ryan found Dr. Anne Peters, MD of USC Clinical Diabetes Program in California, who confirmed that with hard work, Ryan could still reach his dreams of becoming a top NASCAR driver.

Determined not to give up his lifelong dream of being a NASCAR driver, Reed eventually found a supportive endocrinologist who was able to help him manage his diabetes and stay on track – literally. He hired a personal trainer and works out for two-four hours each day. He installed an onboard drink system in his car, using a specially formulated protein/carbohydrate/sugar blend his doctor developed for him. He monitors his blood glucose levels continuously during a race, which can go on for several hours. And, he had a member of his pit crew trained to deliver insulin to him on an emergency basis, should the need arise.

Ryan has found himself in a unique situation and is driven to become a role model in the diabetes community. Ryan Reed formed his nonprofit organization, Ryan's Mission, to help build awareness, become a role model and positively touch the lives of so many that have already been affected by the disease.

Ryan and his Mission have joined forces with the American Diabetes Association. This unique collaboration with the Association to Drive to Stop DiabetesSM will use Ryan's story as the voice. The Drive to Stop Diabetes campaign will include

awareness and educational efforts at select NASCAR Nationwide races this year, as well as at several off track health and wellness initiatives throughout 2013. The Drive to Stop DiabetesSM mobile movement will focus attention to educating the community on all types of diabetes. The Drive to Stop DiabetesSM campaign, through Ryan's Mission 501(c)3, will donate 100 percent of all net-proceeds to the Association. Go to his web site to learn more:

http://drivetostopdiabetes.org/?_utma=22817145.431646178.1400509365.1400509365.1402500340.2&_utm=22817145.314.0.1402502149713&_utmc=22817145&_utmx=-&_utmz=22817145.1400509365.1.1.utmcsr=%28direct%29|utmccn=%28direct%29|utmcmd=%28none%29&_utmv=-&_utmk=219260570



Step Out takes place in 125 cities nationwide. With more than 120,000 walkers who are walking for so many, there are so many stories, and so many who have been touched by diabetes. It's your turn to share your story. Register today! » -

Engage students in a cause that needs to be addressed earlier in the lives of our children by forming a School Team. Not only is it a valuable lesson to teach kids the importance of supporting local community events, but they'll be a part of changing the future of diabetes.



Involve school leadership in promoting a team effort to Stop Diabetes throughout all grades in your child's school. Incentives or friendly competition between grades and/or classes is a great way to make the school team Step Out experience fun for all!



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.

"Where there is peace, there is harmony. Where there is harmony, people will be happy."

Lions Clubs International is celebrating the 26th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest, which was created to showcase the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. More than 400,000 students worldwide, ages 11-13, submitted posters to be considered for the grand prize or one of the contest's 23 merit awards. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Our World, Our Future." Singh represented his image of peace through children of different countries coming together to paint the world in peace. "Like me, other children also want to play with their friends. We can play when we are free from violence and war," said Singh. "Peace is [the] most loving word to me," said Singh. Singh will receive \$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 97th Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada. He will be accompanied by two family members and the president of the Moirang Lions Club in Manipur, India, which sponsored his local contest.

"The Peace Poster Contest is a great opportunity for our young people to share their vision of the world in a creative, positive way," said LCI President Barry Palmer. "The artwork these young people create is inspiring."

"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.

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>

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!

MD18 LEO

Stephen R. Helwig, Chair

ASSOCIATE DISTRICT LEO CLUB CHAIRPERSON

An associate district Leo club chairperson may be appointed by the Lions District Governor where no Leo district has been established. The appointee to this position is an active member of a Leo club which is in good standing. An associate district Leo club chairperson assists the district Leo club chairperson in promoting the Leo program and helps form new clubs. The name and address of the appointed associate district chairperson should be reported annually to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters. A special lapel tab will be provided for each reported associate district Leo club chairperson.

LCI Youth Programs will have courses specifically designed for Leos on the website in the near future. I was honored to have been able to not only present the courses to the Leos in Waycross but to discuss with YP the feedback I received from them as well as my own input/ideas. It appears that LCI is placing a greater emphasis on the Leo program (good to see!) and look forward to working with them in this area while I serve on the Leo Advisory Panel (one more year).

It has been my pleasure to serve the Leos and Lions of Georgia as State Chair. I am looking forward to working closely with next year's Leo and Lion Councils, my fellow committee members as we charter new clubs, develop current clubs, and continue/expand our efforts as a Leo multiple district. If it is the will of the Council I will be honored to serve next year.

2014 MD18 LEO GATHERING AND CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT

The 9th annual MD18 Leo Gathering and Conference was successfully held March 21-23, 2014 at our Georgia Lions Camp in Waycross.

While it was a smaller group than past years everyone enjoyed themselves and we once again completed many projects to help get the Camp ready for summer. Because of the smaller group most activities were held in the Dining Hall. MD18 Leo President Roselbia Carranza called us to order Friday evening and introduced her theme "Leos Banding Together in 2014". During the first Business Session I divided the Leos into teams, explained their assignment (coming up with one fundraiser and one service project Leo clubs could do to benefit Camp) then presented the first of two seminars, Building Effective Teams. After announcements we settled down for the night.

During breakfast Sat. morning Mike Williams outlined the projects and requested sign-ups. All the Leos were excited to tackle their assignments. Team #1 was assigned clean-up duty. Leo Courtney Lynn did a little "twisting of tail" then we all went out to our areas to begin work. I want to say here how proud I am of this group!

Mike commented on how dedicated and hard-working each of them were making sure each task was properly completed then asking for more to do!

During lunch I led the second of the two seminars Setting Goals (Clean up by Team #2). We then went outside, where the Leos formed two groups and did "The Star" icebreaker. On Friday night I had requested 5 volunteers. They were asked to write 3 goals, two fake and one real, and be prepared to explain the real one. Everyone had a great time trying to guess and some of the goals were VERY interesting!

We then held the MD18 Leo Council Meeting and covered a basic outline for Parliamentary Procedure and what a meeting agenda should look (Lion Brenda Arnold led this portion). After the Council meeting we gave the Leos time to rest, clean up, and work on their presentations.

Camp Director Kristen visited with us at dinner and showed us a short presentation on the Camp and the campers. We then presented her with a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the General Fund. Team#3 did clean-up and we all re-convened in the Activities Bldg. For Talent Night. We then had the kids make s'mores (a tradition!) and the kids set up a dance in the Gazebo that went on until lights-out.

I STILL don't know where these kids get their energy! Another tradition is our Nondenominational Sunrise Service held Sunday morning. Leo Chaplain Courtney Hall did an excellent job! The Tail-twisters were at it again during

breakfast and collected a total of \$44.35 during the weekend, which was voted by the Leos to be given to the Camp.

Everyone was given time to pack, load and clean the bunkhouses and then we reconvened in the Dining Hall for the second Business Session and the Annual Conference. MD18 Leo President Roselbia made a presentation on her goals and plans using the inverted pyramid (attached to this report). The session was turned over to Lion Brenda and her committee for the nominations, candidate speeches and elections. After the elections the teams made their presentations and we presented the individual recognitions. The Leo Council will be sending a list of the ideas to benefit the Camp the teams came up with to all Georgia Leo clubs. All attendees were then given the opportunity to make announcements or comments and we were adjourned until our next Council meeting at the State Convention in Macon. Teams 4 and 5 led the breakdown and final clean-up of the Dining Hall.

Leos were invited to attend Lions Day in July to see the MD18 Leo Brick (funds donated in 2013) ceremony.

CAMP PROJECTS COMPLETED:

Cut stump, Dug the holes and planted dogwood trees (approx. 50), Cleaned railing going to lake, Laid out sod behind bathhouse, Cleaned up sticks, pine cones, pine straw (raked as well), Put in concrete at Memorial Garden, Built cover for grill behind bathhouse

Special THANK-YOU'S TO:

The Camp for once again providing an excellent location to hold the G&C. Kristen for giving the moving presentation Sat. during dinner that helped us gain a greater appreciation for the reason why we worked so hard on the projects. Charles Lauderdale for making popcorn for everyone and him and his wife Norma Jean and for stepping in and taking care of purchasing the food and supplies (and her for all her hard work in the kitchen), Carey and Deena Van Landingham for assisting with work projects and in the kitchen, Mike and Gail Williams (Her for all her work in kitchen, him for coordinating all the work projects), Brenda Arnold for being the only other DC to come and especially for all her hard work getting the elections done properly and her husband Mike for stepping in on work projects, judging Talent Night, and doing whatever else was needed,

The adults who selflessly gave up their weekend to be with their Leos. As with every year I'm sure I'm forgetting someone so I apologize in advance to them.



Teaching Young Students to Serve



The Coventry Lions Cub program began when the principal of North Coventry Elementary School contacted Lions about starting a Leo club in his school. The students were too young to become Leos, but that didn't stop Lions from coming up with a new way to get youth involved in service. The first year of the Cub program was during the 2007-08 school year, with 179 students in five schools participating.

Today, Coventry Lions work with Lions Cubs to serve their community through activities such as book drives, eyeglass recycling, tree planting, sending care packages, fundraisers and more. The Cub program has become an excellent way to introduce the joys of community service to young children, and help them understand the importance of helping others.

Interested in starting a similar youth program in your community? Below is a Q & A with Lion Terry Stouffer of the Coventry Lions Club that addresses how the program was started.

Once the idea came along, how long did it take to get other Lions and the schools interested?

The elementary principal contacted me at the end of the school year in 2006. Over the summer, I contacted other principals and teachers in the district. By the end of the summer, every elementary school in our district was on board with the program! It was a big plus that I was a teacher in the district and had built a working relationship with all of our principals and many teachers.

We held a group meeting at the beginning of the school year and developed a plan to introduce the club idea to every school. I set up an orientation program for each of the schools in the district to promote the club.

How many hours are devoted to the Cub program on a regular basis?

The number of hours varies by school. We ask for a minimum of eight after school meetings, or one after school meeting per month. These meetings average one hour. The projects and service activities from each school help dictate the number of hours required.

You started with 179 kids. How many are still with the program?

The number varies slightly year to year – usually around 100 Cubs for the five schools, which averages out to 20 Cubs per school. This year there were 94 members.

How is the interaction between Cubs and Leos?

There have been a few service projects where Leos and Cubs worked together:

- Last year, Leos and Cubs prepared 500 seedlings for our community to be planted as part of the LCI Million Tree initiative.
-
- This school year, all of the Leo clubs and Cubs were involved in a book drive. The clubs just recently surpassed their goal of 5,000 books, which were distributed to poorer school districts in our immediate area and as far away as a New Jersey school affected by Hurricane Sandy.
-
- Other projects included the Leos visiting elementary schools during PTO Fairs, and helping Lions Cubs run games and events as a school fundraiser.
-

Children and young adults are the future of Lions. Find updates on the Cubs program on the [Coventry Lions Club website](http://coventrylions.org) = http://coventrylions.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=38:lion-cubs&Itemid=58&layout=default

Upcoming Events

Duck Derby August 8th

Time to adopt ducks for the **Duck Derby!** On August 8th, 10,000 rubber ducks will race at Six Flags White Water. You can adopt a single duck for \$5, or increase your chances by buying a quack pack of 7 ducks for \$30! If your duck is one of the first six to cross the finish line, you will win one of these amazing prizes: iPhone 5c 16 GB, .55 Carat Diamond Stud Earrings on 14K White Gold, Six Flags White Water Family Ticket Package, Surface RT Tablet 32 GB, \$300 Publix Gift Card, or a \$150 QuikTrip Gift Card! Visit www.AtlantaDuckDerby.com to adopt your ducks today!



Thank you to our sponsors **Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies, Rooms To Go Children's Fund, Allconnect, LAZ Parking, Whitaker Oil Company, Risk Placement Services, Precision Aviation Group, Dobbins Thrift Shoppe, Highwoods Properties, Sherwin-Williams, Craig Automotive, Dale Massey-State Farm Insurance, and North Georgia Replacement Windows.** Also thank you to Six Flags White Water and our media partner 94.9 The Bull.

Strike the R-word September 16th

Strike the R-word and bowl with former Atlanta Falcon and Georgia Bulldog Dj Shockley and other celebrity supporters Tuesday, September 16th at Bowlmor Atlanta. Enjoy bowling, food, silent auction, and goodie bags, while striking the r-word "retarded," which demeans and hurts people. For more information, contact **Wendy Bigham**.



16th Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic September 22nd

Join us on September 22nd at the Country Club of Roswell for the 16th Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic benefiting SOGA. Since 1999, this annual golf tournament has raised more than \$431,000 for our athletes. This year's tournament goal is to raise \$58,000! The fun-filled day will include a putting contest, shotgun start, hole contests, and an awards ceremony, reception, and silent auction at Aqua blue Restaurant.



Corporate sponsorships and player information. Registration Form.

For more information, contact **Susan Skolnick** or 770-414-9390 x111. Thank you Marlow's Tavern and past and current sponsors for your generous support over the years!



LCI NEWS



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out Lions News Network • LQ-Lions Quarterly ?

International President Joe Preston



2014-15 President's Theme: Strengthen the Pride

International President Joe Preston is encouraging Lions around the world to strengthen the pride this year.

Strengthen the Pride through Service. Service is the foundation of our association, so let's continue to build on it as we approach our Centennial.

- [Centennial Service Challenge](#) – Take part in our international service challenge to celebrate 100 years of Lions service!
- [Serve Children in Need](#) – Find out how your club can support and empower children in need.

Strengthen the Pride by Strengthening Your Club. Make sure your club is on track for success and growing to meet the needs of your community.

- [Ask One](#) – Looking for new members? Get the tools you need to energize your membership efforts and spread the word in your community.
- [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP) – Get your club performing at

its highest level through an interactive CEP workshop. Now available in two versions – CEP Pro and CEP Lite.

- [Club Blueprint](#) – Map out your plan for ongoing club success in three simple steps.

Strengthen the Pride through Creativity. Use technology to enhance your communications and create new connections with your community.

- [Online Tools](#) – Find new tools to increase your online presence and club efficiency.
- [Social Media](#) – Use the power of social media to promote your club and connect with new members.

Check out the [2014-15 President's awards](#) to learn how exceptional clubs and members can earn special recognition for strengthening the pride!

Announcing the Lions Centennial Service Challenge

In 2017, Lions will celebrate 100 years of service. The [Centennial Service Challenge](#) encourages Lions to help reach our goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in four [Global Service Action Campaigns](#): Engaging Our Youth in August, Sharing the Vision in October, Relieving the Hunger in December – January and Protecting Our Environment in April.

Let's celebrate 100 years by doing what Lions do best: making a global impact! More information will be available on the LCI website in August.

Membership Growth Starts with One



Imagine if every one of our 1.35 million

Lions asked one person to join a Lions club. Imagine the huge impact it would have on membership growth and the amount of service we can provide. It all starts by inviting one friend, family member or neighbor to join your club. Give them the opportunity to be a Lion and give your club the opportunity to grow. Get the tools you need to invite new members by visiting the [Ask One page](#) today!

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions are feeding children across the globe.

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.

[Engaging Our Youth](#)

Get ready for the August Global Service Action Campaign.

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.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Humanitarian service is at the heart of LCIF and Lions' work. Working together, Lions identify the most crucial needs, and LCIF supports them in humanitarian efforts that transform lives of people around the world.



What comes to mind when you think of LCIF and humanitarian needs?

LCIF is proud of all that Lions are able to accomplish worldwide! Learn more about the ways that LCIF can help Lions meet humanitarian needs on both a local and global scale on the [LCIF website](#).

Sincerely,

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Providing Life Skills for Students

LCIF's [Lions Quest](#) program has impacted more than 13 million students around the world through social and emotional learning. As a renowned program for positive life skills for youth, our partners are taking notice – NoVo Foundation recently [provided a US \\$300,000 grant](#) to support Lions Quest.



Lions Quest is also revising its printed curriculum. The resulting curriculum products will be more modern and relevant to issues facing today's youth, like bullying and career readiness. The revised program is scheduled to be ready in 2015.

Meeting Humanitarian Needs Globally

Numerous disaster relief grants have been awarded throughout the world to address flooding, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides and other natural disasters. One notable disaster was [Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines](#). LCIF quickly mobilized tents, water filtration units and millions in donations to support those affected. And, Lions remain on the ground assisting their communities by rebuilding homes.



In addition to disaster relief, LCIF provided many grants for Lions' projects to support local communities. Projects that provided needed hospital equipment, built centers for blind and disabled community members, purchased mobile health units, constructed schools for children in developing countries and more changed the lives of approximately 6.73 million people in the past year!

Empowering People with Disabilities

LCIF and Lions are helping people with disabilities to lead more independent, productive and fulfilling lives. Lions have built more than 1,000 handicapped-accessible homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We also support people with disabilities through training and services they need to improve their education and job prospects, while enhancing their day-to-day lives and emotional well-being.



Current humanitarian efforts include the [Opening Eyes](#) program, which helps Special



Olympics athletes see the finish line more clearly, while also improving their quality of life, and the [Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program](#), which provides low-income people with access to hearing aids to enhance their quality of life.

Addressing Global Health Issues

The Foundation also develops and implements programs that improve health for people worldwide. We are currently working to combat [measles](#) through strong partnerships that bring immunizations to those who are at-risk of the disease.



LCIF also supports Lions' efforts to address another global health risk - diabetes. Approximately 347 million people have diabetes, with the number projected to rise according to the World Health Organization. Through the [LCIF Core 4 Diabetes program](#), multi-year grants are awarded to large-scale Lions' efforts to support diabetes education, prevention and treatment programs. LCIF has supported Lions' diabetes initiatives in Turkey, France, Benin, the Republic of Korea, the United States and many other countries.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) FAQs

Q: Where does funding for LCIF projects come from?

A: The Foundation relies on contributions from Lions clubs and individual members to provide the millions of dollars of support for Lions projects throughout the world each year. LCIF does not receive support through annual club dues.

Q: Does LCIF have any recognition programs for donors?

A: LCIF has several recognition programs to recognize donors for their generous support. The two most common recognitions are the Contributing Member and the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) program. The Contributing Member program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support: US\$20, \$50, and \$100. The MJF program recognizes donations of US\$1,000 which can be accumulated over a number of years. For clubs whose current members are all MJFs, the club receives a 100 percent MJF banner. Only 338 of the more than 46,000 clubs worldwide are 100 percent MJF clubs. How close is your club? Contact LCIF to find out.

Q: How many grants did LCIF award in 2012-2013?

A: LCIF awarded 489 grants in 2012-2013, totaling over US\$39 million, to Lions for a variety of projects ranging from disaster relief to youth development to eye-care services. Each year, millions of people around the world benefit from projects funded by LCIF grants. Grant examples include US\$9,900 to purchase computer equipment for a vocational training center in Paraguay and US\$75,000 to replace the pool at Camp Echoing Hills a special needs camp in the United States.

Q: How do you apply for a grant from LCIF?

A: The foundation is designed to provide financial support for larger-scale Lions service projects initiated by groups of Lions clubs at the zone, region, or district level. All LCIF grant applications must have the appropriate endorsement by the area's leadership before the application is submitted. Each grant application is reviewed by the LCIF Board of Trustees. LCIF provides support in four areas of service: preserving sight, serving youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts. The deadlines for grant submissions are listed on the LCIF website.

Q: What are examples of typical projects for which Lions submit grants applications?

A: Typical projects include equipment for mobile health units, expansion of blind and low vision schools, improving clinics, and vision screening equipment.

Visit the LCIF website at www.lcif.org to learn more about LCIF's grant programs, Lions grant funded projects, and LCIF's 2012-2013 annual report.

Achievements

Having awarded more than US\$826 million in grant funding, LCIF has realized many accomplishments toward our mission of supporting Lions' community and global service. We're proud of these big numbers, but we're more proud of how we've reached people in need and created real change. With help from Lions, donors and partners, we hope to continue to add much more to our record of humanitarian community achievements. Here are just a few ways in which the Foundation has impacted people in need all around the world:

Sight Achievements

- Awarded 1,115 SightFirst grants in 102 countries for a total of more than US\$275 million
- Restored sight to 7.67 million people through cataract surgeries
- Prevented serious vision loss for more than 30 million
- Provided over 153 million treatments for river blindness
- Built or expanded 615 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Trained 664,000 eye care specialists
- Conducted more than 19 million vision screenings for children through Sight for Kids
- Launched the world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization, establishing or strengthening 34 pediatric eye care centers
- Provided management training for 275 facilities
- Raised more than US\$200 million for Campaign SightFirst II, making it the greatest fundraising effort in LCIF's history

Disaster Achievements

- Awarded a total of more than US\$100 million in disaster relief
- Mobilized US\$15 million following the South Asia tsunami, US\$5 million for Hurricane Katrina projects in four states, US\$3 million for the China earthquake, US\$6 million for the Haiti earthquake and US\$21 million for the Japan earthquake and tsunami

Youth Achievements

- Engaged more than 13 million students in the youth development program Lions Quest
- Trained more than 550,000 educators to implement Lions Quest in school and community settings
- Implementing Lions Quest in 85 countries
- Curriculum translated and adapted into 36 languages

Humanitarian Efforts Achievements

- Provided vision screening for more than 350,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries through Opening Eyes
- Provided vaccinations to 41 million people in Africa for the Lions-Measles Initiative pilot project
- Constructed more than 1,000 Habitat for Humanity homes for people with disabilities

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2015 MD 18 CONVENTION
 THE UGA TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER
 15 RDC ROAD, TIFTON, GA
 MAY 15 – 17, 2015



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)	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:	At 2014 Convention \$100.00	June 2 – Aug. 30, 2014 \$110.00	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2014 \$120.00
	Dec. 1, 2014 – Mar. 31, 2015 \$130.00	April 1– April 30, 2015 \$140.00	After deadline, May 1, 2015 \$145.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$25 each	Total Amt.	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash		Date Paid		Amount Paid:	\$

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LIONS OF GEORGIA MD18 CONVENTION
SEND FORM AND CHECK TO: Lion PDG Duncan Sinclair, Convention Treasurer
 569 Minisee Road, Moultrie, GA 31768

The official hotels are off I-75 · Exit 62 & Highway 82:
 Comfort Inn & Suites (905 West 7th Street, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8250) \$85* per night.
 Country Inn & Suites (901 7th St W, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8100) \$85* per night.
 Rooms are also available at:
 Holiday Inn Express (814 West 7th Street, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-3300) \$95* per night.
 Days Inn & Suites (1199 82W, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-8505) \$85* per night.
 *Applicable taxes will be added to all room rates.
 Don't forget to mention that you are with the Lions of Georgia.



Georgia Lions Magazine

1441 Burycove Circle, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043

<http://galions.org/md18.html>

