

Lions of Georgia

Lions Clubs International Foundation



Districts	
18-L	\$251,508.00
18-I	340,636.00
18-O	396,443.00
18-N	188,999.32
MD18	331,836.00
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State News



Council received reports or comments as follows:

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

PIP Ervin stated it was a pleasure to be at the meeting. He commended the Council on the leadership they continue to provide Georgia Lionism. He welcomed PID Beverly Roberts who was not able to attend meetings last year due to her mother’s illness. PID Roberts will be doing a presentation on Protocol. PIP Ervin stated that Protocol is extremely important, because when International Dignitaries come into our state we want them to know that we are not only dedicated Lions but professional in putting on a good program in the right manner.

PIP Ervin thanked PID Haynes Townsend for his continued involvement and stated that he has been appointed to a special study committee by the Board again this year . He is now working on the Forum Planning Committee. PCC Mark Miller has been extremely involved for the past few years in the training and now on the Forum, so Georgia Lions are being represented very well.

He stated that Dr. John Pearce is always available and has been the leader of leadership development for many years here in Georgia and on the International level as well. He is a great example of what is needed in someone sent to serve on the Board.

PIP Ervin stated that he is still heading up the GMT program in the US. He pointed out that this past year losses were cut equivalent to the losses in the U.S. by death. We can overcome this deficit if each DG will extend one club.

The State will be hosting an International Board meeting in Savannah. Dr. Yamada will be coming to Georgia in March of 2016 for another review of the facilities. Georgia Lions will have a responsibility to host one night. Funds will be needed for this project.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION KEMBRA SMITH:
ID Smith thanked Georgia Lions for their support during her campaign and stated she will do all she can to support Georgia Lions and the Lions of the world on the International Board.

ID Smith encouraged Governors to promote the “Ask One” Program. She stated that 2nd VDG Bob Norton was in the hotel lobby asking one this morning.

DGs have been asked to do induction of new members when they go to District Convention. Everyone should be prepared to conduct these inductions.

She encouraged Clubs in the state and the DGs to work on the Centennial Service Challenges proposed by the International President. Those are: Engaging our Youth; Protecting our environment; Sharing our Vision; and Relieving hunger. All Clubs are asked to do these four challenges for the next four years, building up to the centennial. There is a recognition program. She pointed out

that Constitution Day is one way to go ahead and do the “Engaging our Youth” category.

She stated that unfortunately she will have to miss the Georgia Lions State Convention this year due to another commitment.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – HAYNES TOWNSEND:
PID Townsend thanked everyone who worked on the campaign in Toronto. He stated it was a privilege to serve on the Centennial Committee with PIP Ervin. PIP Townsend stated that Joe Preston has asked him to serve on an Election Compliance Committee. He felt this would be an interesting committee to serve on.

PID Townsend offered his help to the Council in any way he can serve.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. BEVERLY A. ROBERTS:

PID Roberts stated it was a pleasure to be back. She stated she has had a few rough years, but she is feeling good and glad to be back. She pointed out that her mother lived to be 102 and only during the last few months of her life did she really have serious problems. She never lost her mental capacity; she did have a stroke and was unable to move or talk, but her eyes showed that she was “still there”. PID Roberts thanked everyone for their cards, calls and prayers.

She wished for the Council a successful year. She stated that she hopes to be active this year. She is available to help in any way possible.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. JOHN PEARCE:

Dr. Pearce stated that he gets to sit back and observe. He stated that last year he made a comment to challenge this council with. He pointed out that with all of the responsibilities that the Committee Chairs had last year, there was a significant number who did not show up at a council meeting and who did not submit a report. Early on this year, he challenged the Council to make sure that the Committee Chairs are indeed functioning and reporting so that the Council knows what’s going on in their particular area of responsibility. He suggested that the Governors who have committee chairs in their district could help the Council Chair follow up on some of the people and make sure they are engaged and assume their responsibilities and that they carry out the function they have been asked to do.

REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION – LION BONNIE KELLY, DG 18-0:

Lion Georgia Taylor, Convention General Chair for the 2015 Tifton State Convention, reported that everything is moving along smoothly. She reported that Council would like to have a luau for Friday and Saturday night. She encouraged Governors to get the word out.

The Callaway Gardens convention contract has been approved, and plans are moving forward.

REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION CHIP NEDZA, DG 18-N:

DG Chip Nedza, International Convention Chair, reported that the Southeastern Breakfast in Hawaii will be sponsored by Florida. DG Nedza stated that he has filed an application with LCI, and has approval for the Georgia Jamboree to take place on Sunday, June 28th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort, which is where the DGEs school will take place. He expects to have the same group perform for the Jamboree. DG Nedza has also filed the Parade application.

A. 2020 Atlanta International Convention Bid:

PCC Richard Brown stated that Past President Jimmy Carter filmed a video on behalf of Atlanta hosting the 2020 International Convention. This will be included when the bid is presented in November. The Staff at LCI will peruse the bid to make sure that all necessary information has been included; it will then be presented to the International Board and they will vote in the spring of next year.

ID Kembra Smith thanked the Lions for putting her in the position of International Director. She stated that she appreciates the support she has received from the Lions of Georgia. ID Smith was asked to serve as the liaison for the Board and told she would be very active in doing the presentation to the Board during the Board Meeting in Prague next year.

PIP Jim Ervin stated that this is a wonderful opportunity for the Lions of Georgia. He commended Richard and Jane for their work on this convention bid. He stated that Georgia Lions are fortunate to have President Carter film a video to present with the bid.

REPORT OF MD 18 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR – LION PDG MARK RICE:

PDG Rice stated that the LRP Committee is ready to receive directions from the Council on areas they need to address. He stated that at the last Council Meeting the committee was getting a survey together to send out to the Lions for their feedback on training, State Conventions, and other topics. This survey will be going out in the next few weeks.

REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG:

Printed report in file. CC Newby pointed out that \$250.00 is allotted in the budget for the State Leo Administrative Fund.

The MD18 Leo Council held a meeting 7/19 in conjunction with Lions Day at the Camp (I will forward Council Meeting Minutes when I receive). They assisted with the laying of the MD18 Leo brick in the Memorial Garden, played beep baseball with campers and Lions, and ate with the campers at lunch. Leos from Colquitt County came early and assisted with decorating the Activities Building then serving the meal. After the termination of Kristen and Merrie many of the counselors left so some of the Leos stepped in for the last week of camp. DC (O) Brenda Arnold stayed as well. Leos are committed to our Camp!

I am proud to announce that the Leo program in Georgia is continuing to grow! The new Leo club (jointly sponsored by Byron and Centerville Lions clubs) is holding their Charter Ceremony September 20th. I will not be able to attend but hope to have a representative there. The Toccoa Lions are meeting with representatives of the Mountain Education Charter H.S. 8/21 to discuss forming a Leo club. I am meeting on 8/28 with the Chickamauga Lions club to assist with re-activating their Leo club. I was contacted by Lions in Woodstock and Baxley about starting clubs in their communities. I am also in the process of re-activating my Leo club in Athens and converting it to a community-based club.

MD18 Leo President Roselbia Carranza and her officers have outlined a number of goals for this year. Of primary importance is getting current information for all Georgia Leo clubs and getting them involved with district and state activities. They are working on getting the MD18 Leo website (www.georgialeos.com) operational again. They are also challenging all Georgia Leo clubs to hold at least one fundraiser and one awareness event for our Camp this year. They feel that they are uniquely positioned to identify potential campers.

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

PDG Mizell stated that he continues to look for ideas for merchandise in the store. He is in the process of reworking the Flag Stands. Having a State flag and carrying flags to International Convention for marching in the parade will need to be discussed.

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP NEDZA:

DG Nedza stated that when he came back from Oak Brook, he has also been given access to much more information about the Lions of Georgia. He pointed out that Georgia is one of three states that has received information from card files. He stated that a listing of MJFs and PMJFs in Georgia is being sent to Council. He pointed out that Jimmy Carter was the first to receive a MJF in Georgia in 1978.

The Lions of Georgia Museum located at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse is the First Lions Museum in the World. I thank all the Lions for their generous contributions to the Museum and am grateful to be part of this significant project.

In June I visited LCI Headquarters in Oakbrook and copied all 750 files on the current and cancelled Clubs in MD 18 from 1919 to the present. I wish to Thank the Council for allowing me to travel to Oakbrook and am especially thankful to PIP Jim Ervin for making it happen.

Old Business:

A. Task Force for the Camp: PID Haynes Townsend stated that last year the Council appointed a Task Force to look at some specific things on the Camp. He felt that all of the things his Task Force was charged to do have been addressed at this point. He felt the camp is moving forward and the finances have improved. Leadership has been addressed. DG Hubbard made a motion that the same Task Force (with the exception of the representative from 18-L) continue to work side by side with the Camp until there is some stability. DG Nedza seconded the motion, and motion carried. PID Haynes asked Council to share their directives with the Task Force.

New Business:

A. DG Hubbard stated that after listening to the suggestions by Lion Mark Miller concerning the Campus Club Dues, she wanted to make a motion that Council go with the same structure as LCI (50% off for students 18-30 years old), so that the state will be consistent with LCI. DG Andrews, 18-L, seconded the motion and motion carried.

B. CC Newby stated that some of the Governors would like to see about setting up a committee to discuss Ethics. DG Hubbard made a motion to set up a State Ethics Committee set up and each Governor appoint a member to that committee and a Chair. DG Andrews seconded the motion. PID Townsend suggested Council contact Dennis Brining and Dan Colley, from Virginia, who put on the Ethics Seminar at the State Convention two years ago. Vote taken on motion. Motion carried.

C. The Lions Pins for 2014-2015 were discussed. Chair Newby stated that State Pin Committee Chair Ray Moore has recommended a proposed pin. Village Enterprises will make a 1 ¾ die struck soft enamel pin for \$1.49 per pin, delivery included. A richer looking pin in semi-cloisonné would cost \$1.57 per pin. DG Andrews made a motion that the semi-cloisonné pin be ordered. DG Nedza seconded the motion and motion carried.



Garner Andrews
DISTRICT "L"

West Cobb Lions Club

West Cobb Lions Club was founded in 1965 to serve the Powder Springs and West Cobb area and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in March. Although the club has shrunk in size over the past few years, it is one of the most active clubs in Cobb County. Its service activities include providing eye exams, eye glasses and hearing aids to local residents. It also provides eye screenings throughout the local community, and participated in two "Back-to-School" events this past summer. In addition, the club holds monthly Bingo games for residents of a local assisted living facility and donates school supplies to one of the local schools. The club has distributed collection boxes throughout the community and has donated over 30,000 pairs of eyeglasses, cell phones, and hearing aids to the Lighthouse.

We make donations to the Camp for the Blind, the Lighthouse, Learning Ally, Leader Dog, SE Guidedogs and LCIF. Some of the major fundraising projects of the club are the display of American Flags on Holidays for area businesses, the annual sale of Sno Kones at the Powder Springs Fourth of July Festival, an annual Yard Sale in the spring and the sale of Vidalia Onions in May. The club will add a new project, selling pecans, this fall. West Cobb can be found on Facebook at West Cobb Lions Club, and on the web at www.westcobblions.org

Some of the pictures - There were fireworks on the 4th of July in Powder Springs, and the West Cobb Lions Club added a bang of their own. They sold cool and tasty sno-kones at the celebration and surpassed all past years with a profit of \$975. The weather was perfect, so attendance was larger than past years and the demand for the sno-kones was greater than ever before. All of the Lions working the booth were kept very busy all evening.



The club's eye screenings at the 1st Baptist Church in Powder Springs on July 26 went very well, but the number of children the club screened was way down. Usually in the past we have screened 60 to 80, but this time we only had 21. There was no clear explanation as to why this happened. We were well prepared, but they just didn't show.



Our club is small...only 16 members, but are working on that. We do a lot for a club that size.



Vicki Hubbard
DISTRICT "F"

Jefferson Lions Club

Chartered 7/9/1951 the Jefferson Lions Club has been active within their county and community. Their service activities include helping with Habitat for Humanity, providing toys for children, collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lighthouse, providing Dictionaries to 3rd graders, supporting the Boys and Girls Club, provide eye exams, road clean-up, supports their LEO Club, collecting food for the needy, White Cane plus much more. An extremely active club with dedicated members.



ACTIVITIES consist of: Calendar Sales fundraiser ongoing, Selling tickets for GA Lions Camp for the Blind, Jefferson Christmas Parade, Procuring and giving toys for children at Christmas, Pancake sales, Calendar sales and their biggest fund raiser is their famous Auto Show. They enjoyed hosting the District Cabinet meetings and training workshops. In May Jefferson is bright with roses, lilies and Lions in their purple and gold vests. Long time Jefferson Lion, Don Lohmeier, participated in "Dancing with the Stars - Jackson County Style! and raised over \$10000 for the club" "The Lions Club Classic Car Show is held annually and, headed by Buddy and Dot Hunt, is always a sure-fire fund raiser. The funds raised by these different events all go to help our local community and state. The Jefferson Lions provide eye exams and glasses for those in need, support youth organizations, and sponsor youth events such as the Peace Poster Contest. Jefferson Lions Serve: locally and internationally."



Bonnie Kelly
DISTRICT "O"

Albany Lions Club

Our club supports:

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| Albany EMS, Fire Department, and High School Scholarships | Christmas Empty Stocking Club |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Green County | Lions Leader Dog School |
| Eyeglasses and Exams for the Needy | Lions Youth Exchange |
| Lions Camp for the Handicapped, Rosholt, WI | Lions Eye Bank Program |
| Shop With a Cop | Mended Hearts Albany Georgia |
| Evergreen Assisted Living | |

Albany—PIP Jim Ervin / from WALB-TV: ALBANY, GA (WALB) - Service dogs change the lives of the people they help. But they're expensive. Training costs about 36-thousand dollars. The Lions Club of Albany wants you to help them provide service dogs. Members will host a fundraiser at the Petsense in east Albany across from Walmart Saturday from 10 AM to 3PM. 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit the Leader Dog program. Jim Ervin says "The training they go through the time they spend with the dog so that they can bond together and know that they are going to be able to take care of the dog as well as the dog take care of them." Ervin also says people can drop by to find out more about being a part of the Lions Club helping improve the quality of life for those that need a helping hand. For more information on the Leader Dog program go to www.leaderdog.org

Joined forces with Terrell Co Humane Society, PetSense pet store ,Albany Lions, WALB TV station for a fund drive and education information about Leader Dogs and what they can do for the blind and disabled.



In addition to our many community service projects, our club offers custom hog roasting, catering, and banquet hall facilities.

- Custom Hog Roasting -- delivered to your site -- fresh and hot with famous Spring's BBQ sauce.
- Catering services available
- Banquet Hall rental available

Fundraisers:

- February - annual pancake breakfast
- Spring - rose sale
- June - car show
- August - steak fry
- Custom hog roasting
- Catering and banquet hall rental



Chip Nedza
DISTRICT "N"

Statesboro Lions Club

Braille Bible set donated to Statesboro Lions Club

By JULIE LAVENDER Herald Writer

The Statesboro Lions Club recently accepted a precious personal treasure and passed it along to a museum where it can be admired and appreciated by others.

An 18-volume complete Braille Bible was donated to the club by Statesboro resident Joan Slaght. The Bible set belonged to her sister, Linda Lea Salzman, who was blind when she was born in May 1948.

When she was 10, Salzman received the Braille Bible books from a New Jersey Lions Club, where Linda and her sister Joan lived. Linda lived in Middlesex County, New Jersey, for all but the last two years of her life, when she moved to assisted living in Morris County, New Jersey.



In 1958, 10-year-old Linda Lea Salzman, sister of Statesboro resident Joan Slaght, reads from one of the 18-volume set of the Braille Bible. Slaght and her husband, Dale, recently donated the collection to the Statesboro Lions Club for the Bibles to be placed in the Lighthouse Museum in Atlanta.

"When we were little, the Sunday school teacher would tell my sister what we would be studying the next week so that she could bring the correct volume with her to church," Slaght said of the large, heavy books.

Salzman died in April 2013. This year, Joan and her husband, Dale, retrieved the Bibles from New Jersey, made the trip back to Statesboro with all 18 books of the set and gave them to Sunday school friends, Lion Glen and Lioness Ann Hall, members of the Statesboro Lions Club. Hoping to preserve the beauty and sentimental value of the Bibles, Slaght returned them to Lions for use in the Lighthouse Museum in Atlanta.

The first of its kind, the Lighthouse Museum had a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony in mid-May. The museum houses Lions memorabilia from all over the world, including many pieces formerly owned by a lifelong Lion, former President Jimmy Carter.

From African headdresses presented to Carter to antique glasses and reading materials, the museum offers much history about services to the blind as provided by Lions Clubs all across the country.

Established in 1919 by business leaders in Chicago, the first Lions Club groups provided various services to those in need. But it was not until 1927, in response to a challenge by guest speaker Helen Keller at the Lions Club National Convention, when Lions Clubs began to focus on the needs of the blind.

Statesboro Lions Club President Sue Brannon and Roberta Green, the executive director of Georgia Lions Lighthouse, graciously accepted the Braille Bible volumes.

"It's a very valuable collection," Brannon said.

She added that with modern audio technology, the Braille Bibles are obsolete but added, "They're not out of date as a treasure."



Lions University Live in October

Brand new “degree” program for Lions leadership development going live October 1st! Do you have what it takes to get your BL, ML, or DL? Click here for everything you need to know about Lions University

Empowering Community Service Leaders

As a Lions Club leader, you understand that building strong communities through volunteer service is our objective. The Lions University program is about making sure that you have the skills and resources to meet this objective.

Through three degree programs, Lions Leaders will enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve their community.

To complete a degree, Lions must complete 10 required courses and at least 5 elective classes. To complete a course, the Lion takes part in an hour long training session. These sessions are offered online on this website, through periodic webinars that are posted on this website, and through live sessions led in Districts and Multiple Districts.

Once the training session is completed, the Lion takes a simple online test to confirm their learning. Upon completion, the Lion is awarded a certificate of course completion. Lions are welcome to complete the courses that interest them in any of the degree programs in any order they wish. Credit is given toward only the degree that the class is under.

- **Bachelor of Lions Degree:** This program allows Lions to develop the skills necessary to lead a vital Lions Club. Courses are directed to the skills needed to be great club leader. [Click here to learn more about this program.](http://www.lionsuniversity.org/bachelors-program/) <http://www.lionsuniversity.org/bachelors-program/>
- **Masters of Lions Degree:** This program focuses on giving support to clubs through district leaders. This degree is aimed at District Level leaders: District Governors, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, District Committee Chairs, Certified Guiding Lions, and other leaders that are ready to foster quality clubs in their District. [Click here to learn more about this program.](http://www.lionsuniversity.org/masters-program/) <http://www.lionsuniversity.org/masters-program/>
- **Doctorate of Lions Degree:** This program focuses on skills needed to be a training facilitator for adult volunteers. In effect, Lions with a Doctorate Degree are prepared to be great trainers of other Lions. [Click here to learn more about this program.](http://www.lionsuniversity.org/doctorate-program/) <http://www.lionsuniversity.org/doctorate-program/>

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

PCC Miller pointed out that the first Multiple District training event has been held this year. The northern training for Zone Chair and Certified Guiding Lion Facilitator training in July. 31 were trained at that event. This afternoon the southern Zone Chair training will begin immediately after the Council Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church. This will be for the Zone Chairs and also CGL Facilitator training.

Zone Chairs will be in a great position to be front line people to make club success happen. Certified Guiding Lions are your frontline people to help new or struggling clubs. They are instrumental in building and starting clubs to be successful.

PCC Miller stated that the second Wednesday in October, October 8th, the Multiple District will be hosting an online Certified Guiding Lion Webinar for anyone in the state wishing to complete the certified Guiding Lion training. Training will start at 7:00 PM. Districts should also hold Certified Guiding Lion Training at Zone Meetings and District events. GMT is active and they will be conducting the Dynamic Club Workshop again in the spring and will be conducted in each District in April and May.

A program started in Georgia, Lions University, is becoming live and real at the Forum this year. Lions University curriculum is perfect for Officer Training School; Officers can then go online, take the online test and receive credit for that which will include Certified Guiding Lion done through Lions University.



**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!**

Dear Lion,

As a leader in your Lions club, we want to remind you about the current new member pilot program in the United States that waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages.

The ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club. The program is only being offered in the United States.

Visit the Involve a U.S. Veteran Web page to learn more about this special program. You can download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release to help promote this program in your community.



http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/us-veteran-program.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5804%20US%20Veteran%20Program%20EN

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members leave the military and come home, let's provide them an opportunity to get involved in their communities and serve as Lions.

Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions. Take advantage of this special program to grow your club today!

Sincerely,

Scott Drumheller
Executive Administrator & Secretary
Lions Clubs International

REPORT OF MD 18 GMT CHAIR – LION JANE PRICE, PDG:

The state is well-poised to start the 2014-15 Lions year with well-written membership plans by each of the District Governors. All have set goals for the year and each is planning on chartering at least one new club. These plans have been provided to each of the District GMT Coordinators so they can plan their strategy to help achieve these goals. All of the District GMT Coordinators attended LCI-sponsored training at the end of June in Atlanta. Thanks to the MD18 GLT team, training is in process for the Zone chairs throughout the state and materials are being distributed for Certified Guiding Lion Facilitator training. The role of the MD18 GMT Coordinator is to facilitate communication and provide motivation and education as needed to assist with increasing membership, improving the member experience, and initiating new club development. LCI has many excellent membership programs that will be emphasized throughout the state this year. Examples of a few of these are: "Ask One", "Just Ask", "Membership Satisfaction Guide", "CEP/CEP Lite", "New Club Development". Qualified Guiding Lions continue to be a challenge for our state's GMT effort. Every new club formed should have two Guiding Lions assigned for the first two years of existence to help guide and support the new club during its formation period. As well, struggling existing clubs need a Guiding Lion assigned to them to help support them during their re-growth efforts. While LCI has a list of Certified Guiding Lions available on its website, we are discovering that this list is not necessarily accurate. Hopefully this year we can compile our own state-wide list of guiding lions by district that are available to help with club support functions. New club development initiatives will be starting in September and there should be more to report on this at the next Council meeting.



Can eSight help me to see?

eSight may be helpful for people with:

- **Macular Degeneration**
- **Diabetic Retinopathy**
- **Stargardt's Disease**
- **Ocular Albinism**
- **Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy**
- **Cone-Rod Dystrophy**
- **Some forms of Glaucoma**
- **Other low vision conditions**

eSight eyewear is currently recommended for those with visual acuity between 20/60 and 20/400.

Unfortunately, eSight eyewear is not suitable for those with severe tunnel vision at this time. Please read the [FAQ](#) summary to learn more about eSight.

What is eSight eyewear?

eSight is digital eyewear that enables people with low vision or legal blindness to actually see. Looking much like fit-over sunglasses, eSight eyewear uses an advanced, high-resolution video camera to capture what the wearer is looking at and delivers those video images to a controller with a highly sophisticated computer. The images are processed and then in real-time, projected onto two LED screens inside the eSight eyewear. In this way, eSight provides as near-normal vision as one's condition allows.

How does eSight eyewear help a person with low vision/blindness?

Even in damaged or diseased eyes, eSight can digitally optimize video in such a way that awakens the residual function of the remaining, functioning neurons or cones. The eSight-enhanced image causes the remaining photoreceptors to send an improved signal to the brain.

Who can benefit from eSight eyewear?

eSight eyewear helps people with low vision and legal blindness with a variety of low vision conditions, including:

- Macular Degeneration
- Stargardt's Disease
- Ocular Albinism
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy
- Cone-Rod Dystrophy
- Some forms of Glaucoma & Retinitis Pigmentosa

eSight eyewear is most effective for those with acuity between 20/60 and 20/400. It is important to note that eSight eyewear does not work for everybody with low vision / legal blindness.

What Features are included in eSight eyewear?

- Magnification from 1.5x to 14x
- Auto-focus enables the wearer to quickly change their view
- Separate contrast and brightness features accommodate different lighting
- Freeze capability allows the wearer to capture a still shot of an image
- Six custom color modes help the wearer make reading easier
- Software is easily updated via computer to keep eSight current
- Customized with the wearers own prescription lenses

- Unique tilt feature enables the wearer to alternate between walking and stationary activities like reading or watching TV

Will prescription lenses work with eSight Eyewear?

eSight eyewear includes the individual’s prescription lenses and is custom fit for maximum vision and comfort.

Will eSight work for people over the age of 75?

While we have eSight users who range in age from 8 to 88 years, we have found that a high level of comfort with technology is required. Seniors who use a computer daily to conduct online banking, use Skype to communicate or use a Tablet or Smartphone for tasks other than simple browsing or email, seem to become comfortable using eSight more easily than those who don’t have the same level of familiarity.

What makes eSight Eyewear different from other electronic low vision aids?

No other electronic low vision aid is mobile, hands free, and suitable for near, far, and mid-range tasks. All other low vision aids are designed for a single purpose.



Where is eSight eyewear available?

eSight eyewear is available to try on at select low vision clinics across the United States and Canada or through eSight Corporation.

Who invented eSight Eyewear?

eSight Corp. was founded by Conrad Lewis, an Ottawa, Canada technology entrepreneur personally touched by the profound impact of Stargardt’s disease on two of his sisters. Mr. Lewis assembled the best possible team of engineers and vision specialists to create eSight Eyewear.

Can I talk to someone who has purchased eSight Eyewear?

There are lots of eSight clients who would be willing to share their experiences. Please contact info@esightcorp.com to connect with an experienced user.

With which organizations is the company involved?

eSight is grateful for partnerships with leading Low Vision organizations such as [Chicago Lighthouse](#), the [CNIB](#) (formerly known as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind) and [the Foundation for Fighting Blindness](#).

As we developed eSight eyewear, our engineers received wise advice from researchers and clinicians at some of the world’s leading low vision organizations, including the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (Harvard university), the Wilmer Eye Institute (Johns Hopkins University), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Ottawa Eye Institute, the Centre for Sight Enhancement (University of Waterloo), and Ophthalmologists at Queen’s University in Kingston, Canada.

Regain Your Independence With eSight Eyewear!

eSight™ eyewear helps you to see again – to read books, to see faces of loved ones and to more fully engage in your surroundings. It modifies whatever you are looking at to maximize the effectiveness of your remaining eyesight. This eyewear is a new class of wearable, electronic assistive technology designed specifically for low vision. It incorporates a high-resolution video camera and a bright, high-contrast, “virtual” display for each eye.



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Join us in the fight against hunger

- One in six American's struggle with hunger*
- Walmart and its partners believe that if we all join together, we can work to reduce this number
- Walmart has committed to donate \$3 million to 50 local food banks for this challenge
- We need your vote to help decide which food banks should receive a share of this donation

Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program

September 21, 2014

Deadline: December 31, 2014

The [Walmart Foundation](#) is accepting applications through its Community Grant Program.

Through the program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations within the service area of individual Walmart stores in support of initiatives in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities.

To be eligible, an organization must be tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity (state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes); a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college, or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, visit the Walmart Foundation website.

"So your Clubs wants to Incorporate and become a 501c3"

Message from the Legal Division: New Member Benefit Program

I would like to share with you some exciting news about a new member benefit program. Lions Club International (LCI) has developed a successful relationship with CT, the industry leader in legal services. CT currently provides Registered Agent and other services for LCI. Through this relationship we have created a member service that will assist your Lions Club, District or Foundation ("Lions Organization") with incorporation filings, the formation of new Lions foundations and the completion of any other necessary filings at your Secretary of State office at substantial savings.

The services that CT provides are a cost-effective way to manage the business of maintaining your Lions Organization in good standing within the jurisdiction of your state or country. I encourage you to review the information below and to contact CT with any questions or requests. We are happy to bring this new member benefit program to you, and invite you to visit the CT booth at the upcoming USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan www.usacanadalionsforum.org.

Sincerely,
Scott Drumheller, General Counsel & Secretary
Legal Division, Lions Clubs International
1-630-574-5466 ext. 300
legal@lionsclubs.org

Why CT . . . CT, a Wolters Kluwer business

Since 1892, CT has pioneered the legal and corporate document services industry with innovative products and services. Today, CT is the first choice for organizations seeking a partner with unparalleled experience in corporate governance and compliance. They provide a unique combination of expert knowledge, innovative technology, local presence and commitment.

Registered Agent Services

As many of you are aware, a delay in delivery of critical legal and compliance documents can be costly. These documents are typically delivered to the Registered Agent of record. The Registered Agent of record in some instances has been a former officer or member who has moved or no longer has ties to the Lions club, district and/or foundation. This has resulted in missed responses to legal action or compliance matters. CT is able to provide delivery and tracking of these critical documents.

Naming CT as Registered Agent

All you need to do is call CT at **1-866-331-2303**. Any required forms will be prepared and filed on your behalf to name CT as your Lions club, district and/or foundation Registered Agent. As an added incentive for Lions clubs, districts and foundations, CT will waive its filing service charge and absorb all state filing fees associated with the change of agent. Evidence of the filing will be returned to you directly - it is that easy!

Formation (Incorporation) Services

CT will provide all the services to Incorporate your Non-Profit Lions club, district and/or foundation with the Secretary of State and put you in contact with The Foundation Group to assist your foundation with all its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status needs.

Annual Report Services

CT can assist in filing Annual Reports, which are required to maintain your Lions club, district and/or foundation in "good standing" with the Secretary of State. These filings are required in the jurisdictions in which the entity is registered. CT can handle the preparation and filing of these reports for Lions clubs, district and/or foundations.

International Services

For Lions clubs, districts and/or foundations outside of the United States, CT also offers similar services where available. For more information regarding International Services, call the CT International Team at **1-800-428-4685**.

Lions Clubs, Districts and Foundations Are Entitled to a Substantial Discount

Each Lions club, district and/or foundation may take advantage of these benefits at a substantial discount off published CT rates! Please refer to the Lions Clubs International/CT Rate Sheet for more details.

All it takes is one phone call

All you need to do is call CT at **1-866-331-2303** to change your Registered Agent to CT or to form a new Non-Profit, incorporated entity or foundation. If you prefer email, CT can be reached at LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com.

An idea was brought to my attention and I think it would be a great idea. Can you imagine a way to have camaraderie among different clubs and be able to travel together and enjoy not having to drive a long distance. As you know, we have Lions Day at the Camp on 20 July. How many of our Lions have never been down to the Camp? How many wish to go but really do not like driving?

Why not be able to charter a bus and spend Friday night - go to the Camp the following morning and return that afternoon - by letting someone else do the driving for us. We all would share the expense and be able to somewhat relax or have some good discussions on the way down and back.

Zone Chairs, let's find out if this might be a good idea and find out how many would come so we might be able to charter a bus or two or three. We have to get our Lions out and about.

Any other ideas - let's discuss.



Fellow Lions,

Our first Joint Meeting of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions Camp will be held November 8, 2014, at a new facility. We will be meeting at The Assembly Church, 6040 Watson Blvd., Byron, GA 31008. As you will notice, the church is located on the same street as the motel where we met last year.

Attached is the reservation form for the luncheon. Please send your reservations, along with payment, by the deadline shown on the form. This is the only way we can know how much food to order. There is also a list of motels in the immediate area. You should make your own reservations since we are not meeting at a motel, and there are no room blocks.

Also attached is a full schedule. Please note there will be no meetings on Sunday. All Camp/Lighthouse meetings will be held Saturday. There will also be a PDG Association meeting Saturday afternoon. The Council of Governors Work Session will be Friday night at the Centerville Lions Clubhouse. REMEMBER: ALL MEETINGS ON SATURDAY WILL BE AT THE CHURCH! All entrances into the church will be at the back (rear) of the church.

We look forward to seeing you for a great day of meetings and information from both our Lions Camp and Lions Lighthouse.



Georgia Lions
Lighthouse
Foundation

PCC Grace Clower
Lighthouse Chair

Lion Scott Eisenhart
Camp President



JOINT MEETING OF GA LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, GA LIONS CAMP, AND GA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE

November 7 – 8, 2014

Friday, November 7	
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Council of Governors Work Session (Centerville Lions Clubhouse)

Saturday, November 8		
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Camp Executive Board Meeting	
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Council of Governors Meeting	
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Lighthouse White Cane Meeting	Camp Awards, Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Buildings & Grounds
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Joint Luncheon & Program	
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lighthouse Information Meeting on Constitution Revision	Camp Personnel, Finance & Long Range Planning
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Lighthouse Board of Directors Meeting	Camp PR/Promotions, Fundraising & Elections & Nominations
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Camp Executive Board Meeting	
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Past District Governors Association Meeting	

Check page 23 for Registration Form



**Georgia Lions
Lighthouse Foundation**

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need



Dear Georgia Lions!

Date: September 16, 2014

Georgia Public Service Commission Vote Expands Pediatric Hearing
Children's hearing aids made affordable

Atlanta, GA – The Georgia Public Service Commission unanimously approved the unprecedented statewide expansion for funding of pediatric hearing. This expansion will allow nonprofit Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation's Hearing Program to serve children in families up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Services include hearing aids, ear molds, and appointments with a Lighthouse Foundation partner audiologist.

Lighthouse Foundation Executive Director Roberta Green said of the vote, "This is collaborative victory for pediatric hearing and Georgia's underserved population that further positions the Lighthouse Foundation (GLLF) and Georgia as a model for filling the gaps that still exist in legislation in affordable healthcare."

Commissioners Tim Echols, Stan Wise, Chuck Eaton, Doug Everett, Bubba McDonald and pediatric hearing initiative, Let Georgia Hear, have supported efforts to expand hearing services from the beginning, helping to gain funding support for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Hearing Program when it was re-launched in 2007. This decision changes the landscape of pediatric hearing services in the state of Georgia by increasing funding that allows a greater access to high quality, comprehensive hearing services for underinsured children in Georgia.

REPORT OF GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE BOARD CHAIR – LION GRACE CLOWER, PCC:

Our Georgia Lions Lighthouse is thriving. There are so many exciting things going on right now under the leadership of our Executive Director Roberta Green. The branch Lions club at the Lighthouse now has 16 members, and they have already planned projects. We are in the process of filing an application with Lions Clubs International to become a certified eyeglass recycling center. There are only 5 other certified recycling centers in the United States. With the departure of Lion Ken Massengale, Lion Harold Walker of the Snellville Lions Club will be the lead volunteer in the recycling center with the help of Lion Albert Green. We hope to operate the recycling center with all volunteer help. We have also applied for a \$75,000 grant from LCIF which will help fund our recycling center and provide new equipment for clinic use.

Our Lighthouse committees have been working hard since July 1st. They have developed committee charters (duties and responsibilities) and are working on Policy Manuals. Our Governance Committee has proposed, and the Board approved on August 16th, a revision to our Lighthouse Constitution. This revision will be announced, and the Lions of Georgia will be asked to vote on it at our Volunteer Meeting on January 31, 2015. A copy of the revision is attached.

During last fiscal year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014), at our 26 clinics, the Lighthouse provided eye exams to 2,769 clients and furnished eyeglasses to 5,384 clients at a cost of \$80,013.30. Our numbers continue to increase, and our cost decreases. The Lighthouse provided 576 surgeries at the cost of \$574,911.66. The number of surgeries is up from 412 in the previous year. There were medical discounts of \$2,672,883.61 which enabled us to help this many clients. The hearing aid program served 1,256 clients and placed 2,299 hearing aids. The cost was \$799,850.59. This was funded primarily by the Georgia Public Service Commission. We are excited about the possibility of receiving more funds from the Public Service Commission for a pediatric hearing aid program. We cannot forget the outstanding job our Optics Lab staff is doing. James Brooks and Peri Finch, with the help of volunteer John Rudert, have been producing approximately 600 pair of eyeglasses per month. We look for this number to continue to increase. Last year our Georgia Lions Lighthouse provided vision and hearing services to over 7,000 indigent Georgians.

**Summer Service
Numbers**
1Jul2013 – 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.

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



Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.





GLLF Lions Club Museum


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

Counties Served		Hearing Services			People
County	Surgery	Vision Clinic	Aids	Total	Served
People	579	5,705	1,242	7,526	7,526

District L		6/30/2014				
Counties Served			Hearing Services		People	
County	Surgery	Vision Clinic	Aids	Total	Served	
Bartow	2	16	26	44	27	
Butts	1	1	13	15	9	
Carroll	6	95	54	155	96	
Catoosa	4	1	15	20	13	
Chattooga	0	0	9	9	5	
Cherokee	6	16	31	53	34	
Clayton	19	243	56	318	212	
Cobb	37	321	111	469	304	
Coweta	5	25	50	80	49	
Dade	4	0	2	6	5	
Douglas	18	117	19	154	108	
Fannin	5	1	11	17	12	
Fayette	4	199	22	225	151	
Floyd	5	37	17	59	39	
Fulton	4	2,017	249	2,270	1,519	
Gilmer	7	1	15	23	16	
Gordon	12	1	11	24	19	
Haralson	8	26	7	41	30	
Heard	0	1	6	7	4	
Henry	19	71	31	121	74	
Murray	0	18	24	42	25	
Paulding	3	23	20	46	30	
Pickens	3	0	31	34	20	
Polk	1	13	13	27	17	
Spalding	5	9	20	34	22	
Walker	1	9	13	23	14	
Whitfield	8	23	46	77	48	
District L	187	3,284	922	4,393	2,902	

District I		6/30/2014				
Counties Served			Hearing Services		People	
County	Surgery	Vision Clinic	Aids	Total	Served	
Banks	2	3	6	11	7	
Barrow	1	62	4	67	45	
Clarke	2	259	15	276	182	
Columbia	1	22	6	29	19	
Dawson	5	50	1	56	40	
Dekalb	2	942	167	1,111	727	
Elbert	3	3	7	13	9	
Forsyth	3	23	19	45	29	
Franklin	5	13	0	18	14	
Greene	0	3	11	14	8	
Gwinnett	32	393	91	516	348	
Habersham	10	6	6	22	17	
Hall	3	29	22	54	34	
Hart	0	10	1	11	8	
Jackson	4	59	11	74	50	
Jasper	0	7	0	7	5	
Lincoln	0	0	2	2	1	
Lumpkin	2	29	7	38	26	
Madison	3	41	1	45	31	
McDuffie	2	3	7	12	8	
Morgan	1	4	6	11	7	
Newton	7	31	15	53	36	
Oconee	0	25	2	27	18	
Oglethorpe	0	12	6	18	11	
Putnam	6	0	7	13	10	
Rabun	0	0	20	20	11	
Rockdale	9	52	9	70	49	
Stephens	6	61	9	76	71	
Taliaferro	0	0	2	2	1	
Towns	0	0	11	11	6	
Union	3	0	26	29	17	
Walton	5	13	19	37	24	
Warren	0	7	0	7	5	
White	4	4	2	10	8	
Wilkes	0	3	6	9	5	
District I	121	2,169	524	2,814	1,887	

<i>~ October 2014 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Sharing the Vision Global Service Action Campaign	2	3	4 North Metro  American Diabetes Association
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Savannah  Dist O = 2 nd Cabinet Meeting - Cordele
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Dist I = 2 nd Cabinet Meeting/Hall of Fame Rally – Watkinsville Dist L = 2 nd Cabinet Meeting/Halloween Party
26	27	28 Augusta Lions Club - annual golf tournament - Forest Hills Golf Course	29	30	31	Notes:

<i>~ November 2014 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1
2 Lions Diabetes Awareness Month	3	4	5	6	7	8 Council of Governors Mtg, Warner Robins, Georgia
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Dist N = 2 nd Cabinet Meeting Little Ocmulgee State Park, Mc Rae
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Jacksonville  American Diabetes Association
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Notes:					

~ December 2014 ~

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

~ January 2015 ~

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

~ February 2015 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dist O = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention - Americus

~ March 2015 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Eye Donor Awareness Month	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dist I = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention – Foundry Park Inn, 295 E Dougherty St, Athens
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins / International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Dist N = 3rd Cabinet Rally/Convention Little Ocmulgee State Park, Mc Rae
15	16	17	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21 Dist L = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention, Douglasville
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes:			



Help Brian Keep The Campfires Burning

THE STORY:



My name is Brian Donegan. I am proud Lion and I serve as the President of the Lawrenceville (GA) Lions Club and I am the District's "Keep The Campfires Burning" Chairman on behalf of the Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind in Waycross. As a kid I spent a decade of summers as a camper down there breaking boundaries, beating odds, learning life lessons and having fun with blind and visually impaired kids my own age. I was able to do this without any cost to my parents (thanks to the Lions Club) and I would like to do my part to see that future generations of Georgia's blind

and visually impaired children have the same (if not better) opportunities and experiences.

So what did I learn and experience? I learned how to make my own bed. I picked blueberries and helped make homemade ice cream, I rode my first waterside and attended my very first baseball game (conquering a fear of large crowds). I conquered my fear of thunderstorms. I learned how to swim, ride horses, fish, and paddle a canoe through the Okefenokee Swamp. I attended my first dance and sang in front of an audience for the first time. More importantly, I did these things with other blind and visually impaired peers who had the same or similar challenges that I faced. We all could relate with each other and we were able to have fun and be "free" for a week or two. I have carried the many memories with me and they helped me become the person I am today.

That is why I am raising money to "Keep The Campfires Burning" down at the Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind. The camp is 100% funded by private funds raised by Lions across Georgia. I very much appreciate your help and I know the Camp and the campers will too. Please help me "Keep The Campfires Burning!"

"Christmas Camp is for the Camper!" and that is our theme as we are planning Christmas Camp for December 5-7th. We are asking the Lions of Georgia to put on their Santa hats to help make the Camp a huge success. We are planning to take the campers shopping for gifts for others in need. We are working on gathering the wish lists from the Marine Corps and Wish Tree at Walmart. Please send Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$25.00. That way we can insure that every camper has a card to purchase gifts with. If we collect more that would be a win-win situation. Your donation will be credited to your club, so be sure to mark the card accordingly.

We are also looking for a few good men and women to volunteer as counselors for the weekend. You will need to get a background check and mail it to the Camp as well as complete a volunteer application. Please contact Gail Williams at the Camp for the volunteer application. We want you to get your own background check to save the Camp funds. Arrival of volunteers should be around lunch time on Friday, and you can leave right after the Campers do on Sunday morning. The pay is low, the blessings will be huge, and the food will be great, so please volunteer today.

Also, we are looking for a nurse to volunteer for the weekend. The perks are better; he or she will get their own room and shower as well as the huge blessings. If you know someone who might be interested, please forward this appeal.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In service,
Brenda Arnold
Christmas Camp director
brendagale69@gmail.com

PAYROLL DONATION

If you are a State of Georgia or Federal employee, you can donate to the Georgia Lions' Camp by using a payroll deduction. The camp is listed as Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind and the account number for the State SCCP is 141000 and the Federal CFC is 65792.

Number of Children that attended Camp this summer (117): Florida-3, North Carolina-1

District L: Bartow-2, Carroll-2, Catoosa-1, Cherokee-3, Clayton-4, Cobb-3, Fayette-1, Fulton-6, Gilmer-1, Gordon-1, Henry-3, Paulding-1, Pickens-1

District I: Barrow – 2, Columbia – 1, DeKalb – 5, Elbert – 1, Forsyth – 2, Gwinnett – 4, Hall – 3, McDuffie – 1, Newton – 1, Oconee – 1, Rabun – 1, Wilkes – 2

District O: Berrien-1, Bibb-7, Bleckley-1, Brooks-2, Cook-1, Crawford-2, Decatur-3, Grady-1, Houston-4, Lowndes-1, Muscogee-2, Randolph-1, Sumter-1, Tift-2, Troup-3, Turner-1, Upson-1

District N: Appling-3, Baldwin-4, Bryan-2, Chatham-3, Coffee-1, Effingham-1, Glenn-1, Hancock-1, Laurens-2, Pierce-3, Richmond-2, Tattnall-1, Treutlen-1, Wayne-2, Wilkinson-1

GEORGIAL LIONS CAMP SUMMARY OPERATING FINANCES				
2008		to		2014
(not including transfers from Investment Funds or Restricted Funds)				
OPERATING INCOME				
AVERAGE YEAR	TOTAL	Transferred from PER MO.	Investment Fund	
2008-2009	\$277,528	\$23,127	35,000	
2009-2010	\$203,283	\$16,940	35,000	
2010-2011	\$229,614	\$19,135	50,000	
2011-2012	\$244,098	\$20,342	-	
2012-2013	\$266,426	\$22,202	100,000	
2013-2014	\$268,102	\$22,342	(15,000)	Transferred back to Investment Fund
AVERAGE	\$248,175	\$20,681		
OPERATING EXPENSES				
AVERAGE YEAR	TOTAL	PER MO.		
2008-2009	281,784	23,482		
2009-2010	243,306	20,276		
2010-2011	266,104	22,175		
2011-2012	280,710	23,392		
2012-2013	302,703	25,225		
2013-2014	266,319	22,193		
AVERAGE	273,488	22,791		

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The LRPC is seeking input from the Lions of Georgia in preparation for developing a Long Range Plan for the Georgia Lions Camp. Please send your suggestions, comments, opinions, and recommendations to Dave Forrest – Chair of the LRPC. We, the committee, are considering the future years of 1, 3, 5, and 10 as our targets. Please consider the present condition of the camp and expand your thoughts. Thank you for your input in the future planning of the Georgia Lions Camp.

Dave Forrest, LRPC Chair

Email: forrestfamily@winstream.net Phone: 706 472 3862

**JOINT MEETING
OF
GEORGIA LIGHTHOUSE and GEORGIA CAMP
REGISTRATION**

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2014

LOCATION: The Assembly at Warner Robins
6040 Watson Blvd., Bryon, GA

Cost: \$12.00 per person (includes lunch)

Name	Club	#	Amount
TOTAL			

Contact Information: Name: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Grace Clower ** MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 26th ******
We will have to guarantee reservations with caterer

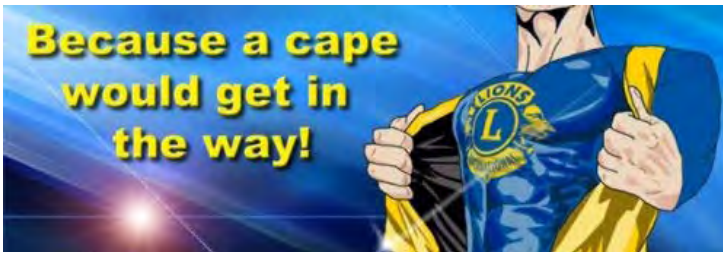
MAIL TO: Lion Bonnie Linscott
2836 Abilene Trail
Snellville GA 30078

Questions/Info Contact: Bonnie Linscott
Email: bonhome@bellsouth.net
Telephone: 770/972-4291

The format has been changed to have all meetings held in one day; no block of rooms have been arranged. If you will be staying overnight, the following is a list of motels/hotels near the church where Saturday meetings will take place. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH MOTEL/HOTEL of your choice, using discount (AAA Auto, AARP, etc.) available to you.**

- Quality Suites 478-333-6940
- Wingate Inn 478-333-6650
- Hampton Inn 478-953-9443
- Hilton Garden Inn 478-971-1550
- Fairfield Inn 478-953-4200
- Holiday Inn Express 478-333-2737 (Brand new hotel)

WHAT DID YOU MISS?



WHAT A WAY FOR LIONS TO GET TOGETHER





Let's be prepared for next year. Many Lions got together – even the ones that did not know each other and developed a new relationship. They can't wait to see each other again – maybe at the State Convention or the Braves game next year. This is why we enjoy being Lions – a great way of enjoying ourselves and meeting friends we might not have seen for awhile.

We want to hear from you – when is the best time you want us to set-up the next date? We would like for all the LEO's to be able to come to the game – also any Little League players or any other teams. This is not only for Lions but also for young adults who like to get involved. Please let me know what you think?

Pam Schloemer
 B 770 237-9173, Ext 101 = C 770 298-0215
 E pam@schloemerbusiness.com

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.

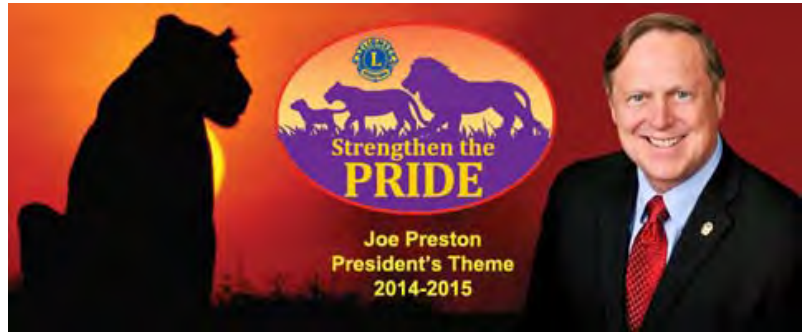
Being a Lion has meant so much to me, but I wouldn't be in the position to serve this great association if someone hadn't asked me to become a Lion.

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!

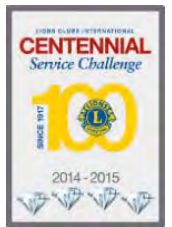


*Have you seen this sign around?
Let us know what you think*

Centennial Service Challenge!

Centennial Service Challenge!

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017! I'm inviting you to be part of this special moment in our history by supporting a new global service initiative to celebrate our Centennial.



The Centennial Service Challenge encourages Lions around the world to serve 100 million people by December 2017. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal. Here's how you can join the Centennial Service Challenge:

- **Host service projects** throughout the year that impact Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment.
- **Report your service activities** through the Service Activity Report on MyLCI.
- **Earn a Centennial Banner Patch** with a progressive gemstone design for each year your club participates.

As Lions, we know that a single act of service can change a life. But when 1.35 million members come together to serve, we can change the world.

Learn more about the [Centennial Service Challenge](http://lions100.org/EN/centennial-service-challenge.php), and share it with your club today. Then start planning your next service project to help us meet our goal of serving 100 million people. There's never been a better time to serve than now!

<http://lions100.org/EN/centennial-service-challenge.php>





Greetings!

We've had 40 clients that either had accelerated seven-day residential orientation and mobility or received a Leader Dog.

Cobb	Dougherty	Fulton
Athens-Clarke		Richmond
Glynn	Peach	Carroll
Walker	White	Muscogee
Douglas	Columbia	Fayette
Hall	Meriwether	Butts
Clayton Gwinnett		Morgan
Stephens	Newton	Fayette
Catoosa Floyd	Chatham	Gordon

Founded by three Detroit-area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a lifetime of independent travel. Our mission is to provide the media with prompt, accurate information while protecting the privacy and security of the Leader Dog clients we serve. Please be aware that a "Leader Dog" is the proper name for a dog that has graduated from our training programs. The generic term is "guide dog." We refer to the people who take our training as "clients," whether they are training with Leader Dogs or participating in "orientation and mobility" (O&M) training, which involves the use of white canes and other tools to improve independent mobility without a guide dog. Above average O&M skills are a prerequisite for guide dog training. All Leader Dogs for the Blind training, including dogs and O&M tools and even travel and lodging, is provided free of charge to our clients thanks to the generosity of our donors.

I have a wonderful dog, Hunnie, and in just a few weeks we will be graduating from Defiance College. She has been so much help and without her I know going to classes would have been difficult. So before I get even busier with graduation, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HUNNIE.



LD Hunnie

Lora Armstrong - Facebook post on March 30, 2014

Sincerely,

Susan M. Daniels



Boy's Wish Granted

Coeur d'Alene, ID (SEPTEMBER 11, 2014) – Last winter, Make-A-Wish Idaho received a request to grant six-year-old Luke's wish to have a companion dog. Luke is eligible to receive a wish because he has a degenerative brain disease called GM1 Gangliosidosis, which has compromised his ability to speak and walk. Luke enjoys horse therapy and loves looking at his dog picture book, so his parents and medical team decided that a gentle, house-broken, trained dog would bring Luke incredible joy. This weekend, a dog named Silas will arrive to make that wish come true.

Silas, a yellow Labrador Retriever/Golden Retriever cross, was provided by California-based Canine Companions for Independence. Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities free of charge. Silas was bred and trained for two years to become an assistance dog, but his destiny is different. James Dern, NW region puppy program manager at Canine Companions, was contacted by Make-A-Wish earlier this year. When cuddly, interactive, fetch-playing Silas came up for adoption, he thought of Luke right away. "Silas is a big goofy dog who will fit right in with whatever the kids need." Canine Companions has waived its usual adoption fee. Lisa Cannon, NW region development director, says, "Working with Make-A-Wish is the ultimate compliment an organization can receive. We are honored they chose one of our highly trained dogs for this special boy."

A local Make-A-Wish volunteer will pick Silas up at the airport on Friday night and deliver him to the family. On Saturday, Luke's family will host a welcome party for their new dog. According to Brenda Vogt, Director of Program Services at Make-A-Wish Idaho, "We are incredibly grateful to partner with Canine Companions, another nonprofit, to make Luke's wish come true." As part of his wish, Make-A-Wish Idaho will provide all of the supplies needed for a new dog in addition to veterinary care for one year.



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

Learning Ally Embraces YES! – a Groundbreaking Dyslexia Advocacy Initiative for Children, Powered by Children

DENVER, CO – Learning Ally, a nonprofit organization serving individuals with visual and learning disabilities, announced that it has reached an agreement with the Rocky Mountain Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (IDA-RMB) to absorb YES! – a children’s dyslexia advocacy initiative that started in Denver – into its national programs.

YES! stands for Youth Examples of Self-Advocacy. It was launched several years ago by IDA-RMB and has grown into a local group of over 100 youths aged 9 to 18 and their families in the Denver metropolitan area. Each student has dyslexia or related learning differences that make reading and succeeding in education a challenge.



The purpose of YES! is to train young people with learning differences to recognize their strengths and weaknesses, to help them build confidence, and provide them with the tools to become strong self-advocates.

Each student is assigned a Youth Ambassador who acts as a resource and provides guidance and inspiration.

“Bringing YES! into our program adds a powerful new dimension of child-to-child support that complements our major initiatives with parents, teachers and schools,” says **Andrew Friedman**, Learning Ally’s president and CEO. “Here in Denver, watching kids develop into confident self-advocates for themselves and helpful role models for others, we’ve witnessed up close the power of peer-to-peer connection. We’ve recognized that this has potential to grow into a national presence that will be incredibly helpful for thousands of kids and their families.

“Since its inception, the YES! Program has grown within the Rocky Mountain Region in leaps and bounds by providing opportunities for students with dyslexia to inform, inspire, and model the power of self-advocacy,” says **Karen Leopold**, president of the IDA-RMB. “With the transfer of this inspirational program to Learning Ally, the entire IDA-Rocky Mountain Branch Board of Directors is delighted that it can continue to grow throughout our region and even nationally.”



“We are incredibly excited about the opportunity to bring the benefits of the YES! Program to a much larger group of students,” says **Lissa True**, Youth Service Coordinator, who recently joined Learning Ally after helping IDA-RMB launch YES! in Denver.

“We have seen firsthand how empowering strong self-advocacy skills have been in our own children, and can’t wait to bring those same tools to other families who need this support.”



Mission Moment

Freedom to Fly

Austin Marshall and Bentley graduated this spring with class 227. Bentley, a laid-back playful Labrador, helps Austin navigate campus at Mississippi State University in Starkeville.

On campus, Bentley's skills continue to impress Austin. "He shows his intelligent disobedience really, really well," he says. Campus crosswalks are filled with students who don't stop for cars, and one day when Austin heard no traffic, he ventured across. "I got in the middle and Bentley stopped me as a car blew through; it could have been a dangerous situation but he stopped."



"As a communications major, it's been really interesting to me how people notice the dog, which opens up the door for conversation," Austin says. "He's been the start of deep, interesting conversations for me. What started with the dog has turned to conversations about class, politics, government, and church."

In addition to being a full-time college student, Austin is also a freelance broadcast technician for ESPN. With sports season just around the corner, Austin and Bentley will be traveling more. "I fly a lot," says Austin. "And now I have the freedom to get on the plane and walk around the airport alone."



Need Lions to Volunteer!!!
contact **Lion Dede deMarks**
State Diabetes Awareness Chair
liondede@msn.com or call (404) 368-2347



The EXPO is FREE and includes health screenings, cooking demonstrations, product and service exhibitors, as well as leading experts talking about diabetes management, research and prevention. Get the latest information on preventing and managing diabetes and its deadly complications to help keep you and your family healthy.

Visit the American Diabetes Association EXPO Atlanta and Join the Millions® in the fight to Stop Diabetes®. Learn how to live healthy, be active and change the future of diabetes for you and your family.

While you are there, be sure to visit all the areas of EXPO including the:

- **Main Stage** — Visit our Main Stage to hear health professionals address topics on living well with diabetes.
- **Healthy Cooking Stage** — Enjoy FREE cooking demonstrations featuring budget-friendly recipes that will keep you on track to manage or prevent diabetes.
- **Family Fun Area** — A fun, interactive area for children living with diabetes and their families to learn about diabetes resources.
- **Active Living Area** — Wear comfortable clothing and join in the fun – from Zumba to exercise demos, attendees will learn easy ways to add activity to their daily lives.
- **Por Tu Familia** — panish-language presentations, workshops and diabetes resources provided by bilingual speakers. Get the information you need here!
- **FREE Health Screenings** — Screenings are available from third-party organizations, *while supplies last so come early!*
 - Blood Glucose
 - Vision
 - Hearing
 - Blood pressure

Special Guest Appearance

Along with the wellness resources you need to prevent or manage your diabetes to avoid complications, our newly revamped event will feature the legendary **Patti LaBelle** along with a special celebrity guest chef for an exclusive cooking demonstration. Be among the first in Atlanta to try dishes featuring Patti's Good Life sauces and marinades on the EXPO Main Stage. You won't want to miss this, so be sure to register today!

Atlanta EXPO 2014

When: Saturday, November 22, 2014

Where: Cobb Galleria
2 Galleria Parkway SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Register -

https://donations.diabetes.org/site/SSurvey?ACTION_REQUIRED=URI ACTION_USER_REQUESTS&SURVEY_ID=48660



Leo Leadership Grant Program

The Leo Leadership Grant Program provides financial assistance to a Lions multiple district, sub-district or single district (not part of a multiple district) to help finance a Leo leadership conference. The goal of the program is to further develop Leos' leadership skills, specifically in the areas of project management, communication, teamwork, creativity/innovation, and planning community service projects

Lions Clubs International will award a total of eight Leo Leadership Grants of up to US\$2,000 each fiscal year. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received beginning July 1. Grants are awarded to eligible applicants based on the content and quality of the planned Leo leadership event. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until **May 1** of each fiscal year. To learn more about the Leo Leadership Grant Program, review the following documents:

- [Leo Leadership Grant Application](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/Leo_Leadership_Grant_A.pdf)
- [Leo Leadership Grant Guidelines](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/Leo_Leadership_Grant_Guidelines.pdf)
- [Leo Leadership Grant General Reimbursement Policies](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/Leo_Leadership_Grant_General_Reimbursement_Policies.pdf)

How to Apply

To apply for the Leo Leadership Grant, send your completed application to the [Youth Programs Department](#) at Lions Clubs International Headquarters.

LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-O:

Colquitt County > Clubs at MS-JH-CCHS (Sponsored by Moultrie Lions Club) Nine members volunteered the day before Lions Day at the Camp and attend the events on Saturday // Attending LEO Council Meeting // Presented \$500 for the wrist bands project for the Camp // Donated chocolate bars for Camp Silent auction basket raising \$150.00 // Making local and district-state plans for the coming year;

Early County > Club at ECHS (Sponsored by Cordele Lions Club) Assisted with Children's Camp at Kolomoki // Completed a Learning Garden at ECES // Teacher Appreciation // Read for the Record and Literacy Day;

Seminole County > Club at SCHS (Sponsored by Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs) Helping with projects and activities // Attended LDC & LEO Council Meeting // Assisted with Camp projects and activities.

Other listed LEO Clubs for 18-O include: Bainbridge (sponsored by Bainbridge Lions Club) and Lamar County Comprehensive (Sponsored by Barnesville -Lamar Lions Club). We expect to charter new LEO Clubs at the Macon Masonic Lodge and in Byron.



Atlanta Chinese American Leo Club



New Kids on the Block =

Byron and Centerville Lions are co-sponsors of the new Byron/Centerville LEO's Club. These teens held their first community service project before they were even chartered! They gathered at the Historic Depot in Byron and they scrubbed and washed the sides of the historic train car and pulled weeds. They held the charter and induction night at the Centerville Lions Club house on 20 September. The Lions look forward to working with and mentoring this new LEO Club which will become the Lions of tomorrow.



The Toccoa Lions attended the Mountain Education Charter High School Open House to tell the students & parents about the FUN, personal growth & community service students can have by forming a LEO Club. The Lions exceeded their expectations by getting 20 students to sign up. Toccoa Lion & LEO Club Advisor, GeorgAnn is busy filing the paperwork to start the LEO Club. Lion GeorgAnn adds a lot of enthusiasm to the effort. The Toccoa Lions hope to make a difference in a lot of young people's lives. In addition, the

Lions discussed forming a new LEO Club with a parent from the local Home School Association. This is what hard work and SUCCESS looks like.



Upcoming Events

RunDunwoody October 19th

RunDunwoody is a 5K Run and a Peachtree Road Race Qualifier, 1 Mile Fun Run, Tot Trot, and family festival rolled into a morning of activities on October 19th in the heart of Dunwoody. As a beneficiary of RunDunwoody and long-time partner of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody (the run's founding and presenting sponsor), Special Olympics Georgia has created a team for the Team Challenge in the not-for-profit category. Registration fees start at \$15 and increase to \$35 as it gets closer to the date of the race. For more information on the race or to register as part of Team Special Olympics Georgia, go to www.rundunwoody.net.



Bob Busse Golf Tournament November 3rd

Special Olympics Georgia once again proudly hosts the Bob Busse Golf Tournament at a prestigious golf club Nov. 3rd in Sandy Springs. This event promises to be a great way to spend your day. Each year, this tournament grows and becomes better than the last. Expect a great golf game, prizes, a silent auction and wonderful reception. Email [Riley Cerone](mailto:Riley_Cerone) for more information.



Georgia Gives Back Day November 13th

Special Olympics Georgia aims to raise as much money as possible in 24 hours through Georgia Gives Day: November 13th. Georgia Gives is a statewide initiative that focuses the attention of the public on the work and worth of nonprofits. [Click here](http://6Agivesday.org) for more information.





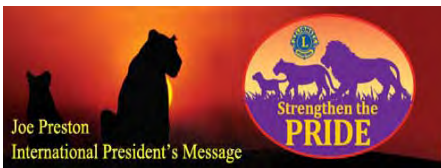
LCI NEWS



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



Help Lions Reach the Special Centennial Vision Goal



By now, you've heard about our [Centennial Service Challenge](#) goal of serving 100 million people by 2017 in the areas of youth, hunger, the environment and, this month, through the Sharing the Vision Global Service Action Campaign. While it may seem like an overwhelming challenge, we've helped break it down by setting special goals within each area. Our special vision goal is to serve 10 million children with eye care through activities such as vision screenings, low vision aids, Braille education, mobility and white canes, sight restoring surgery, eye banking and eyeglass recycling. This month, plan a vision project that helps a child to see better. [Download the Sharing the Vision Planning Guide](#) for more project ideas and help getting started.

Inviting the Next Generation of Service Leaders

What could a new, young member bring to your Lions club? Increase membership and

gain fresh ideas for service activities by [inviting former Leos](#) to join your club.



Through the Leo Club Program, young people acquire leadership skills as project organizers and motivators, while also developing a commitment to service. When you welcome former Leos into your club, you have more hands to serve more people and ensure your club's existence for many years to come. Former Leos are already dedicated to making a difference in their local, national and international community. Help renew Leos' commitment to service by inviting them to become Lions.



Dear Lion,

I'd like to invite you to be part of a new national initiative by U.S. Lions clubs to protect the vision of America's children.

Lions KidSight USA is a national coalition that brings together Lions programs that screen children from 6 months to 6 years of age. Our mission is to ensure that children receive proper vision screenings and follow-up care when needed. No one works harder than Lions to save sight, but we can help even more children when we work together.

Our children need us. According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. And vision problems that go undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent.

You can change a life by becoming a vision screener. With just minutes of training, any Lion can screen the vision of a child. Just push a few buttons and the screening devices used in KidSight USA do all the work for you. Every child deserves to see the world clearly. And they can with your support.

Start Planning Your Vision Screening Program Today.

Visit the [KidSight USA website](#) to learn more about becoming a vision screener http://www.edistrict.org/sites/kidsightusa/?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5601%20KidSight%20USA%20EN and [download the flyer](#) so you can share it with your club today. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/kidsight-usaflyer.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5601%20KidSight%20USA%20EN

Then join me and Lions around the country in supporting this important initiative to save kids' sight!

Together in Service,

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions in Louisiana helped rebuild Chalmette High School after Hurricane Katrina.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ask One

Get the tools to invite new members!

Lions Blog

Stay up-to-date on Lions programs and stories from around the world.

CONTESTS

Environmental Photo Contest

Submit Best of Show photo to your District Office. Due 15 January

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

"Thank you Lions. You have saved my daughter's sight."

These few words say so much about what our organization means to the people we help. Earlier this month, I heard those words from a mother that I met at a clinic in Cuba, where her daughter was being treated for retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). Her daughter was born prematurely. She was so small when she was born that her eyes did not develop properly, causing ROP.



Through an [LCIF SightFirst grant](#) to provide special equipment, the clinic was able to detect the disorder, treat the condition and save the girl's sight. Thanks to this life-altering equipment and the contributions of Lions, we are saving the sight of premature babies at risk for ROP throughout the world.

This is what LCIF and Lions are all about – **service where it is needed most**. You can [view a short video](#) below of my visit and meet the amazing little girl who was helped through the support of Lions.

[LCIF efforts](#) like saving vision, as well as empowering youth, providing disaster relief and meeting humanitarian needs, cannot be done without your generous support. During my visits as Chairperson, I have been asking Lions to [support our Foundation](#) to increase these valuable humanitarian programs. And Lions have responded. Because of your generous support, **we will soon announce a new program to recognize District Governors and Coordinators who increase giving to LCIF.**

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

*Lion Barry J. Palmer
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

Microenterprise Grant Pilot Program Now Available

Through a new Lions Clubs International Foundation Microenterprise Development pilot program, LCIF and Lions can provide support to people living in poverty in developing countries. Funding through the pilot program supports small business entrepreneurs through working capital, the purchase of inventory, supplies, furniture, fixtures, machinery or equipment needed to establish or expand a business.



Funding is available in amounts of US\$10,000 to US\$100,000. Only Lions Districts or Multiple Districts may apply, and must partner with a reputable micro-lending organization. You can [download the form online](#), or [contact](#) LCIF's Humanitarian Programs department to learn more about the pilot program process.

Celebrate World Sight Day in October

Next month, Lions around the world will celebrate [Lions World Sight Day](#). This international event is held each year to recognize the importance of curing preventable blindness. From vision screenings to eye health education and any other vision-related activity, Lions are encouraged to participate. The focus of this year's World Sight Day, held on October 9, is "no more avoidable blindness." October's Global Service Action Campaign is "Sharing the Vision," so you can carry the spirit of World Sight Day throughout the whole month!



The official Lions Clubs International World Sight Day celebration will be held in Iceland on October 14. As part of the event, LCIF awarded a US\$70,000 [SightFirst grant](#) to support the eye health activities in Reykjavik. Funds will be used to purchase needed eye care equipment for the University Hospital's Department of Ophthalmology.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Grants Approved between 1/1/1970 and 10/23/2013

Grant #	State, Country	Project Name	(US Dollars)	Approved	Type
2626/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF	\$5,000.00	3/6/1990	EMR
3907/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Floyd, Bartow, Cherokee, Pickens)	\$5,000.00	3/29/1994	EMR
7366/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Alpharetta)	\$21,819.00	4/4/2002	CFP
7823/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Douglas)	\$5,000.00	11/20/2002	EMR
9315/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Heard, Carroll)	\$5,000.00	9/8/2005	EMR
9322/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEE RELIEF	\$10,000.00	9/9/2005	DES
10173/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	ALLERGAN GLAUCOMA SCREENING PROJECT (DeKalb)	\$7,500.00	2/28/2007	DES
10073/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS PLAYGROUND FOR THE DISABLED (Carroll)	\$60,564.00	3/18/2007	STD
11659/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Douglas, Carroll, Paulding and Cobb)	\$10,000.00	9/30/2009	EMR
11965/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP LIGHTHOUSE OPTICAL LAB (DeKalb)	\$75,000.00	10/4/2010	STD
12438/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Polk, Catoosa)	\$10,000.00	4/29/2011	EMR
12443/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Spalding, Henry)	\$10,000.00	5/2/2011	EMR
12802/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOMES (Griffin)	\$16,625.00	4/17/2012	STD
13376/18-L	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Bartow, Gordon)	\$10,000.00	2/5/2013	EMR
Totals for District		14	\$251,508.00		
283/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	PURCHASE MEDICALVAN - S. AFRICA	\$5,000.00	2/8/1978	STD
3511/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Greene, Putnam)	\$5,000.00	12/9/1992	EMR
3906/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Dawson, Lumpkin, White)	\$5,000.00	3/29/1994	EMR
5296/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (White, Hall, Habersham)	\$10,000.00	3/20/1998	EMR
6531/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOMES (Toccoa, Clarksville - 2 Homes)	\$65,250.00	9/30/2000	CFP
6705/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP RECORDING STUDIOS FOR THE BLIND (Clarke)	\$51,211.00	4/4/2001	STD
6830/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Bogart)	\$39,375.00	11/26/2001	CFP
7561/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	CAMP KUDZU ADOLESCENT DIABETES PROGRAM (White)	\$24,800.00	9/28/2002	CFP
10149/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (McDuffie)	\$10,000.00	3/12/2007	EMR
11805/18-I	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP GEORGIA LIONS MOBILE SCREENING UNIT (DeKalb)	\$50,000.00	4/15/2010	STD
	GEORGIA, USA	Miracle Field Concession Stand and Restroom - (Covington)	\$75,000.00	10/23/2013	STD
Totals for District		11	\$340,636.00		
3385/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TRAINING PROGRAM AT INST (Warner Robins, Centerville)	\$22,077.00	11/17/1992	STD
3959/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Bibb)	\$5,000.00	7/25/1994	EMR
3956/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Baker, Macon)	\$5,000.00	7/26/1994	EMR
5290/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Dougherty)	\$10,000.00	3/11/1998	EMR
5835/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Dooly)	\$10,000.00	4/19/1999	EMR
5996/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP TECH LAB FOR THE BLIND @ THOMAS COLLEGE	\$3,305.00	10/23/1999	STD
6270/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Turner, Grady, Decatur)	\$10,000.00	2/14/2000	EMR
6174/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Albany)	\$52,500.00	4/4/2000	CFP
6554/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Cordele)	\$27,000.00	9/30/2000	CFP
6571/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOMES (Warm Springs 2 Homes)	\$63,750.00	9/30/2000	CFP
6893/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Decatur, Grady)	\$5,000.00	3/16/2001	EMR
6796/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOMES (Moultrie)	\$51,750.00	6/25/2001	CFP
6906/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (West Point)	\$60,000.00	11/26/2001	CFP
7739/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Seminole)	\$10,000.00	9/16/2002	EMR
7149/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Macon)	\$11,061.00	9/28/2002	CFP
7978/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Mitchell, Worth)	\$10,000.00	3/20/2003	EMR
9070/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Seminole)	\$5,000.00	4/2/2005	EMR
10145/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Sumter)	\$10,000.00	3/2/2007	EMR
10150/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Baker, Sumter)	\$10,000.00	3/12/2007	EMR
10263/18-O	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS HABITAT HOME (LaGrange)	\$15,000.00	6/27/2007	CFP
Totals for District		20	\$396,433.00		
3965/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Bibb)	\$5,000.00	7/27/1994	EMR
4031/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF	\$2,393.32	10/1/1994	EMR
4138/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	FLOOD RELIEF (Chatham)	\$5,000.00	8/29/1995	EMR
4362/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	EXPAND LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND	\$75,000.00	6/28/1996	STD
5319/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Screven)	\$10,000.00	4/14/1998	EMR
6532/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Waycross)	\$37,500.00	9/30/2000	CFP
6776/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS-HABITAT HOME (Dublin)	\$22,500.00	4/4/2001	CFP
8681/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	LIONS HABITAT HOME (Effingham)	\$6,606.00	10/7/2004	CFP
10516/18-N	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH CCTVS	\$25,000.00	3/18/2008	STD
Totals for District		9	\$188,999.32		
1921/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	GEORGIA LIONS FIGHT FOR SIGHT	\$50,000.00	3/1/1988	STD
2667/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	ARTS/CRAFTS BLDG-GA LIONS CAMP	\$24,000.00	5/1/1991	STD
4081/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP LIONS EYE CARE UNIT	\$50,000.00	4/5/1995	STD
5132/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	PURCHASE A MOBILE EYEGLASS CLINIC	\$75,000.00	3/13/1996	STD
6271/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Tift, Colquitt)	\$10,000.00	2/14/2000	EMR
9080/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	TORNADO RELIEF (Seminole)	\$5,000.00	4/13/2005	EMR
9338/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	CONST HEALTH CENTER LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND	\$75,000.00	11/8/2005	STD
9980/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP LIONS MOBILE SCREENING PROGRAM	\$37,535.00	3/18/2007	STD
10187/MD-18	GEORGIA, USA	EQUIP LIONS AUDIO BOOK RECORDING UNITS	\$5,301.00	9/26/2007	STD
Totals for District		9	\$331,836.00		
Grand Totals		63	\$1,509,422.32		

Lighthouse Info

District O	6/30/2014				
Counties Served			Hearing Services		People
County	Surgery	Clinics	Aids	Total	Served
Baker	2	1	6	9	6
Ben Hill	0	6	9	15	9
Berrien	3	12	6	21	14
Bibb	9	146	44	199	132
Bleckley	0	9	2	11	7
Brooks	4	3	9	16	11
Calhoun	0	4	2	6	4
Chattahoochee	0	3	0	3	2
Clay	0	6	2	8	5
Colquitt	8	69	18	95	65
Cook	3	12	9	24	16
Crawford	0	6	2	8	5
Crisp	4	1	7	12	9
Decatur	2	34	4	40	27
Dodge	2	10	4	16	11
Dooly	0	1	6	7	4
Dougherty	15	241	43	299	199
Early	0	9	7	16	10
Echols	2	3	4	9	6
Grady	0	0	9	9	5
Harris	0	7	4	11	7
Houston	5	9	31	45	28
Irwin	0	1	7	8	5
Lamar	7	4	6	17	13
Lanier	0	6	1	7	5
Lee	0	0	11	11	6
Lowndes	8	92	17	117	79
Macon	0	0	4	4	2
Marion	3	3	4	10	5
Meriwether	5	1	7	13	10
Miller	0	0	4	4	2
Mitchell	3	9	19	31	19
Monroe	0	3	9	12	7
Muscogee	0	218	70	288	179
Peach	1	3	9	13	8
Pike	2	6	4	12	8
Pulaski	2	0	4	6	4
Quitman	0	0	4	4	2
Randolph	1	0	4	5	5
Seminole	1	0	6	7	4
Stewart	0	1	4	5	3

Sumter	4	7	19	30	19
Talbot	1	3	6	10	6
Taylor	0	3	1	4	3
Terrell	7	7	6	20	15
Thomas	3	6	20	29	18
Tift	6	64	11	81	53
Troup	2	6	24	32	19
Turner	1	6	0	7	7
Twiggs	0	1	1	2	2
Upson	1	0	11	12	7
Wilcox	2	1	0	3	3
Worth	8	22	6	36	26
District O	127	1,065	527	1,719	1,126

District N	6/30/2014				
Counties Served			Hearing Services		People
County	Surgery	Vision Clinic	Aids	Total	People
Appling	5	21	6	32	22
Atkinson	4	1	2	7	6
Bacon	0	1	0	1	1
Baldwin	3	1	2	6	5
Brantley	0	19	7	26	17
Bryan	2	18	7	27	18
Bulloch	14	145	11	170	118
Burke	1	1	4	6	4
Camden	0	7	9	16	10
Candler	0	10	0	10	7
Charlton	2	6	4	12	8
Chatham	25	956	70	1,051	720
Clinch	0	3	2	5	3
Coffee	4	3	6	13	9
Effingham	2	47	6	55	37
Emanuel	1	15	1	17	12
Evans	0	15	2	17	11
Glascok	0	0	0	0	0
Glynn	16	208	28	252	172
Hancock	0	3	0	3	2
Jeff Davis	1	7	0	8	6
Jefferson	0	3	4	7	4
Jenkins	2	3	6	11	7
Johnson	0	3	4	7	4
Jones	3	6	9	18	12
Laurens	8	43	26	77	51
Liberty	4	18	6	28	19
Long	1	1	0	2	5

McIntosh	2	0	6	8	5
Montgomery	0	7	2	9	6
Pierce	3	0	17	20	12
Richmond	20	96	26	142	99
Screven	1	6	4	11	7
Tattnall	1	9	9	19	12
Telfair	0	0	4	4	2
Toombs	6	73	4	83	57
Treutlen	4	9	4	17	12

Ware	3	72	20	95	85
Washington	2	7	2	11	8
Wayne	3	6	4	13	9
Wheeler	1	1	1	3	3
Wilkinson	2	1	1	4	4
District N	146	1,851	326	2,323	1,611

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