

# Lions of Georgia



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# State News

Council received reports or comments as follows:

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

PIP Ervin stated that the Southeastern Breakfast during the International Convention will be Monday, June 27th, at the Hilton Sea Hawk, which is the Headquarters Hotel.

PIP Ervin discussed the upcoming International Board Meeting in Savannah. He thanked Vice District Governor Len and Lion Rosemary Cutuli for accepting a great amount of responsibility and they are working with a plan to meet them at the airport and getting them to the hotel. He stated that Lion Len Cutuli is working with a company in Savannah, Cobblestone Connections, to coordinate all arrivals of the officers and directors. Rosemary Cutuli is working to get the baskets and information from the Savannah Convention Bureau that will go to each Director and Officer in their room. He stated that anyone who might have contributions for these baskets should contact Rosemary. ID Kembra Smith has obtained peanuts to put in each basket. PCC Mark Miller, as a representative for all the winegrowers in Georgia, has wine for each basket.

PIP Ervin will arrive in Savannah on February 25th, and the first Board Members and staff will begin arriving on the 26th. The opening Board Meeting is Tuesday, at 9:30 AM. The Host night is Wednesday, at 5:00 PM. He stated that he needs to know who on the Council will be coming in for the opening Board Meeting. There will be a special presentation in memory of Chris Barbieri by Dr. Yamada at the opening Board Meeting. Vice District Governor Frank and Lion Laurie Lane will be coming in a few days early to help coordinate the Host Night, but VDG Len is also working with the Savannah Club and other clubs in 18-N to have people available at a desk at the hotel to help spouses and dignitaries get from the hotel to the Convention Center, and to show them hospitality. A desk will be available at the Airport as well. Len has confirmation that the newly elected Mayor of Savannah will be on hand to welcome the Board to Savannah. The Lighthouse will provide an educational program on Thursday, and the Camp will do one on Friday. This will also be done at the Hotel, prior to the spouses going out on their daily functions. Executive Director Roberta Green stated that the Lighthouse will do a screening and during host night, there will be several Lighthouse staff members modeling some of the Night of Spectacles dresses. On Thursday and Friday morning the mobile vision clinics will be operating in the Savannah area. International visitors will have the opportunity to visit the clinics. Acting President Olin Newby, Camp for the Blind, stated that the Camp is in the process of putting together a program to present on Friday.

Dress will be casual, but a Lions identified shirt would be good. Hotel rooms are still available. The Georgia Lions Towels will be presented to the International Family at the Board Meeting.

PIP Ervin discussed Lions Day at the United Nations. He stated that a documentary was done on the 500 millionth dose of zithromax in Ethiopia, and that will be shown on Thursday, prior to the Lions Day at the UN. At Lions Day a presentation will be done which shares a little of the history about Georgia Lions and how we started our partnership with the Carter Center and what we've been able to do. Dr. Kelly Callahan will be inducted as a new Lion at the UN, and will become a member of the Lighthouse Chamblee Club.

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

PID Townsend stated that he felt everyone owes PIP Jim Ervin a debt of gratitude for all the work he has done to organize the Board Meeting in Savannah.

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

PID Pearce stated that he did not have any comments at this time, but was pleased to be in attendance.

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

PID Roberts stated she enjoyed meeting with the Council last night. She thanked the Council for the work they have done and will do this year. As MD 18 Protocol Chair, Dr. Roberts stated that she is available to assist each Governor; she stated that Governors want to do protocol right, respectful, and to host a good visit for the International guest. PID Roberts stated she is available to help not only with the District Convention, but with any District function. She stated that she does not expect a free meal or to be invited to the convention or function, she just wants to provide help with the protocol.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL SECRETARY and STATE CONVENTION – LION HANNAH FLYNN, DG 18-0:**

A. 2016 State Convention – Callaway Gardens. Lion David Forrest, 2016 Convention General Chair, stated that if someone has requested a room for a seminar or other event, they should notify him how many people are expected, so that Lion David can be sure the correct size room is made available. Lion David McDonald, Convention Treasurer, stated that there are currently 208 registered for the convention. There have been some drops already. He distributed a by district Registration list. Question raised reference why the price goes up. Lion McDonald stated that the registration cost traditionally goes up as the time gets closer to encourage Lions to register early. Biggest expenses so far have been refunds. Other expenses at the present time include paper, ink and postage. CC May stated that we hope to have PIP Joe Preston as the speaker for the State Convention, but this has not been confirmed as yet. PDG Dave Forrest asked that if there is anything special needed, please go through David McDonald or him to make the request.

B. 2017 State Convention: PCC Mark Miller stated that consistent with Council's approval, the Committee will be having a la cart registration, with a base registration fee of \$20.00, which will include the right to participate in meetings and a Convention pin. The hotel rate is less than \$100.00 at the Hilton next to the Airport. There will be a small price break if you register for everything, meaning the MJF Luncheon, the Breakfasts and the Governors' Banquet. You can pick and choose what you wish to attend. The registration will be available online and they will accept credit card payments by State Convention. Information should be available by the April Council Meeting. They have started lining up entertainment options. The speaker will be then International President Bob Corlew.

C. PCC Grace Clower is working on a bid for the 2018 State Convention to be in District 18-I. They are conferring with the Governors who will be seated in 2018.

D. DG Flynn stated that the 2019 State Convention should be held in 18-N. She pointed out that she has received a request from Macon to hold the convention there again.

## **REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION FRED CARLSON, DG 18-L:**

Southeastern Breakfast. DG Carlson called on PIP Jim Ervin for updated information on the Breakfast. PIP Ervin stated that after a lot of communication back and forth with the hotel in Japan, yesterday the International Headquarters received an email that the meal will cost about \$40.00, which would include fruits, muffins and bagels, grilled breakfast sausage, bacon, roasted red skin potatoes with shallots, French Toast, scrambled eggs and oatmeal. State Office and Fred will send a letter to the other Multiple Districts then print the tickets and see what kind of response we have. Breakfast will be held at the International Headquarters Hotel, and PIP Ervin will email Council the date for the breakfast.

International Parade. DG Carlson stated that anyone attending the parade should wear the parade uniform (Red shirt). Shirts are available through the Lion Tamer. CC May reminded Convention Chair that an application to march in the parade must be filed with LCI.

**REPORT OF MD 18 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
CHAIR – LION PCC BILL CRAIG:**

PCC Craig asked if Council would receive the Ethics Committee report following his, since the Committee is scheduled to meet.

PCC Craig stated that the Committee has not had the opportunity to meet since the last Council meeting, but he has some things which he felt the Council should understand and know about the Museum and the relationship between it and the Lions Multiple District. He stated that Council needs to make some decisions before the end of this year as to how it will be overseen. He recommended that Council identify a person or a position from the Multiple District to be in charge of overseeing or supervising the activities that go on there. The Lighthouse has generously offered to house it and continue to manage it on a daily basis without any reimbursement at all. He felt that the Council should find someone to work with them on behalf of the Multiple District and on behalf of the Council. Council needs to discuss the Museum's daily operation, maintenance of the area it is in, its tax situation and its insurance situation. These are all things that will impact the Council and the Multiple District. He felt that Council should appoint someone to assume these responsibilities and work with the Lighthouse and report back to the Council.

**REPORT OF MD 18 CHAIR, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – LION C. MARK MILLER, PCC:**

CC Miller stated that the MD Constitution and By-Laws Committee is asking for Council's unanimous approval today in recommending to the Lions of Georgia a total rewrite of the Multiple District Constitution to be voted on at the State Convention this year. The International Association's Board of Directors approved last April a series of mandatory revisions that must be in a Multiple District and District Constitution. The Constitutional changes that the Committee is asking the Council and the Lions of Georgia to adopt are actually required of us by this revised Constitution and By-Laws for the Multiple District and District. We have consolidated those documents consistent with what we have now. We have one Constitution that governs both Districts and sub-districts in Georgia. The new document does the same thing. A few changes were made, such as PDGs are automatically delegates at their District and State Convention. There are no significant changes from what LCI is requiring. This Constitution no longer funds and creates constitutional positions of a Lion Tamer or a Historian. That doesn't mean they will be done away with. The Policy Manual would still appoint someone to those jobs. The difference is that the Constitution right now states that they are state officers and therefore their expenses to attend Council Meetings and State and International Conventions are reimbursed. If the Lions want to continue doing that, they will need to have a dues increase. This Council asked us, and our recommendation is to adopt a constitution that is in conformity with LCI, that doesn't fund those positions but creates them as every other State Committee Chair, as an appointed person from the Council who pays their own way as opposed to being reimbursed.

PCC Miller asked Council to unanimously endorse this recommendation coming from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

PIP Ervin stated that in previous attempts to make changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, there was a perception that every member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee was not a part of the decision making process or changes. He asked if every member of the committee has voted and expressed their approval of this recommendation. PCC Miller stated that it was unanimous approval by all members of the Committee, with the exception of the committee member from 18-O, who resigned as a Lion, and DG Hannah participated as the member from that District.

Question was raised whether or not the Lions store would no longer be available to the Lions in the state. PCC Miller stated that it would be up to future councils as to whether that would continue. PIP Ervin stated that other Multiple Districts had the stores and most have closed for the same reason; it was too expensive to operate the store and pay the people. It is easy for a person to go online and order anything from the LCI store.

PCC Miller stated that the Constitution could be voted on separately. Then vote on the option of having a Lion Tamer and Historian and fund those which would mean a certain amount of dues increase.

DG Mundy, 18-I, made a motion that Council accept the rewrite to go forward and be presented to the State Convention. Motion seconded by DG Carlson, 18-L. Vote taken on motion and motion carried.

PCC Miller suggested that resolutions be presented as "Do you wish to maintain a constitutionally mandated Council Advisor position and authorize a \$1.00 dues increase." The same question for State Historian and State Lion Tamer positions. PIP Ervin asked if it would not be more appropriate to say "These are the three options; if these options are accepted and approved by the Lions of Georgia, it will then require an amendment for a dues increase."

PCC Miller suggested wording as a resolution likewise presented to the Lions of Georgia at this year's state convention that the new Constitution, if adopted, would be amended to add the positions of Historian, Lion Tamer, and Council Advisor with the knowledge that the Council would then be presenting the Lions of Georgia with a dues increase in order to fund those positions.

*PCC Miller restated the suggested motion for DG Mundy as follows: The Resolution will be presented that if the Lions of Georgia adopt the new standard Constitution, whether they wish to amend it to add the positions of Council Advisor, Lion Tamer and Historian, with the knowledge that the Council will need to evaluate the necessity of a dues increase in order to fund those positions.* DG Mundy pointed out that the three positions are not a part of the standard constitution being presented for adoption. DG Mundy made the motion as stated by PCC Miller. DG Carlson, 18-L, seconded the motion. CC May stated that the Lions should be aware that a dues increase may be a necessity without the three positions being funded. 1st VDG Bob Norton stated he was concerned that if they vote to have the positions in the constitution that the Governors next year would have to fund the positions until a dues increase could be brought before the Lions of Georgia. PIP Ervin asked how they planned to get this information out to the clubs, and secondly, if it does cause some issues of concern to the Lions, what if you discussed it on the floor of the convention this year, and called for a vote the following year. PCC Miller stated that the mandatory notice will be sent to all clubs. Once it is approved by the Council, it will be on the website for anyone to download and review the document. The Committee is on the agenda at every District Convention during the business meeting to explain and take questions. DG Mundy called for the question and Council voted to have a call for the question. Vote taken on the Motion. Motion carried.

PCC Miller stated that each of the four districts will have a question and answer session on the Constitution rewrite. It will be up to the Council to decide how they will handle their business meeting at the Convention and whether or not they want discussion at that meeting.

Question raised about the Policy Manual. PCC Miller pointed out that the Vice Council Chair is the person responsible for the Policy and Procedure Manual. He stated that once it is approved, if an amendment is needed, it will need to be in writing and presented at one Council Meeting, and cannot be adopted until the second Council Meeting, so that the rank and file Lions will know about a policy change before it is voted on. That document is in the process of being updated consistent with the Constitution.

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

VDG Mark Bradley gave a report for Lion Hashbarger and distributed information on Club contributions to LCIF.

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

CC May called attention to a report in each file from the Lion Tamer, who was unable to attend the meeting.

**REPORT OF MD 18 CENTENNIAL CHAIR – LION PDG CATHY  
THREATT:**

On line, there is a Centennial Service Challenge Campaign well underway that club levels see when they file their service activities. In the bottom right corner of activity report, it lists categories you can check if the service activity applies under one of them. Below is what is listed on LCI sight for this campaign.



## 1. Four Global Service Action Campaigns

Listed below are the four Global Service Action Campaigns and corresponding months designated for Lions participation, though clubs have the flexibility to conduct these projects throughout the year.

Engaging Our Youth – August

Sharing the Vision – October

Relieving the Hunger – December/January

Protecting Our Environment – April

A. I have attended a 2 day seminar in Atlanta with 9 other MD Coordinators to be instructed on the Vision of the program from LCI. There are basically three stages. First stage was the 4 Global Service Action Campaigns. The big push is on an overall goal of service to 100 million people. Again, each district governor will be asked to be encouraging the clubs to be sure to include their events under the Challenge categories to obtain this service goal. We are at 68 million with only 30% of the clubs world-wide reporting according to PIP Frank Moore from recent meeting he attended.

B. Utilizing all of our resources in our communities...newspapers, radio, television, Facebook, Twitter, Emails, newsletters from DG's, Websites of clubs, Districts and State and by good old fashion word of mouth.

C. COMMUNITY VISIBILITY / PROVIDE A COMMUNITY GIFT / COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT.

D. Membership Award program in silver, gold and diamond level /Premier centennial Clubs and World Class Centennial Clubs for new clubs.

E. LEAD THROUGH SERVICE, INVITE FOR IMPACT AND CONNECT TO THE COMMUNITY.

Detailed information on all the items listed above are on the lions100.org site of LCI. Each District Governor is to encourage all clubs to check this out and participating if they are not already. Club participation Handbook is online as well as one for the District Directors and myself as MD Coordinator.  
\*\*\*\*\*Really need a training session at state convention if that can be set up for me to share all of this information on a more than 3 minute report.

WE WERE HERE....WE ARE HERE....WE WILL BE HERE.....TO SERVE!!!! I will be available to attend or submit information at district, region or zone level meetings in all 4 districts.

PDG Threatt distributed a guide for the Clubs to get them on board and reporting their service. DGEs are asked to include this in their presentations. She asked Governors to encourage Clubs to brag on themselves, and to report their service to LCI. She asked for time at the State Convention to present the information to the clubs; she and the District Director/Coordinator will be available throughout the next two years.

PIP Ervin stated that those who are at the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha will see an exciting event take place that represents the 100 years. It will be like the Olympic Torch starting off.

### **REPORT OF MD 18 YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE – LION HANNAH FLYNN, DG, 18-O:**

DG Flynn stated that a student from Australia came to Georgia over the Christmas break. President of the McDonough Lions Club, 18-L, hosted the student the first two weeks, and District 18-O had her the second two weeks. She took part in the Peach Bowl activities. DG Flynn asked Governors to please find anyone in their District interested in hosting a Youth Exchange student this summer. DG Flynn has again received inquiries from Finland about sending a student through the Youth Exchange program.

### **REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP NEDZA:**

CC May stated he would contact Lion Nedza to see what his plans are. If he is moving to another state, a formal resignation as State Historian will be needed.

### **REPORT OF MD 18 ALERT CHAIR – LION PEGGIE CHAPMAN:**

*I did not hear of any disasters that required the request for an LCI Grant. If there were some or an ongoing need you feel would be eligible for such a grant, please let your District ALERT Chairman know about it. Possible bad*

*weather as Spring approaches may affect any area in our state. Please be ALERT for needs in your area.*

### **REPORT OF MD 18 ETHICS COMMITTEE CO CHAIR – LION DR. JOHN F. PEARCE, PID:**

PIP Dr. Roberts reported that she and PID Dr. John Pearce have met with and completed training of the four members of the Ethics Committee chosen by the District Governors. They are: PCC Bill Craig; PDG Vicki Hubbard; PDG Joe Bill Brannon; and Willie Alexander. They have all completed the course; they see a need for this in their Districts; they have the Power Point for training purposes, and all the documents they need to present the information to the Leadership of Georgia. They will be working in their districts and as a team across the state.

Old Business.

A. Georgia Lions Towels. Lion PDG Olin Newby stated that he has the Towels available at this meeting for the DGs who ordered them.

B. Parade Uniform. CC May stated he had asked PDG Vicki Hubbard to follow up with Lion Rick on a new Parade Shirt for 2017, and asked the 1st VDGs to follow up on this during their year. 1st VDG Leslie Miller stated that if anyone needs to order a red parade shirt to contact her, since the company they are ordered from is in Jasper.

C. Audit for 2014-2015 was discussed earlier.

D. CD rates. CC May stated that State Office Secretary had contacted three banks for their rates on CDs and about any advantage to combining them into one. The CC also contacted banks in the Milledgeville area. No action taken.

E. State Awards. PCC Olin Newby stated that he had talked with Chair Bryson Tanner about the program.

Lion Tanner reported that the Committee is working on the Awards to see if some can be consolidated and/or deleted. A final report will be available by the State Convention Meeting.

F. Peach Bowl Activities. PIP Ervin reported that LCI sponsored the Peach Bowl Parade. It is hoped that this can be built on, and get more involvement with Chick-Fil-A and the Peach Bowl Committee, and hope to expand that development.

New Business.

A. CC May discussed an email and a letter received from LCS concerning a photo used on the website in the State Magazine. The Company is saying we did not get permission to use it and that we owe over \$600.00. It appears to be sort of a scam. PIP Ervin has suggested the Chair send a copy to the LCI Legal Department, let them review it, and give him a recommendation.

B. Peace Poster and Essay Contest. Winner of the Peace Poster Contest was from District 18-I. There were no entries in the Essay Contest. Future Governors should make plans to publicize the Essay Contest and try to get more entries. CC May has received two photos for the Photo Contest and he will have those judged.

C. Leos applying for Leo of the Year. Deadline has been moved up and is due in April now.

D. PIP Ervin stated that he was elected to serve as Third VP in 1996 and went on to serve as President of the International Association. Because of his continued involvement every year from that beginning and having been on many key committees and positions, he is in constant contact with the LCI staff, International Officers and Past Presidents. They are always looking and recommending those that they think are capable of being future leaders of the Association. PIP Ervin stated he feels that Georgia has an opportunity to bring another Executive Officer to the forefront for Georgia Lionism. He has discussed this with PID Haynes and Donna Townsend and they have agreed that they are willing to put themselves forward and will be asking their District for an endorsement and from the Multiple District at the State Convention in Callaway Gardens for the Lions of Georgia to endorse them as a Candidate for the office of International Third Vice President. Intentions are for PID Townsend to be on the ballot at the 100th Anniversary in Chicago. He asked everyone to be very supportive and positive.

PID Townsend stated that he has made a lot of friends throughout the world, and he has been encouraged to run for this position. He asked for their support and for their friendship throughout the years.

PIP Ervin stated that he has spoken to each PID in Georgia and each is very supportive of Haynes and this opportunity.

E. PIP Ervin stated that after the Board Meeting is complete in Savannah, all of the Executive Officers will be going to Albany, spending the night, and the next morning they will be going to Plains to have the Church service with President Carter, along with some other staff members. They will meet with President Carter during the afternoon as relates to all of our programs and future programs. It has been recommended that Lions go online to the Marantha Baptist Church and complete the process to be in attendance at that service. There is a limited number of Lions as a delegation who can attend. If you are in the Albany area on Saturday evening, you are welcome to dine at Jim's Restaurant.

Chair May stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to adopt the Proposed Agenda, approve the Minutes of the October 31st Council Meeting, complete any old or pending business, and to consider any new business properly brought before the Council.

A. DG Anne Mundy, 18-I, made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda; motion seconded by DG Larry Varnadoe, 18-N, and motion carried.

B. DG Larry Varnadoe, 18-N, made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 31st Council Meeting; motion seconded by DG Fred Carlson, 18-L, and motion carried.

C. CC May stated that since the last council meeting, Governors took action on the 2016 Jamboree. Lion Anne Mundy, DG 18-I, made the following revised motion: Motion that Council not be involved in a Georgia Jamboree at the 2016 International Convention in Japan; that Council request that those funds (\$2,500.00) be earmarked for the 2017 International Convention Jamboree to coincide with the Centennial. DG Varnadoe, 18-N, seconded the motion. PIP Jim Ervin stated that in the previous meeting there was discussion about the possibility of using those funds for the upcoming Board Meeting. DG Mundy stated that no previous motion was made. Another motion will follow this one. Vote taken on motion. Motion carried.

D. DG Mundy, 18-I, made a motion that Council take out of International Funds, Account # 1, \$4,000.00 to be given to use for hosting the International Board in Savannah. DG Varnadoe, 18-N, seconded the motion. PIP Jim Ervin stated that a letter requesting contributions has been sent out to the Lions of Georgia. To date, contributions in the amount \$5,600.00 have been received. Present cost of the Host Night is \$12,700.00 with another \$500.00 contribution going to the Savannah Arts for the music. That bill will come from Lions Clubs International, and if not enough contributions come in between now and the Board Meeting, the Council will be asked for additional funds to cover the balance of the Host Night.

DG Mundy revised her motion to state that Council take out of the International Expense Fund, Account #1, \$7,000.00 to be given for the International Board Meeting. DG Varnadoe seconded that motion. DG Mundy revised her motion to state that Council take out of International Expense Fund, Account # 1, up to \$7,000.00 to be used for expenses of hosting the International Board Meeting. DG Varnadoe seconded the motion. DG Varnadoe, 18-N, called for the question. Vote taken on the motion. Motion carried.

#### **REPORT OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL ADVISOR, LION OLIN C. NEWBY, PCC:**

PCC Newby reported that his wife, Rosemary, is resting comfortably and he appreciates the concern and prayers. He stated that this has been an exciting year full of accomplishments and challenges yet to be faced. He recommended that Council meet the challenges and decisions with open minds and a concern for what we do to help our fellowman in District 18. He stated that he is available to help in any way possible.

#### **REPORT FROM LEARNING ALLY MD 18 CHAIR – LION ANGELA HELWIG:**

Lion Angela Helwig presented a written report:

Learning Ally has sent information out to every Georgia Lions Club laying out their goals for the Learning Ally partnership:

- increased awareness about Learning Ally
- increased support for its events
- increased access for Lions to Learning Ally information through weekly emails and Facebook
- increased financial support (with hoped for 100% club participation)
- involvement of LEO Clubs
- continued free production of the audio CD of *The Lion* magazine
- speaking engagements and presentations at District meetings and State Convention
- on-site training for Learning Ally District Chairs

If you have questions about any of these goals, please contact me or Learning Ally Production Director Stacie Court (706.549.1313; [scourt@LearningAlly.org](mailto:scourt@LearningAlly.org)). So far, approximately 35% of the Georgia Lions Clubs have donated this year to Learning Ally:

- District L – 40%
- District I – 44%
- District O – 25%
- District N – 33%

In addition, Learning Ally is gearing up for their annual Spring Fundraising events with a goal of raising \$11,500 for the Athens, Georgia Studio.

- Tuesday, February 16th: Spring Fundraiser Kick-Off
- Monday, February 29th: Time-Traveler 100% Day
- Saturday, March 5th 6:30-9:30 PM: Game Night at Buffalo's in Athens.
- Thursday, March 17th: St. Patrick's 100% Day
- Tuesday, March 29th: Tropical Spring Fling 100% Day
- Wednesday, April 4th: Bring a Friend Day
- April 11-16th National Volunteer Week

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In order to help celebrate the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lions Clubs International and also help support the Lions of Georgia 4 initiatives – Lions Clubs International Foundation, Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Georgia Lions Camp and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

It is hoped that if we could get each Lions Club within the state to contribute \$100 (you get the patch for your banner) by the end of May 2016 we would be one of the very few Multiple Districts to have 100% participation in support of the initiatives and coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



That would mean 226 Lions Club in Georgia raising \$5,650 to be given to each of the initiatives for a grand total \$22,600. Further details will be forthcoming by separate email to each club. This special fund raiser will start 1 July 2015.





# Ball Ground Lions Club



Fred Carlson  
DISTRICT "L"



Believe it or not – many things can be seen from Facebook – check out the below on what the Ball Ground Lions have done during the past and still has plans on doing more in the future – Great Job Ball Ground Lions. Has your Lions Club put things on Facebook?

The first week in October was the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight sponsored by Lions Clubs International. Each club was challenged to sponsor an activity that promotes the preservation of sight. All Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses year round but the Ball Ground Lions decided to ask Ball Ground Elementary School to help us with a special week of collecting eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids. The special prize for the classroom that collected the most items would be a pizza party. Mrs. Beth Smith's first grade class was the winner and enjoyed pizza and juice boxes for lunch! What a treat for the Lions...seems as though we always receive the blessings!! Thank you Class for helping us help those in need all over this "big huge world"!!

Just in case you have ever wondered what 150 ten pound bags of Vidalia onions look like...here it is!! I didn't get a picture of the trailer fully loaded. Half of them had already been delivered! Ball Ground Lions will be taking orders for Vidalia Onions for delivery the first week in May. Price remains the same one ten pound bag for \$10 and three ten pound bags for \$25. See any Lion to place your order or just request it here. Thanks so much for all the community support that you all have given us in our community service work!!

Blind Believers beep kickball team members with Ball Ground LEOs and Lions Katie Strack and Sandra Homiller

Where there's a need...there are LIONS!! Sometimes it is necessary to "just do it"!! Thank you Lions of Ball Ground! These Lions are Ball Ground's pride and our joy. In one hour, they took down the tree that had been resting up against our house for a week or so. They, were so much fun to have here, not to mention efficient. Thanks to Glenn, Gary, Lee, John, and Robert. We love you!

Delivered ten gift bags today for Cherokee County Senior Services Adopt-a-Senior Program. Many thanks to Santa's helper Sandra Homiller for shopping and to Tom at Publix for purchasing and donating the bags.







**Anne Mundy**  
**DISTRICT 'T'**

## Decatur North Decatur Lions Club



The Decatur North Decatur Lions Club was founded in 1952, chartered on 11/3/1952 sponsored by Druid Hills Lions Club. We met for many years in the 50s at Medlock Elementary School in DeKalb County. We supported many of the Medlock Elementary activities; Over the years, NDLC has raised funds from BBQs, Yard Sales, Aluminum collections, brooms, mops and light bulbs sales.

Currently, the club still raises money via brooms, mops and light bulbs sales and Adopt-a-Lions sales. Throughout the club's history, it has supported the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundations in Chamblee, GA, the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. in Waycross, GA, Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Southeastern Guide Dogs with annual contributions. The club has also provided many eyeglasses for indigent individuals in DeKalb County with our partnership with Decatur Optometrists. The club has also done meals with Senior Solutions, provided transportation services to patients at the VA Hospital, now provide meals annually to the patients and caregivers at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge on the Emory campus; an annual dinner for the DeKalb County Police Officer of the Year for 46 years.

Our members volunteer at least twice a year at the GA Lions Lighthouse's Recycling Center Cleaning, sanitizing and sorting glasses for recycling and volunteer monthly at the Lighthouse's free Eye Clinics. Other activities that NDLC has been involved with have been Highway cleanups, Dresden Park cleanup, Boys and girls scout troops; free eye screenings, canned food collections.

The Decatur North Decatur Lions Club is a small Lions Club, but, we are growing steadily. We now have 19 members and we are a very ethnically diversified Lions club. Our members are from at least 6 different countries. Not bad for a small club right?





**Hannah Flynn**  
**DISTRICT "O"**

## District O Special

This is what Lionism is all about – no matter where you are there are Lions who will be there to assist.....

### 72-year-old's journey to benefit Lions Leader Dog program

The public is invited to check out Lion Elshoff's tricycle and learn more about her story, which includes a journey from Germany to the United States. She will be driving an ELF, which is an enclosed tricycle that operates on solar energy. Lion Elshoff can also pedal. Lion Elshoff began her two-year bicycling journey May 1. She plans to ride for two years, giving a speech at each stop she makes along the way. The plan is to average 40 miles each day.

She is a long-time Lions member and hopes to promote not only the Lions but show her appreciation and gratitude to the American people. Donations will be accepted for the Leader Dog program along her journey. Lion Elshoff has a Facebook page where people can follow her journey at Hanna's Dream Ride.

### (Editor's Note: Special thanks to Lion Alice Stagg of the Columbus Lions Club.) Excerpts

The Columbus Lions Club was excited to be able to help visiting Lion Hanna Elshoff of the Chatfield MN Lions Club on her journey through a part of District O in late January and early February. Lion Hanna was featured in the November 2015 LION Magazine for her exciting adventure riding through various states on her solar assisted ELF tricycle. She calls it Hanna's Dream Ride and her blog of that name can be viewed on both the internet and Facebook. Lion Hanna's story is a compelling one.

As a child, she and her family barely escaped being "sent away" by the Nazi SS. They were saved by the American army's liberation and she has remained forever grateful to all Americans for what they did to help her countrymen during the war and after. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1961 and was, as she says, a happy legal immigrant for 11 years, loving her adopted country, working hard and being a productive member of society, yet having no real urge to go through the process to become an American citizen. Then she saw a man on TV say, "I'm a farmer and I am running for President." Having grown up on a farm in Germany and also farming in Minnesota, Lion Hanna thought, "only in America could a farmer become President."



She set out to earn her citizenship to be able to vote for Jimmy Carter, but did not achieve it until after he became President. When her citizenship papers arrived, much to her surprise, her welcome letter was signed by Gerald Ford – outdated White House stationery had been used. For more than 40 years, Lion Hanna has held a dream of meeting President Carter and sharing the story of how he inspired her to become a U.S. citizen, and asking him to add his signature to her letter. Lion Hanna had started her journey on the ELF on 5/1/15 and by 11/24 had reached Columbus, where Lions Tim and Angie Hollis made her welcome and hosted her in their home. It was there that Lion Alice Stagg met Lion Hanna and learned of her journey. Lion Hanna did not have an appointment with Mr. Carter at that time, and was going to rent a car, return to Minnesota and work on trying to get one through the Carter Center before she came back to resume her journey to Plains. Fortunately Lion Alice was able to call on her cousin in Plains, GA, who grew up with the Carters and is lifelong friends with them, to arrange not only a meeting, but to have the Carters come to her home for lunch! On January 31, that meeting took place and one of Hanna's dreams was fulfilled. It was such an exciting day, and was witnessed by Lion Alice, DG Hannah Flynn and 1st VDG Willie Cooper.

The rest of the story, as they say, revolved around the trip Lion Hanna and Lion Alice made from Columbus starting 1/30, then how she was welcomed by other Lions Clubs along the way as she headed toward Florida. Lion Alice coordinated stops and visits with the Buena Vista Lions, who called a special meeting attended by 18 for Saturday lunch and covered by the local paper, the Plains Lions special dinner meeting Saturday evening, and the Americus Lions, where Lion Alice left her in 1st VDG Willie's care on Monday afternoon.

The Americus Lions were great hosts, and a non-Lion couple who Lion Willie knew, who had spent over 20 years as missionaries in Germany, were eager to welcome her into their home and help show her around. Some of the things arranged for her during her two day stay were a tour of Koinonia, helping at a Food Bank, giving a newspaper interview and speaking to the Americus Lions at their Monday evening meeting.

From Americus forward, due to the outstanding efforts of 2nd VDG Tammera Sears, other stops had been arranged starting in Albany, where she spent two nights with PIP Jim and Lion Sharon Ervin, then on to Camilla for two days as she attended the Pheasant Shoot Event on 2/6 thanks to Lion Jim Lapham and others and gave a TV interview, and finally to the Decatur County Lions, where Lions Jack and Georgia Taylor graciously hosted her. They also arranged for her to visit and share her story with the Donalsonville and Bainbridge clubs. All along the way, Lions went out of their way to show Lion Hanna the local sights, introduce her around, and assure her visit was as hospitable as possible. Hopefully none of the key players has been left out of this story.

Lion Hanna plans to continue her tour, with no particular itinerary, into Florida and at some point will return to Georgia. Hopefully other clubs will then be contacted and have the opportunity to show her more Southern hospitality. Lion Hanna is a very dynamic, yet humble person who is living her dream at age 73. Her goal is to work out her travels so that she is in Chicago in 2017 for the International Convention. As Lion Alice travelled with her for a few days, she reported that everywhere they stopped, people flocked to look at the ELF and to ask her about it. Lion Hanna never met a stranger and was always happy to share her story, thank the American people for their help, and raise awareness about Lions. She also thanks ALL Americans, not only the military who were on the front lines risking their lives, but the others who kept the factories, farms and businesses going back in the U.S. and raised the children.

Lion Alice says that it was truly her honor to have been involved with this dynamic Lion. It was a once in a lifetime adventure for me as well and one she will never forget. A BIG TANX to the Lions of District 18-O.





**Larry Varnadoe**  
**DISTRICT "N"**



## Darien Lions Club



Darien, Georgia is a tiny but very historic city on the coast between Savannah and Brunswick. I say tiny because it has a population of about 1,800 people and has no stop lights. Historical because it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest city in Georgia, founded by General James Oglethorpe to protect him from the Spanish to the South and the French to the west while he was building the city of Savannah.

The Darien Lions Club has been serving Darien and McIntosh County continuously for 65 years since it was sponsored by the Brunswick Lions Club and it's chartering on 13 January 1951 in the historic Oglethorpe Hotel in Brunswick. It is a small club with usual membership gains and losses keeping it small, but it provides a good measure of community service.

Darien organizes two fund raisers and organizes or supports ten service projects. There is a Low Country Boil every August and an Oyster Roast every February that bring in the revenue necessary to sustain the operation. In addition to supporting the Georgia Lions Camp, Lighthouse Foundation and the Southeastern Guide Dogs, a number of local service projects are either organized or supported.

The Lions organize the scouting programs and provide the meeting facilities, placing of the flags on patriotic holidays, eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids, the Darien Fall Fest every November and the Blessing of the Fleet Parade every April, and the Sight for Students Program. In addition, the Lions provide support for the Empty Stocking Fund that provides Christmas gifts to needy children, the Thanksgiving Day dinner, the Lions Vision Clinic at CMAP in Brunswick, and the Oyster Reef Restoration Project. The Lions are currently working with the Coastal Classic Car Club to organize a classic car show during the Blessing of the Fleet weekend.

The Darien Lions are alive and well and living up to our motto – "We Serve"





**Membership = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.**

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index.php>



**Ask One to Grow Your Impact!** Imagine the difference your club can make when you ask one person to join you in service. It's simple to impact the lives of more people, just ask a family member, friend or neighbor to serve with you. Since last July, over 51,000 Lions have invited for impact and asked a new Lion to join their club. Join their ranks and ask one today! [Visit the Ask One page](#) (<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/ask-one.php>) for ideas, resources and more!

## Get Going and Get Growing!

Dust off the winter cobwebs and celebrate spring with new ideas and fresh growth! As you start planning for next year's meetings, events and activities, try some of the ideas highlighted in [Your Club, Your Way](#) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-ICYW.pdf>) to make your meetings fun and find ways to include your family, friends and potential new members. Take it a step further and build a solid foundation and action plan for your ideas with the [Blueprint for a Stronger Club](#) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-STPBG.pdf>). Spring is the perfect time to increase your club's motivation through your achievements!



### Membership and New Club Growth Team

The multiple district and district GMT coordinators will develop two teams of Lions to serve as the **Membership and New Club Growth Team** and the **Club Success Team** based on identified needs. These two teams are appointed for a three-year term. Multiple district teams are appointed by the council of governors in consultation with the MD GMT coordinator and the GMT area leader. District teams are appointed by the DG Team in consultation with the multiple district GMT coordinator and the district GMT coordinator.

Get to know PDG Vicki Hubbard if you need a new club started.

I am Lion Vicki Hubbard, PDG from District 18-I; I am also a New Club Development Consultant for LCI. It is my job to educate new club-minded Lions to effectively build new clubs within their district, and how to run the new club's first meeting. In addition, to promote the program to districts, encouraging them to hold workshops and offer feedback to Membership Development Division at LCI by taking an active role in improving the program

The New Club Development Workshop Program assists the districts with the development of new clubs through classroom and/or in-field training. Depending on the district, classroom training can be held with a group of local Lions or field training can be held while in the field, enlisting with the new club development consultant. Districts can request a workshop for three, four or five days. This means, in addition to training, actual recruiting will be conducted by canvassing and/or appointments with community and business leaders. It is essential to stress that the purpose of this program is to create at least of one new club per workshop. It is my responsibility to train and assist with the growth of the new club. When the workshop is over, it is the district's responsibility to continue working on the new club to ensure that it is chartered. Although, it is important that we follow up with the club organizer on a regular basis until the chartering of the club.

**Why Organize a New Lions Club =** What are some of the reasons to organize a new Lions Club? To serve, to make a difference, to assist those in need, and to introduce new projects to local communities!!

Once you find a need, it's easy to charter a new club! To organize a new Lions club, you will need: 20 or more charter members, a sponsoring club, region, zone, district cabinet or district committee, completed charter application and report of charter members, your District Governor's approval, and appropriate charter fees and certification forms. You can increase sustainability by 70% by chartering with 25 or more members! Traditional community-based Lions clubs remain the major foundation of new club development. This club option offers flexibility to reach new groups of people and serve a variety of communities. So bring a community together, give them the opportunity to make a difference and enable them to see great things happen by chartering a new Lions club. There are still people to reach and new challenges to be met.

If you don't have enough for a "Traditional" Lions Club, you can always start a Branch Club. To start a Branch Club you will need: A minimum of five branch members, elected branch president, secretary and treasurer, a sponsoring club and branch liaison, your District Governor to be informed and completed notification form. Club branches allow a small group of at least 5 people to form a Lions club and start making a difference in their community sooner. Members become part of an existing "parent" Lions club, but hold independent meetings and develop their own projects. Club branches elect a branch president, secretary and treasurer to lead the branch. The parent club appoints a branch liaison to serve as the go-between for the parent and branch.

As a New Club Development Consultant I can come out to your area and give you the training you need and also help you canvass the neighborhood for NEW LIONS!!. If you would like more information please contact me at 770-851-8765 or by email at [lionvicki@gmail.com](mailto:lionvicki@gmail.com)

**Membership Publications** Download forms and publications that help strengthen your club's membership

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/publications-forms/membership.php>



**For the entire Membership Webinar calendar and past webinars.**

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/membership-webinars.php>



## Impact 50 Lives by Asking One Today



The best way to create a larger impact in your community is to ask one person to join your club. On average, a Lion impacts the lives of 50 people annually when they participate in service projects. Imagine the outcomes that can occur when you ask one, two or more new Lions to join you in volunteering. Take the first step today and ask a family member, friend or co-worker to join you at a club meeting or service project.

Lions Clubs International has several resources available to help you and your club invite new Lions to further impact your community.

By growing your club, you will have a direct impact on your community, new Lions, and yourself. Start today and Ask One, it's that simple!

*Dear Lion,*

*We are pleased to share that Lions Clubs International is extending the Involve a U.S. Veteran pilot program through **June 30, 2016**. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions club in the United States.*



*Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard 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 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club. Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.*

*Visit the **Involve a U.S. Veteran** web page to download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release.*

**Learn More**

[http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/us-veteran-program.php?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5803%20Veterans%20Prog%20extension%20EN](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/us-veteran-program.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5803%20Veterans%20Prog%20extension%20EN)

*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. Membership Development Division, Lions Clubs International*

## Strengthen Membership

Go to this web site <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/index.php>

**you just might learn something different.**

The key to keeping your club healthy and strong involves operating your club effectively and keeping members satisfied. Use the resources below to create a Lions club experience your members will want to tell their family and friends about!

### For Clubs

- Club Excellence Process = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>
- Blueprint for a Stronger Club = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/blueprint-for-stronger-club.php>
- Membership Satisfaction Guide = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me301.pdf>
- How Are Your Ratings? = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/how-are-your-ratings.php>
- Community Needs Assessment = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/mk9.pdf>
- Your Club, Your Way = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-YCYW.pdf>

### For Members

- New Member Orientation = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/member-orientation.php>
- Mentoring Program = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/mentoring-program.php>
- Online Courses at the Lions Learning Center = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php>

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

PDG Price stated that as of this time, there are no new clubs in the state. There are districts that are currently acting on new clubs. She pointed out that there was a GMT meeting yesterday afternoon with Council, First VDGs, and District GMTs to discuss plans for the remaining five months of the year. The current GMT structure has a district team composed of the DG, District team, District GMT and GLT working together. Those teams don't appear to be working. Yesterday, DGs expressed they felt the best way to form a club is to focus on Branch Clubs and let it build. They also felt there was a lack of motivation and apathy in a lot of the Lions Clubs.

PIP Ervin stated that other Multiple Districts are having great success. Leadership starts at the top. He stated that the First and Second VDGs need to be planning for their year. He pointed out that there are people trained by LCI to come in and extend Lions Clubs in the Districts. The new 2.0 GMT was passed by the International Board to create funding to help develop the GMT and GLT at the District level. This is being worked on now. If the GMT and GLT people can better understand their roles and responsibilities and give them specialized training or help them, this might be a way of helping you as District Governors in accomplishing your goals. The International Directors from North America have come together in creating a group that is strictly working on helping to support the GMT and GLT in membership. When a Director or Past Director goes into a District Convention they are asked to have a meeting with the Council and the Lions to discuss issues, one being membership.





## Independent Study Presentations

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/training-resources/club-officer-training-orientation.php>

### Zone Chairperson Self-Guided Training - New!

Below are resources and materials to assist you in your role as Zone Chairperson. Each module requires approximately 15 minutes to complete. The companion workbook may be printed or saved to your computer for future use.

- Module 1: [Roles and Responsibilities Overview](#)
  - [Module 1 Workbook](#)
- Module 2: [Zone Chairperson as the Administrative Officer of the Zone](#)
  - [Module 2 Workbook](#)
- Module 3: [Zone Chairperson and the District Governor's Advisory Committee](#)
  - [Module 3 Workbook](#)
- Module 4: [Zone Chairperson as a Member of the District Cabinet](#)
  - [Module 4 Workbook](#)

### Club Officer Individual Training

Below, find courses, resources and materials to help you grow as a club officer and successfully lead your club.

- [Club President Module](#)
  - [Club President Workbook](#)
- [Club Secretary Module](#)
  - [Club Secretary Workbook](#)
- [Club Treasurer Module](#)
  - [Club Treasurer Workbook](#)

### Club Officers Training

A training resource for designing and facilitating an instructor-led workshop for club officers.

- [Club Officer Instructor Guide](#)
- Club Secretary MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)
- Club Treasurer MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)



## [Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute 2016](#)

[An LCI-Sponsored Regional Lions Leadership Institute](#)

Received a web site for the Regional Institute to be held in Fruitland, FL, April 7-10, 2016. I think this is great to have a web site where we can register for this event. The web site is <http://sell2016.com>. I am also attaching a brochure that can be sent out or copied and given out at meetings. **Looking ahead for Future Events Coming = Lions Leadership Institute of the South in Mississippi, June 2-4, 2016**

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

The Lions Club Handbook that Georgia originally started since it was introduced in October is now in its third printing and has sold over 15,000 copies. The International Association Club Supplies will start carrying it and converting it into the official languages so that it will now be a worldwide publication and not just for North America. He discussed the success of the Lions University Program. There are 1200 Lions that sign on daily to take advantage of that program available online.

He discussed the Second Century Program of a district structure which Council approved at the last meeting, and the First VDGs are actively recruiting and implementing. Copies of the Program were available. The key idea is that your district is streamlined to focus on clubs. One of the key elements of this program is an emphasis on quality clubs and streamlining the program so that you have a Quality Club Coach in each district, and as part of their team are people called Club Coaches, formerly known as Zone Chairs, but with a broader scope of helping existing clubs and coaching them to reach their maximum potential. Likewise, a team focus on new club development that is responsible for Certified Guiding Lion development, training, implementing and using people like Vicki to start building Clubs in underserved areas. In the state of Georgia right now there are 17 counties that do not have a Lions Club. Those communities are not served. PCC Miller stated that PIP Ervin is working with International to make sure that this program dovetails with their reporting needs and requirements. PCC Miller stated it was time for Georgia to take this bold step, which Council has done and implement a program to start streamlining the Districts. He stated it is imperative that Council recruit those two key state positions as soon as possible. That would be someone to serve as the Quality Club Team Coach on the Multiple District level, and someone to be the New Club Coach on the Multiple District level so that they can work with the people that the First Vice District Governors are already identifying in their districts. The retiring GLT team will be coming around to the District Conventions and each District has given an hour session to educate the Lions of Georgia about this program so that they will understand what the district will look like next year.

PIP Ervin stated that in talking with LCI and the Leadership Division and some of the new people that have been brought on board, looking at our Association and what's going to be our major focus, and what's going to be the major development, they kind of get a little bit excited when they say we're trying to try something new. Does it fit what we are calling the structure, no it doesn't, but if you have success with it, that's what they are wanting to see. There is one thing about any program, whether it's International, whether it's here in Georgia, or whether it's in a club. There is only one thing that is going to make it successful and that is commitment. It's commitment that turns the dreams and goals into reality. Whoever you put into these positions if they are not committed to that, you won't have success. That's going to be the key to this new program, is that you've got to commit yourself, be willing to accept change, and develop something; then when International looks at it and says they are having some success. PIP Ervin stated that flexibility is one of the key things that is going to make all of us find the future we need to find. We can't just keep doing the same thing over and over. So be willing to try something new, work together, be positive about the opportunity, and then as you see it working or not working, then you have to tweak it, just like any Company. The part of it that is not working you make those changes; you don't just keep staying with it. He asked everyone to think of all these things in a positive manner and work toward a success.

# Service Activity Webin

## Why MyLCI?

### Why MyLCI for Club Officers?

- Maintain member names, addresses and phone numbers
- View and pay LCI Statements
- Print Membership Cards
- Track your club's service activity
- Create club rosters and member mailing lists
- Designate next year's officers
- Report your Monthly Membership

### Why MyLCI for District Officers?

- View current membership for clubs in your district
- View Newly Chartered and Status Quo clubs
- View reports like the Monthly Membership Reporting History and the Missing Club Officers Report
- Prepare for club visits
- Set up and view regions, zones, district officers and chairpersons
- View service activity for clubs in your district

### How do I get started?

Register for MyLCI by creating a unique username and password. [Click here to Register Now](#) (you will need your LCI member number for authentication). = <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Register.aspx>

1. Enter your username and password on the Logon page to access MyLCI and the Directory. [Log in Now](#).
2. You are now ready to access MyLCI to enjoy all the benefits listed above!

[Go to MyLCI](#)

<https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/LogIn.aspx>

### We're here to help. Contact MyLCI Support Center:

- Phone 630-468-6900 M-F 8:30 – 4:30 Central Time (Chicago)
- Email [mylci@lionsclubs.org](mailto:mylci@lionsclubs.org)

## Service Activity Webinars

A webinar is a virtual lecture or training session presented live on the Internet. The session includes PowerPoint presentation, handouts, video, interactive questions and answers. There is also an audio component that is available either over the phone or over the Internet. Webinars are a great way for Lions to conference or train together over the Internet. Throughout the year we will offer broadcasted service-activity presentations. You can attend a webinar in your office or at home at your own convenience.

**The Family and Community Engagement Webinar** = Join us for a special one-hour webinar to learn about our partnership with Scholastic under the Reading Action Program and how your club can work with schools, families, and communities to make sure that every child has an opportunity to reach their full potential. Special Guest Presenter: Jackie Harvey, Director of Community and District Wide Partnerships at Scholastic

**Recording** = <https://vimeo.com/82578403>

**Working Together to Relieve Hunger (Australia and United States)** = In this webinar we share ideas, stories, and best practices for working together with our food banking partners to relieve hunger. We discuss the purpose, resources and project ideas for the Lions Relieving the Hunger Campaign, and we will feature special guest presenters from Feeding America, Foodbank Western Australia and Foodbank Australia.

- **Recording** = <https://vimeo.com/80896413>
- **Presentation** = [http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/WorkingHunger\\_presentation.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/WorkingHunger_presentation.pdf)
- **Participant Workbook** = [http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/WorkingHunger\\_workbook.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/WorkingHunger_workbook.pdf)

**Reading Action Program Webinar** = In this webinar we share ideas, stories, and best practices on developing education and literacy related service projects. We will also feature some of our U.S. literacy partners who will present information on how Lions can partner with them on a local level.

- **Recording** = <https://vimeo.com/77082281>
- **Presentation** = <http://www.slideshare.net/LCIprograms/reading-action-program-webinar>
- **Participant Workbook** = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/RAP-Workbook.pdf>

**Lions, Get Ready for World Diabetes Day!** = The webinar highlighted the range of activities and resources for planning a diabetes project. Presenters from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) discussed the growing diabetes epidemic and ways Lions can impact their communities by participating in World Diabetes Day.

- **Recording** = <https://vimeo.com/66858683>
- **Presentation** = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/GetReadyforWDD.pdf>

**Lions, Let's Get Ready for Diabetes Alert Day!** = Diabetes Alert Day is a wake-up call for the American public to learn more about diabetes. Representatives from our partner the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) shared easy action steps you can use for community awareness, not only one this special day, but for other diabetes events throughout the year.

- **Recording** = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/service-activity-webinars.php>
- **Presentation** = [http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/webinar\\_DiabetesAlertDay.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/webinar_DiabetesAlertDay.pdf)



## International President *Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada*



Peace, hope, determination, teamwork and uniting people through service are central elements of my presidential theme –

*“Be kind. Be open. Be curious. Be strong. Be generous. Be sincere.  
Be loyal. Be honest. Be a Lion.”*

*Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada*

**“Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.”**

EXCERPTS message - Dear Lion,

As members of the world's largest service club organization, we constantly strive to welcome new Lions into the pride. New members energize your club, bring fresh ideas and position your club for ongoing success. And new members also have a tremendous impact on your ability to serve.

On average, each new Lion serves 50 people a year. That's 50 more helping hands and 50 more smiles. That's 50 more lives that you can change by inviting a new member. And it all starts by asking one family member, friend or neighbor to serve with you. That's all it takes to increase your impact, so Ask One today!

I am encouraging every club to set a goal of adding at least 3 new members during each year of the Centennial Celebration. With your help, we can make the world better and the future brighter for all.

We are nearing our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service because Lions like you have made a commitment to growing your clubs and serving your communities. Over the past year, you have strengthened your club by inviting friends and neighbors to join you in service. But inviting new members is just the beginning.

The key to long-term membership growth is keeping your members happy. There's no better way than keeping your members engaged in service—it's the reason we became Lions. To make sure your club experience remains satisfying, give all members opportunities to lead, share their ideas and identify service projects that are important to them.

Inviting and retaining new members go hand in hand. That's why the [Centennial Membership Awards](#) recognizes clubs for inducting *and* retaining new members. Encourage your Lions to invite for impact today, then focus on membership satisfaction to keep members coming back year after year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Your International President

### Nearing Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

With 28 months left and 12M people served through vision projects, we are at the halfway point of the Centennial Service Challenge - congratulations! We are confident that Lions will achieve the goal of serving 25M people through vision projects by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, but only if everyone reports their projects to [MyLCI](#). To ensure that we reach our goal, please see the examples below for tips on accurate reporting in MyLCI.

- **Tip 1: Screenings:** When Lions conduct screening activities, it is important to report the total number of people screened because everyone benefitted in some way, even if a referral was not necessary. For example, if 100 people were screened, all 100 should be reported.
- **Tip 2: Lions clinics/foundations:** Lions clinics and foundations offer vital eye care services on an ongoing basis. Remember to report the number served each month. For example, a large clinic that serves 3,000 people in the month of March should report all 3,000 people.
- **Tip 3: LCIF funded projects:** When Lions receive LCIF funding to implement sight-related projects, the number of people served each month through these projects should also be reported in MyLCI. In addition, Lions should continue to submit their detailed progress reports to LCIF staff.

Please share these tips with your clubs and encourage them to increase their reporting to MyLCI. Together, we can reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 25 million through vision projects by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

If you have any questions, please write [CSC@lionsclubs.org](mailto:CSC@lionsclubs.org).

### Get the Keys to Membership Satisfaction



Want to learn more about increasing member satisfaction in your club? Check out these great resources:

- The [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) provides great ideas for meeting and exceeding the expectations of Lions by creating a satisfying club experience.
- The [Your Club, Your Way! brochure](#) gives you strategies for making meetings enjoyable and productive to better engage your members.

Download these resources and start increasing your membership satisfaction today!



Dear Georgia Lions!

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

The excitement has continued at the Lighthouse. Congratulations to the Lighthouse staff on the great job they did on the Peach Bowl. Months of planning and hard work was put into this great event. Thanks, especially, to Executive Director Lion Roberta Green and Lighthouse Board member Lion Cheryl Crumbley Lee for making our renewed relationship with the Peach Bowl possible. Thanks to the members of the Council who attended and supported us. Lions Clubs International was very pleased with our renewed partnership with the Peach Bowl. International First Vice President Bob Corlew and Lion Diane enjoyed the parade, as did all the Lions who participated. It was a great day! We look forward to the 2016 Peach Bowl being bigger and better with Lions and the Lighthouse very involved. Another benefit of our relationship is the opportunity to partner with the Peach Bowl in their program called "Play it Smart" to screen school children in inner city Atlanta. Eye screenings were also done at Fan Fest at the Peach Bowl.

In addition to continuing to put the Lighthouse in the national and international spotlight, we continue to serve Georgians in need. Since July 1, our Lighthouse has performed 1,077 eye exams and provided 3,497 eyeglasses. We have served 667 clients through our Frame Kit Program, and 374 surgical procedures have been done. We have provided 1,245 hearing aids. Total services provided year to date is 10,371.

The Lighthouse Board has approved a Medical Director to oversee our programs. This is a huge step to strengthen the health care provided by the Lighthouse. Dr. Greg Russell will be joining our staff in spring, 2016. He is a member of the Air Force Reserve and is currently on a medical deployment in Jordan. Dr. Russell is a board certified optometrist. He is a board member for the Georgia Optometric Association. The Lighthouse will be able to expand access to care throughout the state in underserved areas. Additionally, the Lighthouse looks forward to establishing school based clinics providing follow up care for students in need. He will go into areas where we currently have no volunteer doctors to hold clinics. He will also actively recruit new doctors to volunteer for the Lighthouse.

We hope you have marked your calendars for April 2, 2016. That is the date of our premier fundraiser, The Night of Spectacles. Again this year, Lions will get a special rate for the event for tickets purchased only during the month of February. This special rate is for Lions members only. We are also seeking items for the Silent Auction from clubs all over the state.

At our meeting today, we will be electing new officers for the 2016-2017 year. Thanks to all those who are stepping up to serve our Georgia Lions Lighthouse. It has been a joy for me to serve this past two years as Chair of the Board of Directors of this awesome nonprofit organization that does so much to serve others.

PCC Clower stated that the Lighthouse needs volunteers to help with the used eyeglasses. If at all possible, Clubs are asked to sort the glasses (information on their website) before delivering to the Lighthouse.



Lions Centennial Bus Tour Partners with Lighthouse to Screen Atlanta Elementary School

See next page =

**Summer Service Numbers  
1Jul2015 – 28Feb2016**

**District L**

Eye Exams: 413  
Eye Glasses: 1,160  
Eye Surgeries: 242  
Hearing Aids: 553

**District I**

Eye Exams: 407  
Eye Glasses: 1,122  
Eye Surgeries: 108  
Hearing Aids: 416

**District O**

Eye Exams: 244  
Eye Glasses: 376  
Eye Surgeries: 71  
Hearing Aids: 370

**District N**

Eye Exams: 336  
Eye Glasses: 501  
Eye Surgeries: 68  
Hearing Aids: 154

**Fiscal Year Totals:**

Eye Exams: 1,400  
Eye Glasses: 3,159  
Eye Surgeries: 489  
Hearing Aids: 1,493

**Service Numbers**

Vision Screenings total:  
4,562

Frame Kit Services:  
857

**Total Services = 13,653**



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





Lions Clubs International First Vice President Chancellor Bob Corlew of Milton, Tennessee and his wife, Dianne, joined the Lighthouse staff to screen more than 350 children at Dunbar Elementary School in Atlanta on February 23rd. As part of a global outreach to assess community needs, the Lions Centennial Bus toured the Southeast and visited some of the most impactful Lions service efforts.

The entire school - 378 total - was screened by a team of Lighthouse staff, Lion Ed Ressler, and First Vice President Bob and Dianne Corlew. Using digital screeners, children were screened in record time - 50 children were screened in three minutes! Of the students screened, those who did not pass will receive follow-up care, including comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses through the Lighthouse's Vision Clinic and Optical Lab.



## Georgia Lions Lighthouse Staff

Main Line: 404-325-3630

### Executive Director

Roberta Green, Ext. 301

### Director of Finance =

LaShaundra Ruby, Ext 302

### Community Engagement Coordinator –

Ruthy Stephens Ext. 315

### Program Services – Patient Care, Vision Clinics and General Questions =

Director of Programs Morgan Alexander, Ext. 309

### Hearing Services - Questions, Patient Care

Hearing Services Manager, Shetera Reaves, Ext. 313

### Eye Surgery Services - Questions, Patient Care

Eye Surgery Director – Victoria Jordan, Ext. 303

### Optical Service – Frame Kit, Eyeglass Orders and Optical Lab

Director of Optics – Peri Finch = Ext 328

### Development Opportunities - Fundraising, Club Giving, Donations

Chief Development Officer – Ext. 322

### Marketing Opportunities - Club Materials, Promotions, Website, Social Media

Marketing Director – Alison Kuhlke, Ext. 306

### Volunteer Services - Questions, Scheduling, Recycling Center and Rentals of Vision Screeners

Outreach Director - Marsha Marshall, Ext. 345

### Volunteer Manager –

Lion Harold Walker - Phone: 404-376-2126

### Volunteer Assistant Manager –

Lion Albert Green - Phone: 404-861-4371

Lions section on website password: **bingham1**



Join us in recognizing Snellville Lions Club members, Harold Walker and Steve Johnson - or as we like to call them, the "Tuesday Crew" - for their ongoing commitment and hard work in the Eyeglass Recycling Center. Harold and Steve are both Recycling Center Managers and they are at the Lighthouse every Tuesday, working hard to recycle thousands of pairs of eyeglasses each year, read the prescriptions, and package them for shipment. Our global impact is amplified through their support!



To inquire about other dates or volunteer opportunities, <http://LionsLighthouse.org/get-involved/Recycling-Program/>

Contact Phelicia Hardy, [phardy@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:phardy@lionslighthouse.org) to schedule a time for you or your group to volunteer.

## REPORT OF MD 18 SIGHT PRESERVATION AWARENESS & ACTION CHAIR – LION J.C. COEFIELD - [coefield@cox.net](mailto:coefield@cox.net): WHITE CANE

White Cane had its beginning in Georgia in 1980 as White Cane Day. We no longer limit White Cane to just a day in the year. White Cane donations equal about 1/3 of the Georgia Lions contributions to the Lighthouse. The goal for White Cane 2014 has been set for \$120,000. Over the last 4 years White Cane donations have averaged over \$113 thousand dollars per year.

As everyone knows, prices have been on the rise and the services offered by the Lighthouse are no exception. The present economy is creating additional needs at the Lighthouse to help those who have lost their jobs and subsequently, their health insurance. The money collected through White Cane is instrumental in changing people's lives. While it is usually no problem for a local club to purchase a pair of eyeglasses for a needy person, it would be literally impossible for a club to provide eye surgery needed to restore someone's sight. The money raised throughout the state for White Cane can be combined to offer services to people who, without the Lions of Georgia, might have no hope.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help them help others. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. One hundred percent of all money collected for White Cane goes directly to sight services. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2016 the best ever. Lions get an excellent return on their investment in the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is now able to get \$5 in services for every dollar.

Not only is this a time to raise funds for the Lighthouse, it also gives us an opportunity to be out in our communities and to educate people about the services that we, as Lions of Georgia, can offer. A chance to put hands and feet to our motto, "We Serve".

## Volunteer Doctors Needed!



Please tell your community eye doctors about the Lighthouse! More doctors volunteering in our clinics means shorter wait times for patients to receive eye exams and eyeglasses. Doctors are needed, specifically for children's eye exams in the Metro- Atlanta area and throughout the state. If you know an eye doctor interested in volunteering, please contact = Morgan Alexander, Programs Director [malexander@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:malexander@lionslighthouse.org), 404.325.3630 x 309

## Protecting Our Environment Centennial Service Challenge

◀ March	<i>~ April 2016 ~</i>					May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Family &amp; Friends Month</i>		<i>Leo Club Awareness Month</i>		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Council of Governors Mgt Lighthouse
17	18	19	20	21	22 Work Weekend II at the Camp 22-24 April	23 Work Weekend II at the Camp
24 Work Weekend II at the Camp	25	26	27	28	29	30 Club Excellence Award ENDS

### Strengthen Membership Month = Recycle for Sight Month

◀ April	<i>~ May 2016 ~</i>					June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Strengthen Membership Month</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due <b>Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes:			

◀ May	~ June 2016 ~					July ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Helen Keller Day</i>	2 Council of Governors Mtg	3 MD-18 State	4 Convention
5 Callaway Gardens, GA	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 99 <sup>th</sup> International	25 Lions
26 Convention	27 Fukuoka	28 Japan	29	30	Notes:	

◀ June	July 2016					August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 CAMP FOR THE BLIND 40th Summer CAMP Lions Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					



**Membership Focus: Students and Leo Lions**  
**Engaging Our Youth Centennial Service Challenge**

◀ July	<b>August 2016</b>						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	Notes:			

◀ August	<i>~ September 2016 ~</i>						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15 USA/	16 Canada Omaha,	17 Nebraska	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	



## **REPORT OF GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND – ACTING PRESIDENT – LION OLIN NEWBY, PCC:**

As we think about the camp and the opportunities that it presents to us as Lions that these opportunities must be explored to the fullest. The camp staff is doing a good job with the day to day operations. Gail is taking care of the secretarial work and Mike is maintaining the camp grounds. Mike is also getting the word out in the Waycross area about the camp. Also, in recent weeks, He has received several calls from people inquiring about the camp use and facilities. In fact, several groups' representatives have visited the camp to see what the camp has to offer.

As I see it there are several opportunities that are important for the camp to prosper and grow in the coming years. The opportunities are:

The lions of Georgia have to recommit to The Georgia Lions camp. The Camp has to be used on a year round schedule. An adequate comprehensive funding program needs to be developed for the camp campers. The Camper attendance has got to be increased with a priority for the visually impaired Camper. The development of an on-going-program to train the blind children how to learn how to cope in the world today. The Camp needs to train them to be aware that they can be useful citizens in society. We need to explore all avenues that will enhance a public relations program for the camp.

A letter was sent to all clubs bringing the clubs up to date on the needs of the camp and the financial situation of the camp. The camp had a very successful Christmas camp the first part of December. The campers seemed to enjoy the camping session. The Camp had to borrow \$25,000 from the investment fund in December. The camp facilities are in good shape. A new storage building is being constructed, with special designated funds, to separate the different types of camp goods to be stored. It is my understanding that this was required by rules of the camping association. A by-monthly or quarterly newsletter is needed to keep the clubs informed what is happening at the camp. Additional information is found in Mike's report which is attached for you information.

CC May recognized Acting Camp Director Mike and Gail Williams, and Lighthouse Executive Director Roberta Green. The new Camp tee shirt, "Keep the Camp fires burning 40th Anniversary" was on display and available for sale during the weekend.

Question raised. Annual Budget for the Camp this year is \$310,000.00. Question raised about how much is left in the Trust Account. PDG Pat Pignataro reported that there was a little over \$252,000.00 in the account; they planned to take out \$40,000.00 to make available funds of \$49,000.00 for the budget, as needed.



Dixie Chopper ZEE 2 with 48" deck  
Best residential grade zero turn riding lawn mower

## **You could win this Dixie Chopper**

This is a picture of the mower that will be given away by the Georgia Lions Camp at the **Georgia Lions State Convention** at Callaway Gardens this year. Dixie Chopper, ZEE 2 with a 48" deck, Zero Turn, riding lawn mower. The winner will be drawn on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Callaway Gardens during the Georgia Lions State Convention. Tickets are \$1 each and the proceeds will go to the Camp. It is the hope of the Directors that ALL Lions Clubs in Georgia will participate in the fundraiser in support of the Georgia Lions Camp. All Clubs and individual Lions are encouraged to sell or purchase tickets for this fund raising event for the Camp. If you have not received tickets to sell, please contact Olin Newby, Camp President, and he will send you the number of tickets you request. Lion Newby's email address is [olinnewby230@gmail.com](mailto:olinnewby230@gmail.com) or you can call him at 706 401-2639.

## **The Georgia Lions Camp appreciates your support!**

*Mike Williams, Acting Director for the Georgia Lions Camp, has asked that we share the below information with all Lions:*

Our first work weekend is fast approaching, **April 1st- 3rd, 2106**. Please go online to the camp's website and fill out your reservation form, return it to the office via email or postal service. We need to plan the work schedule and also it lets us know the amount of food we need to prepare. There are plenty of bunk beds in the dorms so we have plenty of room for you to rest.

One of our main goals at this work weekend will be to do a total, efficient inventory of all items here at the camp. For those who like to clean up and maybe even paint a bit, I have that on the list also. I hope to hear from you soon!!

**CAN'T MAKE THE FIRST WORK WEEKEND, DON'T FRET. THERE IS A SECOND WORK WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22nd - 24th, 2016. SEND IN THOSE RESERVATION FORMS**



# Georgia Lions Camp 2016 Silent Auction

Excitement is in the air and we need ALL Lions, Lioness and LEO's of Georgia to participate in the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction during the State Convention. We are challenging all clubs to step up and support the Camp by donating a theme basket. Here are a few ideas: "Apple of My Eye"; "Garden Delights"; "Hammer Time"; "Passion for Pasta"; "Sew What"; "Tee Time"; "Wooden It Be Nice". Please remember to list the value of the items in the basket, the value of the basket as a whole and the name of the club donating the basket. The silent auction is a fun and exciting way to help the Camp. Come and check out all the baskets.

The Camp needs your support in order to continue its important mission. If a club is not able to donate a theme basket to the auction, a monetary contribution to the Camp would be greatly appreciated. Questions regarding the Silent Auction or if your club is donating a theme basket, please email: Alice Stagg at [alice.oakhill@gmail.com](mailto:alice.oakhill@gmail.com) or Helen Troha at [htrahagalion@hotmail.com](mailto:htrahagalion@hotmail.com).

*A Huge shout out to Mrs. Dimple Forrest and her helper, Mr. Dave Forrest. She coordinated the Christmas party, decorated the Activity building, set up all the tables and when it was all finished, put everything back in its appointed place*

*During this time, all the campers socialized with each other, the staff, and volunteers that were involved. They played, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" game, which is a game where they all sit in a circle and each one is given a pre-wrapped present and the story is read to them. Every time the word right is mentioned they pass their gift to the right and when the word left is said they pass it back to the left. You should have seen them; they would examine the wrapped gift every time they got a new one. Trying to figure out what was inside the package. (Remind you of something you may do at this time of year??) When the story is finished they get to keep the gift that they have. Laughter, you just had to be here. They had a ball with this game. I would like to give a big Thank You to the Leos of Colquitt County for providing the Campers with all these gifts. After the game all the campers were given the opportunity to examine the gifts that were purchased for children from the Angel Tree at the Salvation Army. We usually take the campers to Wal-Mart and let them actually participate in the purchases. Due to time and lack of transportation we had to do things a little different this year. 6 children were provided gifts and each camper was able to touch and inspect all the gifts. They understand that there are children out there that only ask for a little something for Christmas and that's what we all are here for. To put a smile on a child's face; a child they will never actually get to meet. The campers know they have done something good for someone else.*

## FINANCIAL STATUS

Total Operating Income for February was \$42,076 and the Total Operating Expenses were \$13,415 for a net gain of \$28,661 for the month. The Year-to-Date Net Operating Losses are \$22,794 excluding the \$47,000 that was transferred from the Investment Fund. March was even better than February in Club Contributions; cutting our Operating Losses in half.

The total of all bank accounts is \$88,322 of which \$10,228 are restricted leaving \$78,093 for Operational Funds.

At the April Board Meeting I think there needs to be some discussion on the budget and spending for the balance of the year. The concerns are the cost of the up coming camping season, Permanent and Seasonal Staffing. I think the Board needs to give the Acting Director some guide lines on spending. Although the Camp has received much improved contributions for the past two months, contributions are still behind last year's-to-date and they are behind this year's budget to-date by \$66,428 (excluding Investment Fund transfers). Does the Board want to return some of the monies back to the Investment Fund? Also we still do not have an approved budget for next year.

A summary of the Lions Clubs' Contributions are:

18-L: 26 of 51 (51%) Clubs for \$31,336  
18-I: 34 of 58 (59%) Clubs for \$22,316  
18-O: 35 of 57 (61%) Clubs for \$27,096  
18-N: 38 of 63 (60%) Clubs for \$46,291

Total MD 18: 133 of 229 (59%) Clubs for \$127,039

**Last year** at this time the totals were:

Total MD 18: 143 of 232 (58%) Clubs for \$180,266

Paul May

Ga. Lions Camp Treasurer

The Camp has new 40th Anniversary T-Shirts available for \$15. Be sure to go by the Camp table at your upcoming District Conventions and pick up a shirt to show your support for the Camp; then on July 16, wear your T Shirt to Lions Day at the Camp.

Everyone who shows up at Lions Day with their "Keep the Camp Fires Burning, 40th Anniversary" shirt will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Walmart gift card. Let's make this the best Lions Day ever.





Fellow Lions - go to this web site and learn more =  
<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>



## Centennial Promotion and Advertising Center

Publicize our Centennial with "how to" information, merchandise, logos, artwork and more.  
<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/toolbox/centennial-promotion-advertising/index.php>



- [Centennial Videos](#)
- [Centennial logos](#), including Service Challenge, Membership Awards, and Historic
- [Social media and the #Lions100 hashtag](#)
- [Lions public relations tools and resources](#)
- [Centennial Club Supplies](#)
- [Centennial posters and ads](#) (English only)
- [Lions Branding Photo](#)

## Centennial Merchandise



[Men's Centennial Polo](#)  
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[Women's Centennial Polo](#)  
US\$34.95-39.95



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[Yellow](#)



[Gray](#)



[Centennial Full Color Lapel Pin](#) US\$2.95



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[Deluxe Patch](#)

[Deluxe Patch](#)  
Deluxe 5" (12.7 cm) Centennial logo patch with metallic thread is perfect for your Lions blazer. US\$8.05



### Aluminum Logo Sign

Update your club's identity with the newly designed Centennial Highway sign. Single-faced. Enhanced with reflective Scotchlite® for increased visibility. Allow at least 3 weeks for delivery.

[18" \(45.72 cm\) Diameter](#)  
US\$48.95

[30" \(76.2 cm\) Diameter](#)  
US\$92.95

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration, Lions are encouraged to help reach the Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018 by planning projects through the following Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns:



August –  
**Engaging our Youth**



October –  
**Sharing the Vision**



December/January –  
**Relieving the Hunger**



April –  
**Protecting our Environment**

[#LIONS100 website](#)

If you have any questions about the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards, please contact us at: [CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org).

## LIONS CLUB GREEN TEAM = TIPS TO REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

### Transportation

- Take public transportation, car pool, use bicycles, or walk.
- When driving, accelerate gradually; use cruise control.
- Keep tires properly inflated.

### Computers and Electronics

- Turn off computers, TVs, radios, etc. when not in use.
- Plug all electrical cords into a power strip and turn the strip off when not in use.
- Recycle computer disks, cell phones and other "technotrash."
- Use rechargeable batteries.

### Lights

- Use ONLY Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs. (They use 75% less energy and last 10 times longer!)
- Always turn off lights.
- Utilize natural light whenever possible.

### Paper and Other Disposables

- Use old newspapers as wrapping paper.
- Use canvas or other reusable bags when shopping.
- Buy items in bulk to reduce packaging waste.



Dear Lions,

We have a nearly century-long tradition of strengthening communities through service. Over the past year, I've seen Lions from all over the globe reaffirm their commitment by leading through service in the Centennial Service Challenge. I've seen Lions increase their service by inviting for impact through the Centennial Membership Awards.

You heard the call to serve and you answered as only Lions can. Now it's time to take our motto "We Serve" to the next level by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy Projects are gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your club's service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will stand as a reminder of the impact of your club on your community and as a symbol of Lions commitment to a better future. I hope all clubs will take the opportunity to learn more about this exciting program and plan a Legacy Project of their own.

I can't wait to see the incredible impact clubs like yours continue to make as we celebrate the Centennial and prepare for our second century of service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Your International President

## Build Your Lion Legacy



Lions clubs worldwide are encouraged to make a lasting impact by completing a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. As a visible gift, your Centennial Community Legacy Project will be a lasting reminder of how vital your club is to serving and connecting your community. From a new city entrance sign to an eye clinic, there's an opportunity for every club to be involved. Visit <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php> for the Club Centennial Planning Guide, brochures, FAQs and other resources to help your club choose a project and start building your Lion legacy today.

### Raise Your Community Visibility

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park



### Provide a Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization



### Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



## Plan Your Legacy Project

With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Choose a project from the list below or develop your own to address specific needs in your community. In support of the Legacy Projects program, Centennial highway signs, decals and bronze plaques will be available from [Club Supplies](#) at a significant discount.

## Promote Your Legacy Project

Your Legacy Project is an opportunity to showcase your project, your service and your club to the community. Here are some tips that can help you maximize this great public relations opportunity:

- **Dedication Ceremony** – Host a dedication or ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite your community and local media to attend.
- **Social Media** – Share project photos on social media or ask your community to share photos at the site of your Legacy Project. Use the hashtag #Lions100 so we can share your project on the [LCI Facebook page](#).
- **Local Media** – Send out a press release or ask a local reporter to help tell your story.

## Report Your Legacy Project

Be sure to report your Legacy Project using the [MyLCI Service Activity Report](#), under the Community and Culture activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch, and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.



## REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO LEADER DOGS – LION BILL GRAHAM:

The start of the new calendar year is a great time to remind your Lions Clubs of the wonderful work Leader Dog does and to encourage them to make their annual giving to Leader Dog.

I spoke with Cathy Gilchrist at Leader Dog. She said the Canine Development Center project is nearing completion. She indicated Leader Dog will greatly appreciate any funds directed to the Canine Development Center. Please encourage your clubs to make a onetime donation to the Canine Development Center. Cathy wanted me to emphasize that the Canine Development Center donations are separate, and in addition, to the clubs regular giving. I can personally attest that the Canine Development Project is a much needed and very worthwhile endeavor that will allow Leader Dog to make a difference in even more people's lives.

## New Beginnings with Client Elaine Lubosch

Elaine Lubosch is an inspirational Leader Dogs for the Blind client. When her vision loss began to affect her work, she embraced the need for change head on, confidently moving in a new direction.

Elaine's career began at a zoo in Roanoke, Virginia, working with a variety of exotic animals including tigers and snow leopards. She assisted with day-to-day care, surgical procedures and emergency care.

Born with retinopathy of prematurity, Elaine has been blind in her right eye since birth. But during her time at the zoo, the vision in her left eye slowly began to deteriorate as a result of retinal dystrophy and glaucoma. Elaine's sight was vital to her safety when working with big animals as she needed to visually understand their cues. So it was time for her to consider another option. This led her to ultimately change her career path, but not her passion to work with animals. During this time, Elaine also decided it was time to get a guide dog.

Elaine now works at the Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (N.E.S.T.) with her Leader Dog, Ivy Green, by her side. Since sea turtles are endangered, Elaine finds fulfillment in protecting the species and assisting the nests of new turtles in getting safely to the ocean. She even travels across the country to events and fairs to educate students and communities about sea turtles.

Elaine shares that since receiving Ivy Green she has been able to rediscover her identity, and is once again an outgoing and active person. "Having a Leader Dog has changed my life," Elaine said. "Often when I travel to larger events to educate people on sea turtles there are thousands of people, but the chaos doesn't faze me because I have Ivy by my side."



At a recent event, she was lost and couldn't find her husband, who was also at the event, because he wasn't answering his phone. "I told Ivy to 'Find Kenny' and after about 10 minutes she was able to locate him," she said.

"There's no way I would have safely found him without her." Elaine is again experiencing a new 'life direction'—she is expecting her first child. She notes that Ivy has slowed down her speed to accommodate Elaine's pace—and has been a great help in going to all of her doctor appointments.

"Ivy is my greatest companion and my biggest helper," Elaine said. "I think she'll be able to help me keep up with my new baby girl once she arrives. I'll be able to take my daughter to the playground and know that Ivy is keeping an eye on her."



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## The Road to Rio

Help is a Four-Legged Word™

The U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team is in the midst of training for the Paralympic Games that will take place in Rio September 7-18, 2016. This year is bringing a lot of excitement to the team, including the team's unique assistant — Canine Companions Facility Dog Morrow II. Morrow has been a true companion and helper to the team for almost nine years.



The team includes nearly 20 athletes with disabilities. Many have spinal cord injuries of varying severity and about half the members use wheelchairs. Betsy notices that when sailors make errors or perform poorly on the water they often internalize the stress and their mental state suffers. "Morrow provides stress reduction. You can't help but smile at his unconditional love and regain a positive outlook," says Betsy.



Thanks to his training at Canine Companions, Morrow can assist the sailors with tasks like picking up dropped tools and carrying life jackets and dry bags. Morrow is a constant professional. He is unperturbed by common sounds aboard the coach boat. Air horns, whistles, wave action or shouted greetings from other boats don't distract him in the slightest.

We can't wait to cheer on the team in September! Best of luck to all of them. Read more graduate stories at [cci.org/stories](http://cci.org/stories). Make a donation to support our mission at [cci.org/donate](http://cci.org/donate).

## Service Dog Helps College Student with Cerebral Palsy



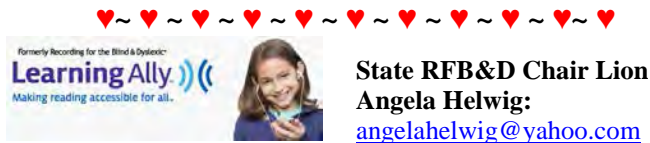
"I can't imagine how different my life would be if I hadn't gotten involved with Canine Companions for Independence," states Hilary. Hilary is a young artist with cerebral palsy preparing for graduate school. "I was first motivated to get a service dog when I was 16 years old to increase my independence," says Hilary. "I had never been to the mall or the movies by myself. Even getting from the parking lot to meet a friend inside was tricky."

After receiving Canine Companions assistance dog Hudson, a lot changed for Hilary. "Hudson has allowed me to live great distances from my very supportive family," says Hilary. "Hudson has also become a bridge to the world for me. This cute dog helps people who might ordinarily find it awkward to strike up a conversation with me."

[Ready Hilary's full story here.](http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.8853259/k.AD08/Graduate_Stories.htm?msource=0316enews&auid=16521014)

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State RFB&D Chair Lion  
Angela Helwig:  
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Dear Lions Club friends,

We here at Learning Ally, formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), would like to thank you for your constant, tireless efforts in supporting the blind and visually impaired. Your hard work creates opportunities for millions of people around the world, including Learning Ally members. We are so grateful for your support!

Since 1975, Georgia's Lions and Learning Ally have been partners in the mission to ensure that Georgia's students, from kindergarten through college and beyond, receive the textbooks and tools needed for their education. The Athens Studio has more than 150 volunteers who contribute countless hours every year, adding more books to our catalog of 85,000+ texts—the largest audio textbook library in the world.

Please take a moment to view this video of Valeria Paradiso, one of our accomplished visually-impaired members...she's a blind student with a passion for teaching!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ekm\\_tpeTmx](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ekm_tpeTmx)



We are gearing up for our annual Spring Fundraiser, and the Athens Studio's goal is \$11,500. Please help us achieve this goal with one of the sponsorships available below:

- \$1,000 – Student Sponsor
- \$500 – Teacher Sponsor
- \$250 – Volunteer Sponsor

Of course, we are grateful for any gift you choose to send. If you have already sent in your donation for this year, please accept our heartfelt thanks. If not or if you can send more, there is still time: **all donations received by April 15th count towards your annual goal for the Lions Learning Through Listening awards program** and will be recognized at the State Convention June 3rd through 5th. As a sponsor, your club's name will be on display in the studio during the week of the event. In addition, your club can receive the following awards for donation levels: bronze star patch (\$500-\$999); silver patch (\$1000-\$1999); gold patch (\$2000-\$2999) and platinum patch (\$3000+). Plus, each club that increases its annual contribution by 15% or more receives the special 15% pin.

You can support us with an [online donation](#), or mail a check made payable to Learning Ally to:

Learning Ally Athens Studio  
120 Florida Ave.  
Athens, GA 30605

We invite you to visit us to get a first-hand look at the studio and learn more about what we do as you observe volunteers in action. Your contribution has a direct impact on the lives of students who learn differently as they strive to meet their educational and life goals.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Learning Ally....we appreciate our Georgia Lions so very much!

Very gratefully, Stacie



### REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS – LION GEORGIA TAYLOR, PDG:

2016 is here and it's time for our January update. Here's what's currently happening at Southeastern Guide Dogs! Our vision and strategic objectives The New Year is an excellent time to remind ourselves of our vision and strategic priorities, and I'm grateful that each of you strives to achieve these objectives.

**Our vision:** To be the best service dog school in the world in terms of impact, innovation, and integrity.

#### Our strategic priorities:

1. Extraordinary dogs
2. Services that transform lives
3. Financial strength to maximize our mission fulfillment, stability, and growth
4. Exceptional staff and volunteers
5. A world-class infrastructure within the realm of working-dog organizations

**Class #240:** We welcomed Class #240 on January 4, and thank you for all that each of you does to make our students' stay an outstanding experience. They are in the capable hands of Training Team #2 – Marisa Gerlach, Carl Magers, Caitlin O'Brien, and Jessica Stollger.

**Mission Moment:** Some of you may know David Caras, retired Coast Guard aircrew chief, prize-winning triathlete, and valued Southeastern Guide Dogs puppy raiser and area coordinator. In August 2014, David lost his right leg above the knee and suffered traumatic brain injury after being hit by an SUV while jogging in Utah. We recently matched David with his new service dog Bobb, an intelligent black Labrador. Bobb provides both emotional and balance support, and encourages David to rise again to his inspiring motto of life before the accident: "I wish the rock climbing wall was taller!"

**Student Center Construction:** We've poured the floor for the second story and this floor's exterior walls are going up. The student rooms are 65% complete and the overall building project is approaching 50% completion.

#### Puppy Academy Construction

The fill dirt is coming in, in preparation for the foundation. Lots of dirt and dump trucks!

**Puppy Raising Services:** We've conducted our annual Puppy Raiser Satisfaction Survey, and kudos to Leslie Shepard and the Puppy Raising Services Department on a 99% puppy raiser satisfaction index! This team is doing a superb job of providing exceptional service and support to 250+ puppy raisers throughout the southeastern United States.

**Volunteer Services:** We've reached a milestone with over 400 active campus volunteers! And to keep them informed, Volunteer Services has planned 129 trainings in the next 365 days, including a new continuing education lecture series and quarterly town hall meetings.

**Marketing:** After much planning, on Monday, January 11th our Marketing and Communications team launches Superheroes of Southeastern Guide Dogs, our new photo blog featuring an inspirational catalog of portraits and interviews with graduates, volunteers, staff, and other friends and family who impact our mission. Stay tuned! That's the nutshell for January. Thanks for all that you do for Southeastern Guide Dogs and the people we are privileged to serve.

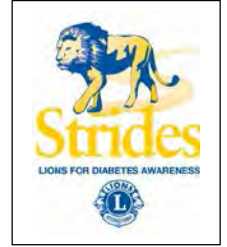


**REPORT OF MD 18 DIABETES AWARENESS CHAIR – LION DEDE DEMARKS:**

Greetings Lions,

Hats off to clubs that have been promoting Diabetes Awareness and Action programs! Of course, we have not reached our goal of 100% club participation for Diabetes programs, but many clubs are really striving to develop programs. So, for clubs needing guidance on how to jumpstart your Diabetes Action programs which also includes a “Health Eating” campaign this year, please contact your Diabetes district chairperson:

- L Vanessa Stanley, PDG [vastanley@comcast.net](mailto:vastanley@comcast.net)
- I Kathryn Higgins [klhiggins07@aol.com](mailto:klhiggins07@aol.com) I Dede DeMarks [dddemarks@aol.com](mailto:dddemarks@aol.com)
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Our committee has been dreaming big and believe, “if we build it, they will come” ...taking this phrase from the movie, *Field of Dreams*! Here’s a recap of our committee’s dreams.

**DREAM#1:** sponsor a GA Lions Diabetes Expo & Strides Walk to coincide with our Lions State Convention (annual event) and eventually at each of the annual District Convention

The Expo & Strides walk would take place the morning of the state convention and cater to the public in the area of the convention. The committee would reach out to local sponsors supporting Diabetes Awareness and of course, the American Diabetes Association. Local sponsors the committee had in mind were pharmacy stores, retail, etc. Organizations will support Lions in larger ways but Lions must be the **first** to extend the branch of partnership.

**More about the Strides walk:** The walk would be held the morning of the Convention. It could be an indoor walk or at a nearby park. The “walk” can be *symbolic* with just a few steps, not a marathon because the focus is awareness and funds for diabetes action programs! Participants would get a Strides t-shirt. We can solicit our campus Lions, LEOs or public to design our annual Strides shirt for a gift/plaque. Why, yes – we will recruit our campus Lions and LEOs to assist at the event – and seize another opportunity to “Engage our Youth” campaign. If this dream becomes reality, eventually the Strides walk can come to your District Convention too!

**DREAM#2:** setup Team Strides – Lions for Diabetes Awareness  
The committee would register Team Strides – Lions for Diabetes Awareness online at the website of the American Diabetes Association. This registration will come with a personalized web page and powerful fundraising tools to help GA Lions spread the word to friends, family members, and others to support our Strides walk at our State Convention (see Dream#1). By joining American Diabetes Association - Team Diabetes, Lions can link our Strides walk — to also raise vital funds to support the mission of the American Diabetes Association.

**Charity Family**  
**Run A Tough Mudder For Free - Get Muddy For A Meaning Tough Mudder Atlanta May 7th**  
 Bouckaert Farm,  
 8750 Campbelton Fairburn Road,  
 Fairburn, GA 30213



**Stopping diabetes one obstacle at a time! Are you up to the challenge?**

By joining Team American Diabetes Association you’ll be part of a community of people who are not only doing something meaningful to help those affected by diabetes but who know it will take dedication, determination, and team work to make it across the finish line. When you join our team as a Golden Ticket runner you are committing to raise \$1,000 to help us fund diabetes research, education, advocacy and community programs. These tickets are limited and you must apply to be part of our team.

When you reach your minimum of \$1000 in fundraising you will receive the following benefits:

- Complimentary registration (valued at \$185+)
- Start ahead of the pack at the special Gold Charity start line position
- Receive an official Tough Mudder T-shirt & sweatband
- Enjoy cold beer at the finish
- Receive an exclusive gift from the Association for being on the team
- Access to commemorative professionally-taken Tough Mudder photos
- Personal fundraising support to help you reach your goals
- Updates with training tips and information about the race
- AND the chance to put your mark on helping to stop diabetes!



For more information please contact Anika Smith at [ahsmith@diabetes.org](mailto:ahsmith@diabetes.org) or (888)342-2383, ext. 4807.

People who live with diabetes face obstacles every day but they persevere and they overcome them. Join us as we overcome and cross the finish line together.  
**Apply Now** = <http://toughmudder.us.realbuzz.com/console/participants/register/american-diabetes-association/>



Congrats to 12-year-old Yomu Zhu from China, 2015-16 Grand Prize Winner!

## "A Celebration of Peace"

### Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

#### Peace Poster Contest Awards

International winners will be notified on or before February 1.

- One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony.
- Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US\$500 and a certificate of achievement.

#### Peace Poster Contest Participant Information

To learn more about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, please view our [brochure](#), [contest rules](#) and [deadlines](#), call 630-203-3812 or contact the [Lions Clubs Audio Visuals & Events Department](#).



Lions International Essay Contest winner Joel Greek ATHLONE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND Bellville-South, Cape Town, South Africa.

### Lions International Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people

to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

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

#### Lions International Peace Poster Contest Kits

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

### Lions + Leos = Stronger Clubs, Greater Service

Together, Lions and Leos accomplish great things. Through connections with Leos, your Lions club can gain fresh ideas for service activities, build capacity to do even more service, and strengthen membership by inviting Leos to become Lions. To continue making an impact by becoming a Lion, Leos should complete the new [Leo to Lion Certification Form](#).

#### REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG:

We have plans in place for this year's MD18 LEO Gathering and Conference. This is our 11th Leo Gathering-WOW how time flies! Packets were sent to all clubs and Linda. I am looking forward to a good turnout and hope to have all districts represented. The Leos set the majority of the agenda and have put an emphasis on work projects to benefit the Camp so we will be spending much of Saturday doing them. We have also scheduled the mandatory Leo Council meeting as well as seminars for Leos (led by MD18 President Carranza) and a Leo Advisory seminar led by me. We will also be holding Officer elections for the 2015-16 Leo year. Those elected will be installed at the Lions State Convention. BTW-you're ALL welcome to attend and see these great young people in action!

I was honored to be at the Charter Night for the Moore Middle School Leo Club on Thursday, January 21st. IT was a well-organized and well-run evening with a number of dignitaries, including 18-I DG Mundy, who inducted the charter members. I then installed the Officers. The Lawrenceville Lions club has laid an excellent foundation! They are planning for MMS to be the first of a pipeline of Leo clubs in Gwinnett County through high school and hopefully as Lions at Greater Gwinnett College.

I am working with PDG Forrest on plans for the Leos at this year's Lions State Convention. We will be holding a Council Meeting on Saturday (time TBD) and am hoping to have many of the Leos there all weekend. As has become custom I will be presenting Leo Awards Friday evening and will be encouraging clubs to apply for all they qualify. As I stated in a prior report I am simplifying the GLCOS application so will be discussing with Leo Council in Waycross to get their input before sending.

As I write this there are a number of clubs in various stages of organization. DG Hannah and her group are working on a club in Greenville. I spoke with Charlene Fang (North Decatur-I) regarding a new club in their area (unsure yet if school or community based). According to the various district newsletters there are other clubs working on as well. WE'RE GROWING!!!

July 1st will mark the beginning of the 6th year for MD18 Leo. We are still one of only a few Alpha LeoMD's in the world – something we should all be very proud of! As we continue to add clubs my primary goal is to get better participation from clubs statewide in our multiple district goals and activities. We are not at a point where I would recommend Leo Districts so until then the President (or designated representative) is a voting member at all MD18 Leo Council meetings and as such encouraged to attend. I also



would like to see greater representation from the districts on the MD18 Leo Council in officer positions so will continue working to attain that goal. One of my other goals is for the Leos to have statewide projects - ones that ALL clubs participate in, whether it is service or fundraising. We have "adopted" the Camp for a number of years and I'd like to see our level of support expanded. I feel very strongly that many of these goals will not be attained until the Leos themselves "buy in" to what we're trying to accomplish so I will continue to work with them as we go forward.

I received the \$250.00 for the MD18 Leo Administrative account - THANK YOU! Please let me know if you would like to conduct an audit of MD18 Leo financials. It has not been done since we formed and I believe as a matter of good business practice it should be done annually. It would not take long but would serve to assure Georgia Lions that we are transparent and above board. I'll be happy to bring to Callaway Gardens in June if requested. **26**

I have been contacted by a number of Lions from across the country with questions regarding Leos. At this year's USA/Canada Forum PID Spiess introduced me and other Lions involved that weekend with Leo Day as resources/contact Lions in Leo matters. I was able to assist them in each case and get their matter resolved satisfactorily. Georgia Leos are invited - and encouraged - to participate in the Centennial Service Challenge! Clubs that complete all four sections will receive a special Certificate of Recognition from LCI. Please work with your District Chairs and encourage you Leos to join in!



### Centennial Recognition for Leos

As an integral part of the Lions family, Leos are sharing in the Centennial excitement. New materials are available to recognize Leo clubs during this special celebration. Leo clubs organized during the Centennial Celebration through June 2018 will receive a limited edition Certificate of Organization and Centennial Leo Club Extension Certificates. Lions may also recognize Leo clubs for their support of the Centennial Service Challenge with a downloadable certificate. Join us as we celebrate 100 years of service and recognize the next generation of service leaders!



### Important Dates For Your 2016 Calendar

We're excited about all the events in store for 2016, which is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for these important dates and events in the coming year:

#### Senoia Raceway April 23

Looking to get involved in racing and support SOGA at the same time? Sponsor a lap at Senoia Raceway on April 23 for Special Olympics Georgia Night! You will be promoted heavily throughout the event. Proceeds will go to SOGA. All athletes will be admitted free for the night of racing. For more information, contact **Robin Fabrick** or 770-414-9390 x112.



### Over The Edge

May 7

Ever wondered if you had what it takes to be fearless and face new challenges head-on? Well, here's your chance! The fifth annual **Over the Edge** will be Saturday, May 7! Join other "edgers" who are brave enough to raise \$1,000 to rappel over the edge of a 22-story building for Special Olympics Georgia. Over the Edge is the largest fundraising effort benefitting Special Olympics. Last year alone, the event made over \$183,000! SOGA is looking for a few good men and women to experience the challenge, the bravery and the exhilaration of participating in an event that takes you out of your comfort zone and ultimately changes your life forever - the same thing our Special Olympics athletes experience every day. If you are interested in participating, becoming a sponsor or would like more information, please contact **Kristin Hill** at 770-414-9390 ext. 105.



State Summer Games  
May 20-22  
Atlanta

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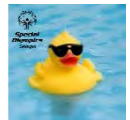
State Masters Bowling  
August 26-28  
Warner Robins

State Horse Show  
State Fall Games  
October 7-9  
Gainesville

### Duck Pluck

August 12

**Our little rubber duckies are enjoying the last bit of "Sweater Weather" before it's SPRING TIME!!**



On August 12th at Post Chastain Pool there will be 10,000 rubber duckies swimming around just waiting to get chosen...YOUR duck just may be the lucky one to get plucked!

Adopt one of our rubber ducks for only \$5 or you can purchase a Quack Pack for \$30 and you'll have 7 rubber ducks adopted in your name and will receive your very own junior souvenir rubber duck!

If your adopted rubber duck is one of the first five plucked, you could win great prizes ranging from a 2 Night Stay at **King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort**, A Cabin Rental in Blue Ridge, GA (Donated by **Black Bear Cabin Rentals**), Diamond Hoop Earring, QuikTrip Gift Card, Visa Gift Card. *You don't have to be present to win.* Check out more about the prizes by clicking here.

Every donation counts and you will make a difference. A \$5 donation will feed one athlete a meal at State Games. A \$30 donation for Quack Pack will provide gold, silver and bronze medals for one competition at State Games.

Thank You Post Apartment Homes & Rooms 2 Go Foundation

**ADOPT A DUCK HERE** = <http://www.duckrace.com/atlanta/>

Volunteers are needed to help at venues and be fans in the stands. To apply to volunteer, copy and paste = <http://www.specialolympicsga.org/volunteers/>



# LCI NEWS

## Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web Site?  
- click on Lions Newswire or check out  
Lions News Network

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## International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



### LCIcon

JUNE 24-28 2016



### Buddhas, Flowers, Castles and More Await You in Fukuoka!

Make plans for fun and fellowship with Lions from around the globe at the [99th International Convention](#) in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24-28, 2016. Join your fellow Lions in Fukuoka for an experience to remember. [Register now](#) (<http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/registration-information.php>) to experience the excitement of the Fukuoka International Convention!

### Share a Crane – Promote #DignityHarmonyHumanity



A Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds 1,000 cranes will be granted a wish. The wish of International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and Lions clubs around

the world is to spread [dignity, harmony and humanity](#) through service and international cooperation. Help spread this message by folding and sharing a paper crane on social media with the hashtag #DignityHarmonyHumanity. Fold a crane and write #DignityHarmonyHumanity on its wing. Take a photo and share it on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram. Challenge Lions, friends and family to do the same. Leave the crane somewhere in your community for another person to find. Let's see how the Lions cranes and message can connect people worldwide! [Watch this video](#) to learn how to fold your own crane. ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoLIYr\\_O\\_Ws&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoLIYr_O_Ws&feature=youtu.be))

### Membership Growth

Membership growth leads to healthier clubs and stronger districts and communities. But sustained growth requires more than just chartering new clubs and inviting new members. It requires a commitment to retaining members. Here are some simple strategies that can help increase membership satisfaction:

- Encourage your clubs to engage their Lions in service to keep them happy and coming back year after year. The Centennial Service Challenge is a great opportunity to engage members in service to their community.
- Remind your clubs that they can earn special recognition in the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards, which rewards Lions for inviting *and* retaining new members.
- Share LCI resources like the *Membership Satisfaction Guide* and *Your Club, Your Way!* brochure to give clubs helpful tools to increase membership satisfaction and empower Lions to lead and share ideas.

I hope you'll continue to make membership growth and retention a priority. Together we can strengthen our association, keep clubs healthy and impact more lives through service.

### Cultivate the Next Generation: Serve Together with Leos

The Leo Club program gives young people the opportunity to serve their communities, develop leadership skills, make new friends and have fun—all while Lions help cultivate them into the next generation of leaders. During Leo Club Awareness Month in April, [Lions are encouraged to serve together](#) with Leos. Consider organizing a book drive, improving a park or volunteering at a local shelter, and involve Leos in the planning process. Use the hashtag #LeoRoar on social media to recognize Leos and promote joint service projects during the month of April.

### Discover Lions Touchstone Stories



Get in touch with Lions history through Lions Touchstone Stories. Each story shares a defining Lions moment—the first club outside U.S. borders established

in 1920; Lions' response to the 2009 bushfires in Australia; the introduction of the iconic yellow vest. Each story helps you learn about our legacy and impact throughout 100 years of service. [Download and share Touchstone Stories](#) (<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/media/touchstone-stories/index.php>) so everyone can experience the history of the largest service club organization in the world.

### New Centennial Video: Peace and International Understanding



Since its founding, Lions Have dedicated themselves building peace and international understanding across borders and

generations. [Watch the newest Centennial video](#) (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/centennial.php>) to learn how Lions' reach has grown across global communities over the past 100 years – from raising money for Belgian orphans in 1919, Lions' first involvement with the United Nations in the 1940s, the first Lions International Peace Poster Contest in 1988, and recent support of the U.N. Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Goals. Most Centennial videos are now available with subtitles in 11 languages by clicking the CC button on the video screen. Download and share with family, friends and Lions today!

### LIONS QUARTERLY



#### Watch LQ

(<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/videos.php?id=gBiDe5OPc1>) to learn about the Lions "Kans 4 Kids" project.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Digital LION Magazine

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

#### Lions Blog

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

### CONTESTS

#### Peace Poster Contest

The 2016-17 theme is **"A Celebration of Peace."** <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

### EVENTS

#### Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE







Dear Lions,

You continue to amaze me every day. No matter where I go, I see Lions and Leos embracing our spirit of service. Your dedication to service is admirable and you make me proud to share your stories with Lions and the world.



When you step out into your community, you show the world that "We Serve." You understand the need to serve locally and globally, and you know that LCIF helps extend your reach. Seeing young Lions in action has shown me that service is not bound by age.

I recently visited three young and very enthusiastic clubs. A Branch Lions Club made up of young businessmen and women in Malaysia has taken on some global environmental projects. The new Campus Lions Club at Texas State University understands and supports LCIF because LCIF has responded to the recent flooding and tornadoes in their area. I visited with Leos in Mumbai who support LCIF because LCIF helped fund a much needed local blood bank.

I love being a Lion, and I love what LCIF does to support what we do as Lions. If I had to sum up LCIF in one word it would be "hope." Like my song says, "Because we care, we're always there, LCIF."

In this spirit of service, I appeal to all Lions. Recently, cities in [India](#) and [Paraguay](#) have suffered from devastating floods. [Multiple District 300 Taiwan](#) is recovering from a tragic earthquake in Tainan. With the generous support of Lions from around the world, LCIF awarded grants for relief efforts in each of these areas. Please consider making a [donation](#) to LCIF's Disaster fund so that our foundation can continue to respond immediately whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

Sincerely,

Joe Preston  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

What started as a small pilot program in four countries a few years ago has grown far beyond what I could ever have imagined. To date, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions have mobilized millions of dollars in the fight against measles. Lions in more than 20 countries have worked to educate and mobilize their communities, bringing children to vaccines and vaccines to children.

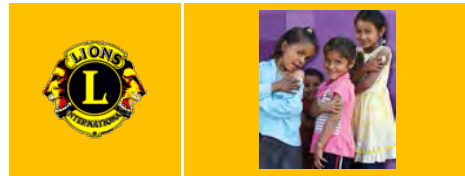


Alongside Lions and our partners, we have made great strides in reducing measles deaths worldwide, but 400 people still die each

day from this preventable disease. LCIF and Lions are working hard to reduce that number. To find out more about how Lions are involved in measles work, watch "[Lions Take a Stand against Measles](#)."

When you donate to [Lions Measles Initiative](#), your donation will be doubled by the Gavi Matching Fund, which is financially supported by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This matching program doubles the impact of your gift. Through our joint efforts with Gavi and other partners, we will increase access to quality immunization services at every level to benefit children around the world.

We know that we can eliminate this disease. But we cannot do it alone. Please consider [making a donation](#) to LCIF. Remember, it only takes about US\$1 to vaccinate a child against measles. Each and every Lion can make a difference in the life of a child.



## ONE SHOT, ONE LIFE 5 Measles Facts To Know

- 400 people die each day from measles or 16 deaths every hour
- Most measles deaths occur in unvaccinated children under the age of five
- 30 percent of survivors experience complications
- When one person has measles, 90 percent of those they come into contact with will become infected, if they have not been vaccinated or have not previously contracted the disease
- For US\$1, a child can be vaccinated against measles

Measles is one of the most contagious yet easily prevented diseases in the world. It is still very much a deadly threat to people in areas that lack access to vaccinations. In fact, measles is a leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths among children. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates more than 145,000 deaths a year still occur due to measles.

**For US\$1, a child can be immunized against measles for life, making the vaccine potentially the most cost-effective health intervention available.** Ending measles can be a reality, but your help is needed. Lions have engaged in a long-term partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, committing US\$30 million towards the fight against measles by our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

**Your donation to One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative is matched dollar for dollar. To make a donation, visit [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate).**

### LCIF Annual Report is Available

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, Lions, their partners and friends generously donated US\$39.8 million to LCIF. The Foundation awarded 530 grants totaling more than US\$43.7 million. Read the [Annual Report](#) (English only) to learn how those grants are improving lives around the world.



[http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif30\\_14-15.pdf?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20Feb%202016%20-%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif30_14-15.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20Feb%202016%20-%20EN)



# New LCIF Chairperson's Medal

## Goals of Establishing Recognition:

1. Recognize District Governors and Coordinators for exceptional support of LCIF
2. Create an incentive for district leaders to promote LCIF
3. Bring additional visibility to the foundation

### District Governors and District Coordinators

Districts raising US\$30,000 or more plus a minimum increase of 10% over the previous year

Districts raising US\$100,000 or more automatically receive the award



Multiple districts where 50% or more of the districts reach or surpass their target (as defined above)

### New Opportunities for Disaster Relief

The LCIF [Disaster Relief grant program](#) provides financial support to Lions and their partners engaged in natural disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts. [Disaster Preparedness](#) grants offer US\$5,000 to US\$10,000 to districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for future disaster relief efforts. [Community Recovery](#) grants provide up to US\$20,000 for short-term clean-up and repair efforts in situations where other organizations have already addressed immediate needs.

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcif/lcif149.pdf?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20January%202016%20-%20EN](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcif/lcif149.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6306%20LCIF%20Chairperson%20January%202016%20-%20EN)

### Lions Quest Continues to Expand



### Lions Quest Continues to Grow

LCIF is excited to announce the publication of the newest edition of [Lions Quest](#) social and emotional learning program for students from preschool through grade 12. There are new digital resources and updated course content to help address the issues facing today's youth. Visit [www.lions-quest.org](http://www.lions-quest.org) to learn more about the program and its effectiveness.



<http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-work/youth/index.php>

### Lions Quest on the World Stage

LCIF recently presented the results of its collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Serbia,

Macedonia FYROM and Montenegro at the annual meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna. Shortly after, political leaders, academics, and charitable organizations from around the world gathered in New York, USA, to discuss comprehensive strategies to tackle the world's drug use problems. This is the largest UN event concerning drug use in nearly a decade, and LCIF attended to demonstrate on the world stage Lions' commitment to drug prevention and the healthy development of all children through programs like Lions Quest.

### Unique Ways to Donate to LCIF

The vast majority of LCIF's grant funding is made possible by donations from Lions clubs and individual members worldwide. LCIF does not receive any portion of Lions membership dues. Did you know that there are multiple ways to donate to LCIF?



[AmazonSmile \(https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7030455\)](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7030455) is a simple and automatic way for you to support LCIF, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to LCIF.

You can also maximize your donation through workplace giving. Many employers will match your donations to LCIF. [Neighbor to Nation](#) connects caring donors with trusted charities and [Thrivent Financial](#) helps citizens support meaningful service projects. Click [here \(http://www1.matchinggifts.com/lionsclubs/\)](http://www1.matchinggifts.com/lionsclubs/) to see if your company will match your donation. Making a difference has never been so easy!

*All donations of \$250, \$500 and \$1000 are suitably recognized on the Wall of Fame, which is mounted in the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Building for all to view.*

*If you are visiting the southwestern United States, take the opportunity to visit your founder's birthplace.*



## A Note from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we start the second month of 2016, we want to express our gratitude to our entire Reach Out and Read Georgia family, from readers of this correspondence, like you, to supporters, funder and partners, to the doctors and healthcare providers who are on-the-ground implementing Reach Out and Read at 78 sites across the state.

Thank you for your support, whether you donated during our year-end appeal, or if you spread the word by telling friends and colleagues about our mission.

Today, we're excited to share some news with you from more than 50 site visits we completed at the end of last year and into the beginning of 2016.

We're also excited to acquaint you with Dr. Terri McFadden. I call her the "godmother of Reach Out and Read Georgia." She's ROR GA's Medical Director and has been involved in the program before the local chapter even existed. Dr. McFadden is a true early childhood literacy champion.

Finally, we want to make sure to give recognition and gratitude to the seven local Barnes and Nobles and four Books a Million that chose Reach Out and Read Georgia as the recipient of the books collected during their holiday books drives. Together, they collected more than **17,000 books for distribution to ROR GA program sites**. Also, a special thanks to Bruce Fussell with Books Are Fun who donated almost 1,000 new books to Reach Out and Read Georgia!

As always, if you are interested in learning more about our mission **please reach out** to learn how you can get involved in our organization or make a **donation** to help sustain and expand our work.

Best regards,

Amy Erickson, Executive Director, Reach Out and Read Georgia



Ft. Benning Gives Book Donated by Barnes and Noble



Dr. Dipika Sharma Shows a Mom How to Use the Book to Interact with Baby

### 10th Anniversary Atlanta VisionWalk

**Date: Sunday, April 30, 2016**

**Location:** Turner Field, Field Level Concourse **\*\*NEW LOCATION!!!\*\***

**Walk Chair:** Laurie Johnson

For more information or to register, contact: Lesley Ireland 919-781-8014 ■ [LIreland@FightBlindness.org](mailto:LIreland@FightBlindness.org)

Join the Atlanta VisionWalk as we celebrate 10 years of fighting blindness in Atlanta!

Register your team today and help us make this our biggest and most successful VisionWalk yet!



According to the 2015 Blue Star Families Survey, 90% of our service members say the general public does not truly understand the sacrifices our men and women in uniform – and their families – make every day. **A number like that is a punch in the gut** – but more importantly, it's a call to action, a reminder of our duty as Americans to make sure our military members know we're with them.

**Today, on the USO's 75th anniversary, we're launching a national Campaign to Connect to do just that**, commemorating 75 years of service by collecting a million messages of support and gratitude and delivering them directly to our nation's heroes at USO centers around the world. As a patriotic American who supports our brave military men and women no matter what, we're turning to you first: **Will you send our service members a heartfelt message of support today?**

**Add your message to make sure every single one of our armed forces knows the American people appreciate their service and sacrifice.**

For 75 years, the USO has kept our nation's heroes connected to family, home and country. We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate that anniversary than by making sure every single service member knows we stand with them. We can't ever fully repay our service members for everything they do, but making sure they know we care is a great way to start.

**Help the USO send a million messages of support to our nation's heroes – we'll display your message at USO centers around the world. [Click here to send a message of gratitude and support to our nation's heroes, and the USO will deliver it directly to them in one of our USO centers around the world](#) =**

[http://action.uso.org/1602\\_75/?sc=WS16CTAE13&utm\\_source=1602\\_ctae\\_em2&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20160209\\_ctae\\_em\\_WS16CTAE13&utm\\_medium=email](http://action.uso.org/1602_75/?sc=WS16CTAE13&utm_source=1602_ctae_em2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20160209_ctae_em_WS16CTAE13&utm_medium=email)

Thank you for doing your part

## *My Pin*

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

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

However, that pin represents even more than the comradeship and fellowship of my fellow members, when I became one of them. It is a symbol of brother and sisterhood of man-kind and reverence of God. Those who wear a pin like mine, do good things not for fame or glory, but for goodness sake.

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

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

## Protect Our Environment by Recycling for Sight



Many Lions collect discarded, usable eyeglasses for redistribution. Not only does redistributing eyeglasses help people in need, but reusing old glasses is often the most environmentally friendly option. But what about eyeglasses that are no longer usable? Many Lions clubs and districts help minimize landfill waste by supporting precious metal reclamation and scrap processing. These "scrap to cash" programs also provide Lions with a source of income to aid with local Lions projects. Join the [Centennial Service Challenge](#) by organizing an [eyeglass recycling project](#) and encouraging friends, family and your community to donate eyeglasses.



Youth

Vision

Hunger

Environment

Results reflect people benefitted through March 9, 2016.

### CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE BY THE NUMBERS

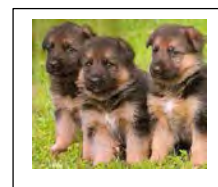
- 72,147,069 Million People Served
- 24,998,864 people benefitted through Engaging Our Youth
- 12,094,082 people benefitted through Sharing the Vision
- 15,425,754 people benefitted through Relieving the Hunger
- 19,628,369 people benefitted through Protecting Our Environment
- 56% of clubs are engaged in the Centennial Service Challenge
- 93,110 Sharing the Vision projects completed
- 2,032,335 trees planted through the Protecting Our Environment campaign
- 47% of clubs have implemented an Engaging Our Youth project
- 16,782 communities positively impacted through Relieving the Hunger projects

## The Ten Things Your Dog Wants You To Know

by Danielle Hollister

If your dog could talk, these are some of most important things he/she would like to tell you ...

1. My life will probably only last 7 to 14 years. It will hurt me more than you know if I have to be away from you for longer than a day or two.
2. If you have patience with me and give me time to learn what you would like from me, I can promise you, you will never be disappointed.
3. Trust me with your life and have faith in our future together. If I don't feel that you honestly believe in me, I will suffer great emotional stress. My sense of self-worth is totally dependent upon your confidence in me.
4. Don't stay mad at me for long or confine me to a cage to punish me. You have your friends, your job, and your recreation. I HAVE ONLY YOU!
5. Talk to me about anything you want as frequently as possible. Even if I can't comprehend your precise words, I can understand the meaning of what you're telling me by the tone of your voice.
6. Remember no matter how you treat me, I will NEVER forget it.
7. When you consider raising your hand to hit me, remember I have teeth that could break the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scream at me for failing to respond to your commands as I usually do, take time to think about what might be wrong with me that would cause me to treat you differently. Maybe I haven't been eating right or drinking enough water. Or maybe my age is catching up with me and I just can't do what I used to do.
9. Take good care of me when I get old. Someday you will be as old as me and you will see how it feels.
10. Be there for me through good times and bad. Never say you can't handle taking me to the vets for stitches or surgery. Nothing could make me feel worse. Everything in my life is easier for me to deal with when I have you standing by my side. Remember my love for you is unconditional and it will last for your entire life.





# LIONS OF GEORGIA

2016 MD 18 CONVENTION

Callaway, Gardens

June 3-5, 2016

## EVENT REGISTRATION / Hospitality Book Registration

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed - PLEASE PRINT	Number of Hospitality Books	MJF Luncheon tickets	Lion Highest Office	Meetings only	Guest (check)	(Select One) Chicken Pork Vegetarian

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

\$50.00 Registration Convention non meal meetings only.

\$95.00 at 2015 Convention

\$110.00 May 18, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2015    \$125.00 Oct 1, 2015 to Jan 31, 2016

\$140.00 Feb 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016    \$150 May 1, 2016 to Convention.

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

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Callaway Gardens  
17800 U. S. Highway 27  
Pine Mountain, GA 31822  
706-663-2281 - 800-543-7121  
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel

Room rate is \$121.00/ night plus tax  
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:**

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