



District 18-D Bulletin

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

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District Governor Dick Smith

Dear “Gold Standard” Lions of 18-D,

January has been an inspirational month! On a Friday night I attended a Lighthouse Recognition Dinner with other volunteers who have helped them at clinics through out the state, washed glasses at the LH, etc. The LH meetings were all held on next day and, since we were in Decatur, the LH even got more glasses washed! However, one event will always remain in my memory. Several of us went to the Atlantic Station where we entered the “Dialog in the Dark.” Led by a blind or visually impaired adult, we briefly experienced “losing our sight.” I encourage everyone to attend. Your sight will return, but you won’t forget the darkness.

VDG Grace and I visited seven clubs this month. The Clarkesville Lions Club allowed me to induct two new members. At the Comer Lions Club I was introduced to two new Lions and VDG Grace was introduced to two individuals who had just submitted their membership applications to the Auburn-Carl Lions Club. However, my most inspirational visit was to the Royston-Franklin

Springs Lions Club. At the end of the 2005 Lions’ year the club had 10 members, but in 2006 they brought in 6 new members, in 2007 they added 3 more Lions, and sitting in the audience were 2 prospective members. It has taken strong club determination and leadership, but the Royston-Franklin Springs Lions Club has returned to being a dynamic club in their community.

On 8 January PDGs Beverly and Connie Shirley and I held an informational meeting in Lula, Georgia, with the first charter members of a new club. It was an enthusiastic night. Since then Extension Chair Beverly has told me that four more individuals have expressed interest in joining the club. It will take time and effort to form this club, but I am optimistic about its success. We have a former Lion who is interested in being the club president, PDG Beverly has agreed to be their Guiding Lion, and when I visited the Clarkesville Lions Club I thanked their members for agreeing to sponsor a new club. There are many more communities in 18-D where we could form new clubs, but we need the help of other Lions to make it happen.

I will take this opportunity to pass on some news you may have heard rumors about. The MD-18 DGs and VDGs met with the members of the Long Range Planning Committee, including our district member, PID Myers Banister, to discuss a proposed new MD-18 constitution and a redistricting plan. The committee did a magnificent job! With the addition of a 2nd VDG changes to the LCI constitution, the DGs made the decision to bring before you for a new constitution for your votes next June at the State Convention on Jekyll, Island. However, we tabled the redistricting plan. Redistricting may be something we will need to do, but we are not ready to do it now.

I will conclude my remarks by mentioning some news that is saddening, but nevertheless inspirational. First, I will mention the passing of Mildred Bingham, wife of the founder of the Lighthouse. Mildred had been a strong supporter of the Lighthouse for nearly 60 years and inspired people who knew her. As I listened to the speakers at her memorial service, I wished that I had known her. Mildred was 99 years old and the district wrote a check

to the Lighthouse for \$99 in her memory. Secondly, the Toccoa Lions Club's meeting location, at the Toccoa Falls College, was destroyed by fire. The club lost their memorabilia and banners, which held the patches of their six PDGs and all of their many awards over the past 75 years. The only thing that was recovered was their gong. The Toccoa Lions were saddened by this, but they are quickly moving forward. Finally, I have some news that happened within the Oconee Lions Club. Lion Larry Darnell's son, Josh, was severely injured by an Afghanistan suicide bomber this month. Two members of his squadron were killed, but Josh has been moved to the Fort Gordon Army Hospital in Augusta and has been undergoing numerous surgeries. There is optimism about his recovery, but it will not come quickly. Please add Josh Darnell to your thoughts and prayers.

Yours in "Miracles through Service,"

Dick



UPCOMING EVENTS

You know how time flies when you're having fun -- mark your calendars for:

29 March = District 18-D Convention at 1:30 pm followed by the 3rd Cabinet Meeting to be held in Snellville.

21 March – Lavonia Lions Club 75th Anniversary.

March – Prepare Club Elections and PU-101 forms YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY.



92nd International Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Join with Lions from around the globe as we gather together for LCI's **92nd Annual International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA** - from Monday, 6 July through Friday, 10 July 2009.

Club Secretaries – place year-end awards and gift presentation order with Club Supplies

Planning Ahead

88th State Convention



**5-7 June 2009
Jekyll Island, Georgia**

- Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Two seminars – one of which would be Lions working with LEOS.
- Saturday:** District Breakfasts; First Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$25.00), State Awards; District Governor's Banquet +
- Sunday:** District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Second Business Session

**For June 2009, all rates \$99 per night
Clarion Resorts/Oceanfront Resort
800-736-1046**

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only \$75.00 each till 31 March
1 April to 27 May \$85.00

YOU WILL FIND A LETTER AND HOSPITALITY BOOK FORM FOR THE 2009 GEORGIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5-7, 2009 AT JEKYLL ISLAND ON THE DISTRICT WEB SITE. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS. THANKS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



Where in the World

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

Be Aware of Suspicious E-Mails

Be aware of e-mail scams that fraudulently use the Lions name or Logo or other trusted and well-known names. The goal of these types of scams is to trick people into revealing personal and financial information about themselves, which can then be used to commit identity theft.

If you receive a suspicious e-mail, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not reply
- Do not open any attachments
- Do not click on any links in the email

Please delete the suspicious email and do not respond. If you wish, you may report the email to local authorities in your jurisdiction for further investigation.

DVD for Lions Community Health Events

Lions Clubs International is pleased to offer an outstanding 12-minute film, "Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam" (code: DEE-DVD), focusing on the importance of "the dilated eye exam" for people with diabetes. The Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation developed the

presentation, available in both English and Spanish formats on the DVD. If your club or district is involved with diabetes awareness, this film is an excellent resource for use at community health events. Use the form to purchase your DVD for US\$9.95, plus applicable taxes if any. Wisconsin Lions should contact the Wisconsin Lions Foundation at 877-463-6953 to order the DVD.

Education for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons

Lions can help enhance the lives of community members who are blind or visually impaired through Lions Clubs International's partnership with The Hadley School for the Blind. This internationally known and accredited school provides its students with distance education (*The student studies in the convenience of home. Course materials arrive in the mail or via the Internet. The student consults with instructors via mail, e-mail, fax or, if in the US or Canada, toll-free telephone.*)

There is no cost to Lions to refer a person to Hadley.

A Lion who refers a student who enrolls in a Hadley course may receive Hadley's attractive "President's Award" pin. Contact the Health and Children's Services Department at Lions Clubs International via e-mail at: programs@lionsclubs.org For more information about the program, visit Hadley's Web site: www.hadley.edu or contact the school at: 1-800-323-4238 (toll-free phone in US and Canada only).

Boost Your Club's Eyeglass Collections!

Lions clubs are encouraged to provide LCI with a listing of their

community eyeglass collection locations. LCI will post up to six of the locations in the "Club Locator" section of the LCI Web site to enable community residents to find drop-off sites. Please complete the form and return it to the Health & Children's Services Department.

"Lions Recycle For Sight" collection materials have a new and fresh look! **Order** for your club's community program!

American Diabetes Alert Day – March 24

US Lions may participate in the 21st annual "American Diabetes Alert Day" on March 24 to raise awareness about the seriousness of diabetes and its risk factors. Over 23 million children and adults in the US have diabetes, and nearly one quarter of those do not know they have diabetes. Sound the alert! Are you or a loved one at risk for diabetes? Take the ADA risk test. Learn how you can sponsor a Strides...Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness event. Additional resources can be obtained at the National Diabetes Education Program's Web site, one of Lions Clubs International's partners.

Funding Available for Lions Services for Children Symposiums

Children's symposiums are an effective way for Lions to join with health care professionals, educators, governmental agencies address and other children's organizations to address the education and/or health needs underprivileged children. The Lions Services for Children Symposium Program allows for up to US\$1,000 expense assistance for a district or multiple district that holds a children's symposium.

Applications for funding are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for

fiscal year 2008-2009. Four symposiums will be selected in each Constitutional Area. At the present time, funding is still available in Constitutional Areas I, II, III, IV, V and VII. To apply for funding, submit the [official application](#) to the Health & Children's Services Department at Lions Clubs International. All reimbursements will be subject to the Audit developed specifically for this program. [Read more](#) about the Lions Services for Children Program.

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New! Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Brochure and Collection Box Decal

Lions who wish to collect used hearing aids in the community will be interested to know about the new Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program (Lions HARP) materials:

- [Brochure \(IAD17\)](#) is a colorful piece for public distribution that gives a brief overview of the Lions HARP (Hearing Aid Recycling Program); packet of 25 @ US \$1.50.
- [Decal \(IAD18\)](#) is a two-color, newly designed label that can be affixed to the Lions Recycle for Sight collection box (Item Number G1174DS). 10.5" wide x 6" tall; this attractive decal may also be used to create a collection container; packet of 5 @ US \$2.00.

Please [contact the Health & Children's Services Department](#) to order. All orders will require authorization of a club or district officer.

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Award Certificates for Sight Chairpersons

The Board of Directors recently

approved two new awards to honor the services of the district and multiple district sight chairpersons. At the end of each fiscal year, the council chairperson and district governor can present distinguished award certificates to the multiple district and district sight chairpersons, respectively. Each certificate will contain Braille imprinting, to provide increased recognition and awareness for Lions' work with individuals who are blind or living with low vision. For fiscal year 2008-2009, the Health and Children's Services Department will mail the certificates to each council chairperson and district governor of record. For more information about the Sight Chairperson's responsibilities and resources, [click here](#).

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New!!! Strides Walk Banner Patch

Lions clubs and districts that have organized a [Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) may apply to receive the new Strides Walk Banner Patch award. Read more about the [award criteria](#) and download the [application](#).

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Wanted: Your Eyeglass Collection Locations

Did you know that LCI will include your club's eyeglass collection locations in the "Club Locator" on the association's Web site? This will make it easier for residents in your community to find your eyeglass collection sites. Please complete and submit the [Lions Recycle for Sight Club Participation Form](#) so that we may post your collection locations. If you have any questions, contact the [Health & Children's Services Department](#).

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Two New Club Programs

Two new hands-on club programs have been introduced for the

betterment of the environment and beautification of the community:

- [Lions Green Team](#) - Organize a high-visibility environmental project, such as a community clean-up, tree planting or recycling effort.
- [Lions Crew at Work](#) - Invite Lions and other community members to help clean, paint or repair a local facility such as a community center, shelter, camp, playground or nature trail.

During these events, Lions are encouraged to post a Lions sign or banner and to wear Lions hats, shirts, jackets to identify the club in the community. Invite the community to join your club's efforts and contact your local media.

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New Lions Sought for Magazine Profiles

THE LION Magazine wants to profile young, interesting and active Lions who have joined an existing club within the last four to eight months. One such Lion will be highlighted each month in the magazine starting in January 2009. Please [e-mail a brief description](#) of the impact the Lion has made on the club along with person's name, club name, location and contact information (phone, e-mail) along with your contact information for consideration.

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Lions Clubs International Videos on YouTube

LCI's videos are now available on YouTube — the premier online destination to watch and share original videos worldwide. Visit www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg to see the latest videos about our international convention in Bangkok, club service projects featured in LQ

and more. While on YouTube, click the Subscribe button to stay up-to-date on the latest Lions Clubs International videos.

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Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to PIP Jim Ervin in the lose of his grandson, Cody Corliss. Lion Jim asks that donations to honor Cody may be given to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse or the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.  
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MULTIPLE DISTRICT 18 BY SERVING ON THE MD 18 MERL TEAM

Multiple District 18 will select Lions to serve as members of the MD18 MERL team. The selection will be for a three year term beginning July 1, 2009 and extending to June 30, 2012. These Lions will be expected to provide training, coaching and assistance for the District MERL teams, Zone Chairs and clubs. They will work

closely with the Global Team Membership Liaison. If you are energetic and would like to make a difference in our organization, please consider serving as Membership, Extension, Retention or Leadership Chair for MD 18. Please talk to your District Governor or PCC Sandy Mercer, GMTL if you are interested. Selection will be at the April Council meeting.



NEWS

LCIF Coordinator

Lions Clubs International Foundation is in a position of unprecedented opportunity to build upon the recent success of Campaign SightFirst. To do so an LCIF Development Plan was created, which was approved by the LCIF Board of Trustees at the May 2008 Board Meeting. This plan is designed to strengthen our Foundation, and a critical aspect of the plan is the creation of an enhanced LCIF volunteer structure, similar to that of CSFII.

This enhanced volunteer structure will provide consistently trained and longer-serving LCIF Coordinators in every district and multiple district. These volunteer coordinators will serve as ambassadors of LCIF in all regards and will be supported in their efforts by geographically assigned LCIF Development staff. This change is being undertaken to better serve the needs of Lions and those we serve worldwide. The efforts of these LCIF Coordinators will help increase both awareness of LCIF's work and donations received, allowing Lions to provide greater humanitarian service when needed locally and globally.

These leaders are being appointed and trained during this Lions year (2008-2009) for a four-year term (allowing for some variation to address local needs). Please note that the new LCIF MD and District Coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. This new structure will be effective following International Convention in Lions year 2009-2010.

In the coming weeks, the recently appointed LCIF Multiple District Coordinator will be consulting with leaders in the district and multiple district to select LCIF District Coordinators to promote the work of LCIF.

Please give these leaders full support as they prepare to support our Lions Clubs International Foundation. Working together, Lions have the opportunity to build a stronger Foundation and create a better world.





LCIF: Lions Serving the World Community ... and Your Community



The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program is an ambitious initiative funded by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) through a Core 4 grant. The partnership program began in 2001 with a US\$3.3 million grant. A second grant of US\$2 million in 2003 extended the program until June 2005. A third grant of US\$3.85 was approved in October 2004 and continued the partnership until December 31, 2007. A fourth grant for US\$1 million was approved in October 2007 to continue the partnership until December 31, 2008. To date, LCIF has awarded US\$10 million in grant funding for the partnership.

Together the two organizations are dedicated to serving those in need; the combined efforts helps a population whose needs are so often overlooked. Special Olympics is an international sports program offering year-round competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. LCIF has been at the forefront of protecting sight and preventing blindness worldwide for over three decades.

Opening Eyes vision screenings take place at select Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. Volunteer Lions play an integral part in the success of the program through hands-on event support. Volunteer Lions help with registration, color vision testing, visual acuity tests and distribution of glasses and protective sports goggles for athletes.

A prime goal of Opening Eyes is to teach and prepare vision specialists, including professors and students, how to better care for this underserved population. Research has shown that among Special Olympics athletes, 68

percent have not had an eye examination in three years, 37 percent are in need of eyeglasses and 18 percent wear clinically incorrect eyeglasses. Opening Eyes provides diagnosis for vision related problems, as well as corrective and protective eyewear all free of charge. At the end of the screening, athletes receive a certificate detailing their vision needs and follow-up referrals for health care providers in their home areas, if needed. Athletes are also taught how to take better care of their eyes. More than 100,000 athletes have been screened through the Opening Eyes partnership, with prescription eyewear provided to more than 44,000 athletes.

More than 8,000 Lions Clubs volunteers worldwide have offered their time and talents in a team effort, demonstrating the motto, "We Serve."

Where do Opening Eyes vision screenings take place?

Typical screenings take place at [Special Olympics](#) National or State games, most often situated on the grounds of a school or university. Opening Eyes is usually located within walking distance from the main sporting event area. The screening is often housed in a room(s), tent or trailer. Special Olympics provides site, location and logistical arrangements for the screenings and works with volunteers to coordinate the screening.

What do the Lions need to provide?

Volunteer support! A minimum of 10 volunteer Lions are needed per day. Many more Lions are needed for larger screenings (contact local Special Olympics office for estimate). If a large number of volunteers are present, groups can be organized into shifts. Volunteer Lions are asked only to provide their time and dedication. They are not required to provide equipment and/or additional funding. Eyewear is provided free of charge through global sponsorships.

What do the volunteer Lions do?

Lions help in all non-technical aspects of the screenings such as: registration, near and far visual acuity testing, color vision testing, distribution of glasses and protective sports goggles, and overall event management.

More info go to

http://www.specialolympics.org/healthy_athletes.aspx

and than - www.specialolympicsga.org

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Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

Dialog In The Dark

I recently attended a Lions Lighthouse Meeting in Atlanta. The Lighthouse had arranged to get tickets for some 45 of us to visit an exhibit at Atlantic Station. This exhibit was called Dialog In The Dark. As we stood in line, I was reminded of Helen Keller's challenge to Lions many years ago to be "Knights of the Blind in a World of Darkness". Little did I know that I was about to be plunged into a world of darkness.

I was ushered, along with 9 other people, into a waiting area and handed a White Cane. We then sat in a dimly lit area where there was an explanation about our 5 senses and how our sight is the only sense dependent on light. Then the lights were turned off, and I was in total pitch-black darkness. For over one hour we groped along a path that would represent the life of a blind person.

At the instant the lights went out, I was in a mild state of panic, but as our journey progressed, I became somewhat accustomed to the darkness. On this path, we wandered through a park, a grocery store, and a kitchen. We crossed Peachtree Street, with all the sounds of traffic, etc. We also took a boat ride.

The most amazing part of this journey was that our guide was blind. He had been sighted until 2 years ago when he totally lost his sight because of a severe case of glaucoma. He said when he learned he would be totally blind, he put a blindfold on and began learning to navigate around his home and neighborhood. Today, he rides Marta trains and buses and seems to be totally independent. His 16-year old daughter chooses his clothes and lays them out for him each day.

The reason the exhibit is called "Dialog In The Dark" is that, at the end of our journey, we bought a

drink, sat down in a booth and had a conversation with our guide. I have a hard time opening a juice box in the daylight, much less in the dark. I was proud of myself when I finally felt the small hole in the top of the box and inserted my straw into it. Our guide then answered our questions and told us about his life as a blind person.

When I walked out into the light of that rainy, dreary day, I thanked God for my eyesight. This was a vivid reminder to me that we take our eyesight for granted. Here was a man who had his eyesight all his life, and one day he was blind. This visit into the world of the blind encouraged me to work harder on our Lions projects that benefit the blind. If you have any opportunity, I highly recommend a visit to this eye-opening event.

Grace Clower



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YOUR ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION



President Jimmy Carter dedicates the "Gift of Sight" statue and cuts a ribbon with Lions Clubs International President Albert Brandel at Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill. The statue symbolizes Lions Clubs International Foundation's ongoing collaborative efforts to combat preventable blindness.

Former President and Lion Jimmy Carter, The Carter Center founder; Lions Clubs International President Albert Brandel; experts in the blindness prevention field.

Dedication of the "Gift of Sight" statue, a gift from The Carter Center to recognize Lions' efforts to collaboratively combat preventable blindness and announcement of \$203 million in funding to continue Lions SightFirst efforts. Resources will go toward research, distribution of medicine, training eye health care workers, equipping hospitals and providing preventative care for thousands of people each year.

LIONS ALERT BANNER PATCH AWARD

Also, any club, district, or multiple district that submits a Lions ALERT Plan to Headquarters will receive the new Lions ALERT Banner Patch Award (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/lions_alert_award_criteria.pdf). Lions club, district, or multiple district ALERT Committees must fulfill the award criteria below:

1. Meet with local authorities.
2. Coordinate a plan of action in the event of a natural disaster, man-made disaster, and/or a healthcare emergency such as pandemic flu.
3. Develop a written Lions ALERT plan. Include Lions assistance in the community plan.
4. Submit the plan to Lion leaders for approval and signatures.
5. Submit the approved plan and this signed application to:

Lions Clubs International;
 Program Development Department;
 300 W. 22nd Street; Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842; USA
 Fax number: 630-571-1672 E-mail: programs@lionsclubs.org



Here is the new state pin. How can you get this? Maybe come to the 3rd Cabinet meeting and you might be able to get one.



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 == NOW – GO TO THIS WEB SITE AND CHECK IT OUT ==
<http://ca.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>



RETENTION!

THE CASE OF THE EMPTY CHAIR

A group of Lions, sitting around, all talking at the same time, suddenly realizes a chair is empty. To find out what happened, we interviewed some potential suspects: a relatively new member; the club president; and an old time Lion affectionately referred to as “Grillman”.

THE SUSPECTS:

Member: This is their story: Energetic Lions, ready and willing to help, once occupied that chair. Hardly anyone shook their hands or offered to sit with them. I am new here myself, but I made a few friends. Nobody helped me or came to sit with me. I just did it. I am just a member here, and I can’t do anything about who comes or goes. Isn’t that the president’s job? He must know why the chair is empty.

The President: Here’s what he said. I had the opportunity to improve my leadership skills by attending training, but I was too busy. The job is just for one year and the more experience members, who always sit together, run the club anyway. Since everyone talks, there’s no need for an agenda or guest speakers. That Lion came in here and wanted to start a new project and change things around but the more experienced members shot the ideas down. Grillman might know why the chair is empty.

Grillman: This is what he said: I have no idea why the chair is empty. I have been flipping pancakes and working the grills for 20 years. I get new people involved by letting them set up and clean up, if they stay that long. Most young people don’t want to work to help their communities. They are not as dedicated as us long time members. They can’t make meetings or be at every project like us. They say they don’t have the time and need to have time for family. Anyway, this group is just fine the way it is. The sponsor might know why the chair is empty.

Sponsor: Here are his comments: Oh, Yeah, that Lion. He was a great guy. I sponsored him about two years ago. I haven’t really had a chance to talk with or see him since. I wonder what he is doing these days. Well, at least he stayed long enough for me to get credit for bringing in my fifth new member, too bad they didn’t stay around either. I did my job by bringing them in; too bad, the chair is empty.

THE JURY: The jury consists of the club members and they will decide the fate of the club. They cannot sit idly by watching their club die from the diseases of stagnation and members leaving. If they do, another community will be without the help it needs from a group of dedicated people living a motto of “We Serve.”

THE VERDICT: RETENTION IS EVERY MEMBER’S JOB! If you see yourself as a suspect, it is time to change and become a mentor to get new members involved in a meaningful way. If you know a suspect, it is time for action. When your club brings in new members, it is time to empower them, and let them work the grills, run those new projects, and sit at our table. It’s time to invite not only moms and dads, but also their children so families can be together at meetings, club projects, and social events.

THE VERDICT IS IN OUR HANDS.



*“We’re the New Generation of Lions...
Join Us Today!”*

YOU ARE LIONISM

We keep hearing that we need more members; that clubs should go out and get more members; that membership is the responsibility of the District MERL; of the District Governor; etc.

Let’s get down to who is responsible—the individual Lion. Each Lion became one because he or she had heard that Lionism meant Service. Yet, how many Lions were told that they had something else to do—to “extend” themselves and invite others to be Lions.

This is addressed to the individual Lion. First, ask yourself why did you become a Lion? Why did you want to join the Lions Club in your city? I hope you can say that you became—you are—a Lion because you want to serve your community. If so, it is time for you to do more. Haven’t you heard that more hands make projects easier and faster? This is why we need more Lions in our clubs. Yes, we keep talking building our district membership, but you should be more concerned in building your club membership so that your club’s projects can be carried out easier and faster. The more Lions in your club—the more service to your community.

How can you, a Lion, build your club’s membership? First, make a list of people you know that are interested in your community. Now, narrow that list to those who are not yet Lions. Talk to each of them and invite each to your club. Be up front when you invite these people to your club meeting. Tell them that the club’s main goal is to serve the community.

I know that I will hear back from Lions that their club says they have projects but all they do is sell brooms, sell raffle tickets, stand in front of Wally World and collect money, etc. Lions—those are not community service projects. Those are fund-raising activities. What is your club—what are you doing to help your community? Not just writing a check for Little League or the food bank. When is the last time you put in some Lions Hours in your community so that people know a Lions Club exists? It is so easy to write that check. When that check goes into the other organization’s account, no one sees a Lion in a vest doing anything to help. If you want more members, be more visible in your town. Make sure that everyone knows that the Lions Club is working to make your town better.

Lil Shurtleff, MD Membership Chair



“Change the World”

**TO ALL LIONS CLUBS:
Georgia Lions State Awards Program**

A copy of the 2008-2009 Georgia Lions State Awards Program is attached in .pdf format. If you cannot open the attachment or need the program sent to you in MS Word, please let me know. A copy of this program is also included in the State Directory. The deadline for awards applications to be in the committee's hands is May 30, 2009.

Every Lions Club in the state of Georgia should look through the State Awards criteria and apply for all of the awards for which they are eligible. If you have questions or need help, contact your district's State Awards Committee member.

REMEMBER....you can't win an award if you don't apply!

For State Awards Chair, Bryson Tanner

Copies of criteria for the Anne Sullivan Award, Outstanding Blind Award and Outstanding Deaf Award are attached in a .pdf file. If you are unable to open the attachment, please contact the State Office and copies will be sent in MS Word. Please note that the deadline for submission of applications for these awards is April 15, 2008.



The **KEY WORD** to all of this is **A S K**
Any further questions – just ask!

Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute
10th Institute

Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute: The institute will be held 16-19 April 2009 at the Tennessee Conference Center for the United Methodist Churches in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee.

Cost will be \$125 per person but includes all lodging, meals (dinner on Thursday, Breakfast, Lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday), and materials. The institute is open to Lions who have not served as VDG and will include topics such as goal setting, meeting management, group dynamics, team building, personality, leadership style, problems solving, conflict resolution, delegation, mobilization of volunteers diversity, protocol, mentoring, and public speaking. For more information contact Past International



Director Dr. Beverly Roberts at 706-592-2982 or email at pidbroberts@bellsouth.net . Only 60 spots are available, so send in your registration now!

Club Presidents & Secretaries - Please share this with your club members, as you never know who might be interested. You may also wish to encourage Vice Presidents to attend.

The application package will come out in early January

HERE IS SOMETHING NEW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:

Dear Lion,

Thank you for joining LIONS Training Network. You will be receiving email containing Lions Training knowledge (with links to YouTube video clips and LionsTraining blogspot).

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Michael

[Training 001: Boring Lecture is a common problem of Lions Training](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haarQH-zGiA>

Many Lions dread to attend Lions training program because of the boring and seeming lengthy lectures.

Other weaknesses of many Lions training program are:

1) Some Lions trainer seem to be talking to himself. He doesn't seem to be concerned with the audience. He frequently looks at his notes. He does not have eye contact with the entire audience.

2) Some Lions trainer seem to be reading from the Powerpoint or the Course Notes. The training participants would be thinking: "Hey. I can read the notes myself."

3) Some trainer like to talk about his glorious past, his experiences...but not really relevant to the topic he is delivering.

4) Some trainer insist on keeping all his training participants for long stretch of time (e.g. more than 2 hours). He reproach trainees who need to go to the restroom.

5) Some training material is so badly prepared. Beautiful Powerpoint presentation but the font size is so small that it could be clearly seen by those at the back.

All these common factors are discouraging Lions from attending the seminars and so-called workshops.

Hence, there is a need for Lions training to be interesting.

The training session must be:

- 1) INTERESTING
- 2) INTERACTIVE
- 3) LEARNER-centered.

The visual aids must be VISIBLE.

Thank you. I am Lion Michael....who is passionate about training.

<http://www.youtube.com/lionstraining>

<http://lionstraining.blogspot.com/2008/12/training-01-boring-lecture-vs.html>

This is an experiment on new training methodology using internet technology. Please feel free to comment at

LionsTraining.blogspot.com

You are most welcome to forward this to your Lions friends.

CLUB REPORTS



This is another way of getting Lions in your club, new members and prospective members interested in doing something new and different. Getting involved is another word for **WE SERVE**.



Certain things can happen when your Lions Club gets involved. If we have to find something new – go for it – because the more we raise – the more we can give. Also, the more members who get involved also create a bundle of fun and more money raised. The information that appears may benefit another club – for here is where we get ideas and we might be able to use those ideas within your own club.

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Our programs this month included information from Rob Owen, the Hall County Director of Habitat for Humanity and the official visit by DG Dick Smith. During his visit DG Smith and PDG David Sargent presented a Melvin Jones award to Lion Dick Taber. The club donated \$300 to the educational fund for three children of a local resident and minister who was murdered recently. Members worked 101 hours on our work project at the Georgia Mountains Center for the club, working on seven different days and / or nights.

Auburn-Carl Lions Club = 1 The Club built a Wheel Chair Ramp for Scot Dunlap of their Community, and helped him obtain a battery powered chair in December. 2 The Club provided dictionaries for their third grade students. Thank you notes from the students were passed around for the Club members to read. 3 The members sold a total of 280 tickets for the Camp for the Blind project. 4 On Saturday, February 28, plans by the Club to sponsor a spaghetti supper as a fund raiser. 5 Plans are under way for the Club to do the White Cane Day project in April. 6 Provided those present with a pamphlet that was made by Club members to emphasis what the Lions Club does, their local history as well as International history, and some activities and projects by the Club. It was noted that the Auburn-Carl Club was founded in 1970, and they still have four charter members - all four were present at this meeting. These pamphlets will be provided to the people during their White Cane Day in April.

Dahlonega Lions Club = Mark you calendars for February 18, 2009. This is the next screening date. A total of 8 Lions will be needed. Expected start time 9 AM and completion should be around 3 PM.



Lavonia Lions Club = WE HAVE BEEN BUSY PLANNING FOR OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE HELD IN MARCH, 2009. We had two members to volunteer at the Falcon's game to raise money for the camp. We also have five members that work every Saturday from 8 am to 1pm on building a house for the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity. We had one application for glasses this month. So for this year we have furnished glasses for 14 people. A donation of \$1000 was made to the Ed Bryant Scholarship Fund, which benefits students of Franklin County High School. We are continuing plans for our 75th anniversary on March 21, 09. Our total volunteer hours for January were 170.

Jefferson Lions Club = Community Service Projects: Participated in building home project, citizenship, education and food bank by contributing \$950.00. Youth Opportunities – Peace Poster Contest - \$75.00. Hearing aids, eyeglass recycling -45, and low vision projects - \$500.00. Total hours donated – 28 with 13 Lions

Meetings:

Several members of the Jefferson Lions Club recently traveled to the home of Calvin and Hazel Gee to present Lion Calvin with a plaque honoring his 40 years of service as a Lion. (L-R) Lions Hazel & Calvin Gee, Jefferson Lions Club president, Mack Cates, Lions Zone Chair, Dot Hunt, and Lions Deborah Langley (Calvin's and Hazel's daughter), Don Lord and Edna Briggs. (Calvin's getting along in years & doesn't get out much these days.)



Lawrenceville Lions Club = We did 78 vision screenings at a Health Fair with 5 members helping. We have a vision screening planned for February 21st. We had 4 members attend the 2nd Zone Meeting. We dropped 2 members due to family circumstances. Bruce Mercora and Vonda Mercora We have 1 new member, Jennifer Khaleel brought in by Charlie Tuggle.

<i>Eyeglasses collected</i>	369
<i>Lenses</i>	134
<i>Hearing Aids</i>	0
<i>Cell Phones</i>	1
 <i>Volunteer Hours</i>	 125

Norcross Lions Club - Hosted local Zone meeting on 20 January with 11 members present including the President and Secretary. Honored Norcross High School Student of the Month and her parents with \$100 gift card and farmable certificate. Approved \$237 for hard contacts for a person with a disease who needs to hard contacts, not glasses or soft contacts. Agreed to fund our club President to the Leadership School in April. Beginning work on this year's Norcross Art Fest . Have collected eyeglasses and cell phone, but have not yet taken them to the Lighthouse. PDG John Rudert attended the GA Lions Lighthouse meeting. Cleaned our clubhouse in preparation for the Zone meeting.



Student of the Month from Norcross High School
Kristin Lofgren

Snellville Lions Club - December 4th. Club held their annual Christmas dinner at the Delmar Retirement home. **December 18th**. Club meeting cancel due to the holidays. Club members took part in the lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Snellville City Hall. Vice Governor Grace Clower and Lion Elmer Moon work 10 hours each at the Atlanta Falcons Game with proceeds going to the Camp for the Blind. **Lions Volunteer Hours:** 57 hours.

Eye Screening at North DeKalb Health Center

On December 19th 2008, Vice District Governor Grace Clower, Lions Elmer Moon, Gary Ritchey and Sonny Medlin help conducted an eye screening with Ms. Edith Covington at the North DeKalb Health Center. 19 people were screened and 5 were referred for further evaluation. Ms. Covington is the manager of the Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Program at the N. DeKalb Mental Health Center which a clinical services component of the DeKalb Community Service Board (CSB). The PSR program provides intensive treatment intervention services to persons challenged with serious mental illness disorders.



The DeKalb CSB, an instrumentality of the State of Georgia, is the public sector provider of services addressing mental illness, addictions and developmental disabilities in DeKalb County. The agency serves primarily the uninsured and underinsured populations. The DeKalb CSB serves approximately 10K people annually. Lion Gary Ritchey is the Executive Director of this Association.



Lions Club Annual Benefit Breakfast
Saturday, February 14, 2009 7:30AM-10:30AM
Snellville United Methodist Church - Wesley Hall
2428 East Main Street, Snellville GA 30078

Join us for our **Annual Benefit Breakfast** on February 14th, 2009 at the Snellville United Methodist Church Cafeteria at Wesley Hall. We will have a wonderful breakfast that includes: eggs, sausage, grits, pancakes, coffee, and juice. Since the breakfast is on Valentine's Day this year, we will have a "little something special" for our guests. Come and see what we have in store for you. Snellville This year our Annual Benefit Breakfast falls on **VALENTINE'S DAY**. Come... See what little treats we have for the ladies and what last minute inexpensive "little something" you may purchase for your sweetheart. Also, don't forget our **BAKE SALE**. Take home some of our delicious, homemade goodies.

Towns County Lions Club = Lions "GIVE-A-Christmas"
Santa and His helpers are ready for over 135 children.



TFC Recovering From Shock of Yesterday's Gate Cottage Fire

Monday, January 12th, on the campus of Toccoa Falls College.

Toccoa Falls College is recovering from the shock of yesterday's early morning fire that destroyed one of its most historic and famous structures.

A school official indicated the college will operate as normal today after the Gate Cottage went up in flames early yesterday morning. Four

Stephens County fire departments, Toccoa, Carnes Creek, Shiloh, and New Hope all responded prior to 2:30 a.m. yesterday to the scene, but were unable to save the building.

Toccoa Fire Chief Tommy Ayers said crews responded after a call from campus security. "They received a call about 2:17 a.m.," said Ayers. "They had heavy smoke coming from the structure. They made entrance into the building, but the fire backed them out, so we called in help from the county. It took about 2 ½ hours to get it under control."

Ayers said they believe the fire may have started in the kitchen. Crews remained on the scene until around 3 p.m., ensuring the fire was out, before they began to disperse. At that time, students and onlookers remained around, clicking pictures on their cell phone cameras or just talking.

Yesterday morning, AM 630 WNEG News was able to speak with one student who was awake for most of the incident. Gaby Saez said she is sad, but she knows things will get better, with the help of a higher power.

"He had this in mind," she said. "He had it planned. It surprised all of us, but he already knew it was going to happen and he has done amazing things through stuff like this before with the flood and other stuff that has been burned down. He has brought beauty from ashes, so he can do it again this time, so we do not expect anything less than that from him and we know that he will carry us through this."

In an e-mailed press release, Toccoa Falls College President Wayne Gardner said the college appreciates all of the support it has received already from the community. The college closed yesterday after the fire occurred.

He said they are "shocked and saddened" by the loss of the Gate Cottage Restaurant, which has stood in the same location since 1939.

According to information on the college's web site, the Original Gate Cottage was established in 1920 and served as a staff residence and a craft shop. However, it was destroyed by fire in 1939.

Students rebuilt the cottage between the summer of 1939 and 1940. It had remained standing ever since. That includes the onslaught it took as the first building in the path of the waters of the devastating 1977 rupture of the Kelly Barnes Dam, sending water down through Toccoa Falls.

At the current time, the Gate Cottage had been home to the School of Counseling, as well as a restaurant and gift shop. There is still no word on what caused the fire. Officials indicated that they plan to resume their investigation today.



The Phoenix Gong of Toccoa Falls

The Toccoa Lions experience a miracle on Thursday, January 22nd as they were reunited with their club gong bell at Toccoa Falls College. Roy Sosby, food service supervisor at the college, cleaned the gong bell up and presented to Steve Spruill, Toccoa Lions club president, at their first club meeting since the fire. Roy told the club, “Your gong bell was one of the first items recovered from the burnt remains of the Gate Cottage on Tuesday morning January 13th.”

The gong bell was purchased by the Toccoa Lions club in 1933 when the club first started meeting in the old Albemarle Hotel on Alexander Street in Toccoa. The gong bell moved over the years with the Lions club to several different meeting sites. The gong bell, the gavel, guest book and the club banner are stored at the meeting site. The gong is the only item that survived the fire at the Gate Cottage. The gong is a solid casting of bronze with a bronze casting of the Lions International logo screwed to the top of the gong.

Mary Ann Mojica, the clubs assistant secretary and scrape book historian was able to piece together a picture of the clubs banner. The Toccoa Lions purchased their banner in 1933 and have added patches and awards to it over the seventy-five year of the club. Steve Spruill says, “We are starting a special fund to raise money to buy a new banner and replace all the patches. It will cost us \$500.00 to \$600.00 to rebuild our club banner.” During the meeting the first donation to the fund came from Roy Sosby a friend of the Toccoa Lions.

Dr. Wayne Gardner, President of Toccoa Falls College, addressed the Lions gathered in the president’s dining room in the student center. Gardner said, “We will rebuild the Gate Cottage to house the restaurant and gift shop. We will build a separate facility on the campus to house the School of Counseling. We had insurance on the building so we can begin construction right away. We intend to re-use the masonry stones on the front of the Gate Cottage.”

Many students and faculty members welcomed the Lions Club to the student center for their meeting on Thursday, January 22nd. Steve Spruill, club president said, “The Lions have meet for over ten years on the campus of Toccoa Falls College. We are saddened by the lost of the Gate Cottage, but we happy that the good Lord has inspired everyone to join in the rebuilding effort. The Toccoa Lions will help in any way we can to restore the Gate Cottage.”

“The Gate Cottage seems to be a symbol of the spirit of the college community at Toccoa Falls,” according to Bryan Gordon, Lions vice president. “It had a fire in 1939 and was rebuilt, it was devastated by the flood in 1977 and was restored and it burned in 2009 and it will be rebuilt new and fresh. With every adversity the TFC community has its faith strengthened.”

The Toccoa Lions club will continue to meeting on the campus of the Toccoa Falls College the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The current meeting place is the president’s dining room at the student center.



**Past District Governor Irving Hellenga, 18-D,
passed away Sunday, February 1st. PDG Hellenga was 86**

Visitation is scheduled for 3:00 to 5:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Tuesday, February 3rd at the Acree-Davis Funeral Home, 350 S. Pond Street, Toccoa. (Telephone 706 886-3106). The Funeral will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 4th at the First Presbyterian Church of Toccoa, 105 E. Tugalo Street, Toccoa, GA. Cards may be sent to Myra Hellenga, 8178 Jarrett Manor Estates, Toccoa, GA 30577.



l-r is Steve Spruil, Toccoa President, Bill Graham, Florence Gordon, Bryan Gordon and PDG M.C. Stowe.

The Toccoa Lions Club is welcoming two new members to its membership. The induction ceremony was held Thursday January 8, 2009 at the Gate Cottage restaurant. M.C. Stowe, past district governor, swore in Bill Graham of Martin and Florence Gordon of Toccoa. Both of the new Lions were sponsored into the club by Lion Bryan Gordon.

Florence Gordon is a Toccoa resident and she is retired from Simon & Shuster Publishers after nineteen years of service. She worked as fine artist and commercial artist during her career. Flo is a member of The Daughters of the King Order at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Toccoa. She is also a member of the Currahee and Tugalo Artist Guilds. She has also served with Shirley's Shelter ministries. Flo has been a friend of the Toccoa Lions volunteering on several of their projects the last two years.

Bill Graham is a Martin resident and he retired from Windstream Communications in Atlanta. He graduated from Stephens County High School and served in the Marine Corp before attending college. He is a former computer science professor and is a member of Livonia Methodist Church.

Bill Graham is legally blind and is the chair of a group in Stephens County called "SCOTT'S" that is developing a public transportation plan for all citizens. This project is supported by several of the Toccoa Lions.

This past year The Toccoa Lions Club provided free services to seventy three people. These people received eye exams and glasses free of charge from the Lions. The club spent \$8,122.00 for the eye glasses from monies raised in various fund raising projects.

The Toccoa Lions collect used eye glasses, frames, hearing aids and cell phones. They all go to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Decatur. The glasses are graded, repaired and distributed free of charge to people in need worldwide. GA Lions paid for 306 eye surgeries at Emory University in the past year. Georgia Lions collected and sent out 106,983 pairs of glasses this past year through the Lighthouse. Georgia Lions provided hearing aids for over 800 people in Georgia each year.

The Lions in Toccoa also provide free vision screenings, free diabetic screenings, and provide food, clothing and toys to needy families at Christmas time. In addition, they sponsor the International Peace Poster art contest; they sponsor a little league baseball team, and mentor in the schools.

Union County Lions Club = Sight / Hearing: Three applications for eye glasses and exam approved. **Lion Mints:** 150 rolls dispensed. **Collections:** 418 eyeglasses, 102 eyeglass cases, 29 sets lenses, 9 cell phones. **Volunteer Hours:** 249. **Activities:** Regular meeting of Union County Lions Club with 26 Lions for attendance percentage of 74.2. There were also 12 guests as this was membership drive night. Of that 12, eleven took applications to fill out. So, we'll see. The following Lions spoke: Lion Arthur Gurr spoke on local, State, National, and International projects that Lions take part in. Also, very brief history of Lions. Lion Lisa Little, Past President, spoke from a woman's point of view and when and why women are Lions. Lion Michael Thompson spoke of how he, personally was given back his sight some 35 years ago as result of eye surgery provided by Georgia Lions Lighthouse and that for every one dollar in donations to Lighthouse, there is a return of six dollars in donated services from doctors, hospitals, etc. President Gene Little gave report that The Day Retreat Clients had picked up the following from our 13 collection boxes at various businesses: 121 pairs used eye glasses; 48 cases; 15 cell phones; 20 loose lens; 32 cell plug-ins. That's a total of 236 items! Lion Jim Wentworth, Membership Ch. spoke on club's fund raisers. Busy night.



Ms Kathie Hollis and Vickie Cummings with S.A.F.E. a major Lion project.



Lions present check to Alleghney Lodge 114 F&AM – another Lion project for past 10 years – This helps assist the Masons with their food baskets and boxes.

United Community Bank supports Union County Lions Club



Union County Lions Club member – and United Community Bank employee Gray Williams is pictured here accepting a donation from Rica Ginter, Business Development Officer with United Community Bank.

The donation is in support of White Cane Days which raises 100 percent of its funds for the Georgia Lions Foundation.

The competition starts with Clarksville.



Lions receive support from unexpected sources

A young beauty pageant contestant contacts her grandmother in New York and informs her that she needs lots of old eye glasses and cell phones to enable her to receive extra points in the beauty contest and help some poor people. As short while later a large box arrives, filled with old cell phones and use eye glasses.

Now just how did this all come about? Therein lies a unique story coming about in 2007 when Heavenly Gems Natural Pageant System was begun by Vickie Cook and our own Lion Lisa Little. These two ladies believe that all children have a unique God given beauty and look forward to seeing everyone shine while on stage. With that common belief, they started with two goals: Promoting self-worth and self-esteem in girls and young women.

The Lions has received over 200 cell phones, over 100 pairs of used eye glasses and over \$200.00. What a dream for Vickie Cook and Lion Lisa Little and the Lions of Union County.

Winder Noon Lions Club =

We're Waiting = have you ASKed?



Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or

Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or



Public Relations Tools and Resources: Looking to raise awareness for your Lions club, district and multiple district project, activity or event? Use the online PR tools and resources, highlighted here, to get started with your public relations plans.

Essentials

Review the "[Club Public Relations Chairperson's Guide](#)" (PR710) and "[District Public Relations Chairperson's Guide](#)" (PR730) for information and samples for developing your PR plan and communications.

Also, take the Public Relations Course offered through the [Lions Learning Center](#). It is an excellent interactive program to assist in developing your public relations skills.

PR Tools & Resources

- Review the [calendar of events](#) for upcoming programs to promote locally.
- Customize [sample news releases](#) for Lions activities and programs. The fill-in-the-blank templates provide direction for the release content, layout and length. Localize and submit the release to the media for your next Lions event.
- Create your own [club fact sheet](#) using the online template, or use it as a guideline to create a district or multiple district fact sheet. Keep it up-to-date and distribute it with all media material. The club fact sheet is also useful to distribute at club and community events to members and prospective members.
- Show [audiovisual presentations](#) at upcoming meetings or events. Many are available for Lions and non-Lions audiences.
- Distribute [public service announcements \(PSAs\)](#) available for television and radio.
- Utilize [brochure paper](#), [print ads](#) and [billboard artwork](#) to promote Lions in your community.
- Create a club [Web site](#) to promote upcoming events and attract prospective members.
- Check [Public Relations Support for Clubs and Districts](#) to find other resources

Communications

Lions Clubs International provides a variety of member communications and valuable tools for assisting Lions public relations initiatives. Online communications include:

- Lions Clubs International's [fact sheet](#), [history](#) and [news releases](#)
- [Brand Renewal FAQ](#) answers frequently asked questions about the new Lions brand
- Lions Clubs International's [key messages and questions](#)
- [THE LION Magazine](#), published ten times a year, posts selected articles online. Read [How To Get In THE LION](#) to submit your club, district and multiple district stories and photos
- [e-Newsletter](#), a monthly online newsletter, with the latest communication from International Headquarters
- the [President's Monthly Message](#)
- [Lions in Action](#) highlights unique Lions club projects and provides a resource of ideas that may be implemented in your hometown.



GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

Mildred Hatchett Bingham



Mildred Hatchett Bingham, widow of Tom Bingham who founded the Lighthouse, passed away Saturday, January 17, 2009, at the age of 99. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church. The address is 781 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308, 404-873-2636.

Mildred was always a great supporter of the Lighthouse and was the kind of person we all strive to be. She was strong, being a long-time survivor of both colon and breast cancer. She was a very proud person, proud of her family, proud of the Lions of Georgia and extremely proud of the Lighthouse and what we do. She would always include updates about the Lighthouse in letters to friends and family. Mildred, a native Virginian, met Tom Bingham on a blind date. Tom also happened to be blind himself.

In her life, in addition to supporting the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, she worked for the American Red Cross during WWII and later sold magazine subscriptions. She raised her only son, Bill, on her own after Tom died in the early 1950s. She was also an honorary member of Atlanta Lions Auxiliary Club.

Atlanta Lion, D.C. Jackson, known as "Jack" to most, encouraged Mildred to write a book about her husband's life. Mildred paid to have "Glitter in the Dark" published and then gave hundreds of copies to the Lighthouse to sell or give away. She gave part of the money she made on the books she sold herself back to the Lighthouse. The book was even translated into Japanese for the Lions of Japan. Some proceeds from the book were given to the Lighthouse.

Past International Director George Crumbley said that she always attended Lighthouse meetings and was usually invited to speak at the board meetings. She was often introduced at those meetings as "the inspiration that keeps the Lighthouse alive and vibrant." She rode down to the bi-annual meetings for many years with Lion Mike Higgins and Lion Donna Calhoun. She was 94 when she attended her last Lighthouse meeting.

Close friend, Lion Donna Calhoun, had this to say: "Mildred and Tom and their vision of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has changed the lives of thousands of Georgians. Oh what a sad and dark world this would be without people who reach out from the darkness and touch a life. My life has definitely been changed by knowing her."

She will be missed.

Dear Lions,

The winter Lighthouse meeting followed a very different format than previous meetings by being dedicated to volunteers. The First Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held Friday evening, January 9, and included a meet and greet time, dinner, entertainment by Amazing Grace and Joy, and testimonies from three Lighthouse clients. It was very nice. The Winter Meeting Schedule began with a Coffee Social and Open House in the Lighthouse basement followed by the Business Meeting Brunch held at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. There were 117 in attendance! One of the highlights of the meeting was hearing from Timothy Olsen, M.D., President of Emory Eye Center, about the research being done in the area of Diabetic Retinopathy, Macular Degeneration and research in Peru dealing with children's blindness caused by oxygen given to premature infants. Another highlight was the testimony of Helene Thompkins, a wife of a diabetic and mother of three including two with cerebral palsy. Her cataracts made it very difficult for her to medicate her family members correctly. The Lighthouse has restored her eyesight in one eye and hopes to be able to operate on the other in the near future.

Medical providers have donated \$3.6 million in services. This means for every \$1 the Lighthouse spent for services, \$6 worth of services were received! Also interesting, in District C the Lighthouse spent an average of \$360 per Lion and received an average of \$27 per Lion in donations. The Lighthouse staff and operations have become very crowded in our present building. The board has been going through the process of designing a plan to develop the progress and growth of the Lighthouse. A misconception that Luminary gifts had to be at least \$1,000 was clarified. All individual gifts to the Lighthouse are Luminary gifts and individual Lions are strongly encouraged to give. Once a Lion's total contribution has reached \$1,000 the Luminary pin will be awarded.

All clubs are encouraged to participate in White Cane day any time of the year and to solicit additional funds from local businesses. The Lighthouse Foundation Mission Trip to Ghana to perform eye exams and distribute glasses to Ghanaians in the remote areas of the Volta Region will be May 13-22, 2009. Any Lion interested in going needs to contact Mark Miller (mark@attorneymiller.com) or Jimmy Lewis (jblewis@mindspring.com) by February 15. Many Lions attending this winter meeting also participated in a side trip to Dialog in the Dark at Atlantic Station. This was an interesting experience in which we were given white canes and had about 20-30 minutes in total darkness to go through a simulated park, grocery store, boat, traffic, and snack counter.

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White Cane Packets Available

White Cane Packets will be mailed to White Cane chairs, Associate Directors, and Club Presidents without Associate Directors the first week of February. The packet can also be found online at www.lionslighthouse.org under the resources for lions section. This year's White Cane fundraiser will prevent the Lighthouse from having to cut our surgery budget. White Cane posters are available from the Lighthouse by calling 404-325-3630 and for fundraising ideas download the White Cane packet today!

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To the Lions of Georgia:

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is the 12th fastest growing organization in Georgia. In order for Lighthouse to assist as many of Georgia's uninsured as possible, we need your help.

White Cane is the foundation's way of collecting funds from the general public. We are going after as many grants and other resources as possible, but funds are still running short.

You have recently received a letter from the Lighthouse and me requesting a donation to the Luminary Society. The Luminary Society is an additional way individual Lions can donate to the Lighthouse.

I am asking you to dig deep and make a donation to the Luminary Society. It's not whether you donate ten dollars or ten thousand dollars; it's whether you donate at all.

If you have any questions, please contact your District Luminary Chair or myself, Sandy Mercer at sandymercerc@bellsouth.net.

**Lion Sandy Mercer, PCC
Luminary Chair**



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
VP Ken Thurmond
eyebank@alltel.net



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:

The LEO Gathering at the Camp is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, February 13-15, 2009. Kristen will attend the American Camp Association (ACA) Conference and training the week of February 16th. The Winter Work Weekend is scheduled for March 20-21, and the Spring Work Weekend will be on April 17-19.

Summer Camping Sessions are scheduled and the theme for this year's Camping Season is

“On the Flip Side”. Dates for the sessions are as follows:

- May 31-June 5 Counselor Orientation
- June 7 – June 12 Family Camp (4-9 year old campers)
- June 14-June 19 Adult Camp
- June 21 -26 Pre-teen Camp
- June 28-July 3 Young Adult Camp (18-25 year olds)
- July 11 Lions Day at the Camp

Work weekend goals: LEO's weekend – Clean up nature trail; change sand in pool filters; putty nail holes and paint trim in main office; put in boarder for flower beds; dig dirt from around siding and low buildings; pick up pine cones and limbs; clean out brush around pond; paint.



Work weekends goals: Lions = Siding project; replace windows in Gazebo; screw together all siding at bottom of wooden buildings; shutters (build, paint and put up; repair fence and gates around trash dumpsters; redo bus staging area fence; fix damaged shingles; cover urinals in girls' bathroom; fix windows on back side of girls' dorm; fix and extend down-spouts, repair or replace gutters; dig up stumps beside activities building (back fill with dirt); pressure wash buildings, front entrance, and mildewed sidewalks; repair cabinets and dressers in dorms; fix all door thresholds (top and bottom of doors); caulk and paint trim in main office; fix rot in Program Director's residential bathroom; fix leak in awning roof off bathrooms; check all electrical outlets in and on all buildings; attach posts to concrete walkway beside cafeteria bathrooms; edge sidewalks; fix picnic tables; inventory crafts building, activities building and kitchen; drag walking track; clean tree line next to track; paint girls and boys sitting area; paint all construction completed buildings; fix and re-popcorn ceiling in boys dorm bathroom; put down 1x4 boarder around flowerbeds.



Remember – all work done will make it safer for these children





Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

CONGRATULATIONS =

Are in order for one of our own Lion Mike Cox, a member of the Evans
 Lions Club of District 18-F

As some of you may or may not know, the last Lion that was on the Board of Trustees for Leader Dog of the Blind was PDG Larry Winters from District 18-B. He has surely been missed over the last few years.

Knowing of Lion Mike's accomplishments thru his work within the state of Georgia and the rest of the country as a Graduate Field Representative for thirteen years with Leader Dogs, Lion Mike was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Also, Lion Mike was appointed as Chairman of the Consumer Services and Programs Committee – this also means that he will be a Member of the Leader Dog Executive Committee.

(The Consumer Services and Program Committee oversees all programs to ensure that they align with the strategic plan of Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Committee is responsible for monitoring and assessing existing programs, as well as facilitating discussion about new program development.)

Lions sure do take care of Lions.

Since Lion Gregory Grabowski, President and Chief Executive Officer took on the new position, he has engaged with many Lions across the country and challenged them to think of new and better ideas of how Lions and Leader Dog can better serve the blind and visually impaired.

Founded by three Detroit area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind provides dog guides to people who are blind and visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life. Each year, over 270 students attend our 26-day residential training program to be paired with a dog guide. This is a life-changing event that opens the doors to independence, safety and self-worth for many of our students.

Leader Dogs for the Blind was originated through the efforts of three Lions Club members. Our future rests in all Lions and in your hands as well.

Again, we must Congratulate Lion Mike on his most recent appointments.

Oh, by the way, I have been asked to be apart of the Leader Dogs for the Blind Lions Advisory Committee. I ask each and everyone of you to support Lion Mike Cox and myself. I also ask that if you have any ideas to please let me know so we can ensure that the relationship is strong and based on the organization's mission and goals.

**Ed Hashbarger, PDG
 State Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair**

Do not forget = 70 for 70:

In celebration of Leader Dog's 70th anniversary, Lions Clubs making a donation \$70 more than your regular club contribution will receive a commemorative "70 for 70" patch for the club banner and a pin for each club member. Have you sent in your \$70.00 separate from your normal contribution?

Garlic Cheese Canapes Dog Treats

Makes 24 servings

- 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1 ½ cups biscuit mix
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- ½ cup American cheese powder
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cup milk

Blend all ingredients in mixing bowl with electric mixer until stiff dough is formed. (Can use food processor). Roll or pat dough out to ¼ inch thick. Cut with desired cookie cutter. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 20 to 30 minutes depending on size of cookie cutter. Let dry thoroughly.

For mix, layer all dry ingredients in jar and label with instructions.

Serious Reminder on Safe Toys

Over the past few months, friends, relatives and acquaintances have been sending articles regarding dogs that have been injured, maimed or died because of toys they were allowed to have for play. Some of the stories have been accompanied by pictures that most of you would probably consider sickening. Because of all the articles, it is felt that now was the time to remind all puppy raisers that we have a large variety of toys that are considered safe by Leader Dog and that we should not vary from using only Nylabone and Kong toys. Even with these toys, all puppies/dogs really **need supervision** when playing with the toys to insure that the puppy/dog is not injured, maimed or killed because of the toy. Toys also need to be appropriate for the age and size of the puppy/dog. In addition toys need to be appropriate for the type of chewer the puppy/dog is, i.e. red Kong toys are not meant for power chewers other Kong toys are.





From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig lion.swampthing@gmail.com

Have You Heard?

The latest events, activities and other items of interest to RFB&D® members

Request a free white cane from the National Federation of the Blind!

The white cane has proved a useful tool to millions of people who are blind in navigating their environments with confidence and safety. It is a tool that allows people who are blind to travel where and when they want.

As such, the NFB believes that independence and freedom to travel are so important to the quality of life of people who are blind that they should have a cane, regardless of ability to pay.

Any individual who is blind and resides in the 50 states, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico may request a cane for their personal use. Requests may be made as often as every six months. The straight fiberglass canes are available in the following lengths: 53, 55, 57, 59, 61 and 63 inches

[Download NFB's online free white cane application form](#) or [download a PDF of the application \(download Adobe Acrobat Reader from <http://www.adobe.com>\)](#).

Printed applications should be mailed to:

Free White Cane Program
National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

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Firefox Add-on Enhances Web for People with Visual Impairments

Free tool makes web surfing easier for those who have low vision but aren't fully blind

Internet users with visual impairments may find surfing the web easier with a new Firefox add-on that takes

normal web pages and makes them more accessible to people with low vision.

The add-on, LowBrowse, is the first program enabling people with moderate or severe vision loss to "both view web pages as the original web author intended and read the text on those pages tailored to their own visual needs," according to program creator [Lighthouse International](#).

For more information and a free download, [visit the Lighthouse International LowBrowse website](#).

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RFB&D Reaches Out to Veterans with Print Disabilities

As many of you may know, RFB&D® was founded in 1948 to help wounded WWII veterans gain an education under the GI Bill. Today, our commitment to veterans remains as strong as ever. This summer, staff members again attended the National Convention of the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), providing information about RFB&D's history and services for veterans and others with print disabilities.

Also, in August, a video news crew from *The American Veteran* visited RFB&D. Produced by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the show airs on the Military Channel and the Pentagon Channel and focuses on the needs and interests of veterans. The crew shot a day's worth of footage at our headquarters and New Jersey facilities. Airing is expected in November, in time for Veterans Day.



A compelling video, *It's Been a Long, Hard Road* is now posted to RFB&D's YouTube channel. In it, we meet Cpl. Michael Jernigan, USMC, Ret. An Iraqi war veteran, Mike was seriously wounded in a roadside explosion. Among his numerous injuries was the loss of both eyes. Mike tells us about his recovery, and how he is getting on with his life and his education using RFB&D's audiobooks at Georgetown University. To view the video, [visit RFB&D's YouTube channel](#).

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His life went from standstill to fast forward after coming to Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Jim Hilton (Ruskin, Florida) lost his sight after having a stroke in 1997. His life came to a standstill three years later when he lost his ability to stand and walk – and ended up in a wheelchair.

His life took another unexpected turn in 2004 when a new friend told him about Southeastern Guide Dogs – the only school in the country that trains guide dogs to work with people with multiple disabilities, including people who use wheelchairs.

Our staff spent several months training Wrangler, a yellow lab, to seek expanded clearances (five feet instead of the usual three), ramps instead of curbs, and handicap-accessible doors instead of regular entrances – then spent 26 more days helping Hilton and Wrangler learn how to work together effectively.

Today, Hilton and Wrangler enjoy an active lifestyle, regularly traveling to grocery stores, movie theaters, and Birmingham, Alabama to visit Hilton’s mother.



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Nico Marcolongo, Iraq War Veteran, and Facility Dog Tali

Nico served the United States Marine Corps for 14 years. After he returned from his second Iraq deployment in 2007, Nico was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The experience prompted him to dedicate his life to serving injured troops. Now, Nico runs a program through the Challenged Athletes Foundation called Operation Rebound, which provides post-rehabilitation support to American service members who have suffered permanent physical injuries in recent conflicts.

Nico's wife, Lisa, has also dedicated her life to serving others. She works at a hospice and skilled nursing facilities where many of her clients are military veterans. Together, Lisa and Nico decided to apply for a CCI Facility Dog to offer comfort to their clients.



Now, a sweet, black Labrador/Golden Retriever cross named Tali regularly brings smiles to injured troops in San Diego County. She brings a sense of calm to members of a PTSD support group in the evenings and provides a welcome distraction to hospice patients

during the day. On weekends, she takes part in athletic events with injured military athletes. She is also a CCI ambassador, providing an example to injured troops of how a CCI assistance dog can make life a little easier.

"My goal is to hopefully help the healing process for veterans coming home," Nico explained. "I don't want anyone else to suffer."

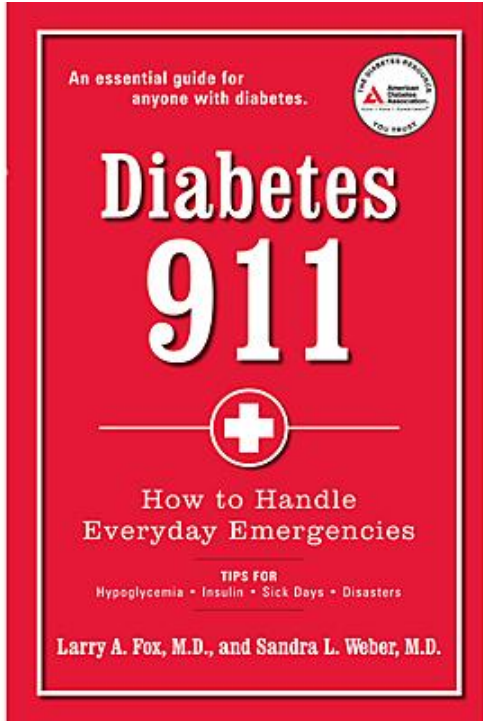
As the Chair person for Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence for 2008-2009, I am available to be a guest speaker at your club for a presentation.

Judy Stamsen



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Diabetes 911: How to Handle Everyday Emergencies — 4887-01



When it comes to a condition as serious as diabetes, the best way to solve problems is to prevent them from ever happening. Whether you're taking care of your own diabetes or caring for a spouse or child with diabetes, you need to know how to respond swiftly to life-threatening emergencies. Do you know what to do in case of an emergency? With **Diabetes 911** in your hands, you'll have expert advice at your fingertips when you need it.

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Why Winning at Work?

Diabetes has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting a growing number and percentage of people every year. Many people do not recognize that they are at risk for diabetes (or diabetes-related complications if they already have diabetes). However, type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed for many of those at high risk for diabetes and diabetes-related complications can be also be prevented or delayed for those with diabetes. Learn more about diabetes and its impact on your [workplace](#).



Check out the info by going to this web site:

http://www.diabetes.org/communityprograms-and-localevents/waw-default.jsp?WTLPromo=Home_waw120108

Implement diabetes detection, prevention and management activities in your workplace. The comprehensive [Winning at Work Guide](#) includes resources to implement a multi-pronged workplace program.

For those who might be interested: **WORLD DIABETES CONGRESS**



The 20th World Diabetes Congress will take place on 18-22 October 2009 in Montreal, Canada. Registration is now open. Find out more at www.worlddiabetescongress.org.



Fellow Lions,

The LEO Gathering committee invites LEOS, prospective LEOS, Advisors, chaperones, and Lions to meet at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross for our annual LEO Gathering. This year we have also invited LEOS and Lions from Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina to join us and make it a regional event!

Those attending will have fun. work hard (projects benefiting the Camp), meet and get to know other service-minded people, and maybe even learn a little something! Our special guest will be Ms. Vicki Connell, Coordinator for the Future Problem Solving program. We are encouraging clubs (LEO and Lion) to bring with you a project idea that you'd like help with implementing or have had difficulty with so we can address them! Lions - if you are considering starting a LEO club in your area this is an excellent opportunity for you to see young people in action!

You can also get your application from our web site www.edmclion.com and look for LEO Gathering under LEO's in Action to the left of the web page.

SEE YOU IN WAYCROSS!

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Steve Helwig
District 18-D Leo Chair
State Leo Gathering Coordinator
MD-18 Leo Clubs Chair



Fellow Lions!

I copied and pasted this from the LCI website. Please forward to last year's respective DG's and any other people you'd like to brag to! I would suggest you forward this to last year's Council since this happened during their year.

NOW-OK Council and this year's District Chairs (if new), are we gonna let last year's bunch beat US!?! We've got between now and June 30 to show our

PRIDE and exceed last year's number of new LEO clubs! Do you think we can do it?! I DO!!! We can start by getting as many LEOS, Lions, and people interested in chartering a LEO club to Waycross for the Gathering.

If they don't have a club yet, after seeing these kids in action, THEY WILL!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MD18!!!
Steve

Multiple District Leo Club Extension Award winners – 2007-08

Certificates awarded to council chairpersons, MD Leo chairpersons and Leo MD presidents in MDs with a net gain of at least five new clubs in 2007-08.

Multiple District

Recipients (2007-08 officers)

2 - Texas, USA Council Chairperson Ray White

MD Leo Club Chairperson James Johnston

4 - California, USA Council Chairperson George C. Skezas

13 - Ohio, USA Council Chairperson John M. Gordon

14 - Pennsylvania, USA Council Chairperson Clifford A. Crose

MD Leo Club Chairperson Darrell Miller

18 - Georgia, USA Council Chairperson Sanders G. Mercer Jr.

MD Leo Club Chairperson Stephen Helwig

20 - New York, USA Council Chairperson Andrew H. Umreiko

29 - West Virginia, USA Council Chairperson Gary L. Van Horn



100 WAYS WE AS LIONS CAN HELP CHILDREN (AND OURSELVES FOR THAT MATTER):

- * Sponsor a career day at school.
- * Bring musicians, clowns, or magicians to a hospital or children's home.
- * Be a good role model. Treat others with dignity and respect and expect children to act the same.
- * Spend less at the holidays on self and family and 'adopt' a needy child or family instead.
- * Take children to a forest or nature preserve and teach them about ecology.
- * Provide children with disabilities experiences they usually can't participate in, such as horseback riding and canoeing (and our Camp for the Blind).



Take a moment and consider being a host parent to an Exchange Student for the month of July 2009. There are two Turkish students who would like to visit and

experience our culture in the United States. The students will have their own spending money and medical insurance. Host families will provide a home for the duration of their stay, as well as meals. The Youth Exchange chair in Turkey has contacted Georgia with the request and will provide the necessary paperwork. // You will find this to be a rewarding experience. I have hosted seven students from six countries and found it to be educational and fun. The experiences provide a lifetime of great memories.

TO ALL LIONS OF GEORGIA,

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Please e-mail or feel free to call me with questions or comments you may have. My telephone number is 770-683-0038.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Best regards,
Lion Faye Smith
State Youth Exchange Chairperson

The Lions International Exchange program has merged with Youth Camp this year through Lions International. Our Exchange o program allows and encourages youth from other countries to come and experience America while our American student can visit and learn foreign cultures. Youth Camp brings together youth from all over the world to experience learning and exchange of ideas on a more short-term basis. The closest Lions Youth Camp is held in Alabama.



Lions-approved host families are an important component of the *Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program*.

Host families share their home with a young person from another country and include the participant in the daily customs of their culture.

Understanding different customs helps participants learn to accept the ways of others. At the same time, host families learn about the customs of the participant.





**LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/U.S.
CONSTITUTION**

KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT

U.S. Constitution

What is the term of office for the following?:

Who is the President of the Senate? Does he/she have a vote?

Which body hears cases of impeachment? Who presides?

Who decides when elections for Senators and Representatives are held?

How many Senators does each state have?

How many Representatives?

Which body of Congress is responsible for initiating revenue (tax) bills?

What are the three branches of U.S. government?

To amend the Constitution requires what % of both houses of Congress and approval by states?

Who were the Georgia signers of the Constitution?

Under name are the first ten Amendments known?

On what day and time do the terms of President and Vice-President end?

What about Senators and Representatives?

How many Amendments are in the Constitution?

In what year was the last one ratified? Note: It was part of the first ten Amendments but was not ratified until 5/7/92.

What year was the Constitution officially approved? What day and month?

When did the Constitution take effect?



GLASB Mission

The Georgia Lions All State Band is a Georgia Lions supported youth activity with the goal of providing a great opportunity for middle and high school musicians from across the state of Georgia to enjoy a rewarding musical experience with some of the best directors in Georgia.



Participation allows the student the opportunity to showcase their musical talents with other gifted musicians from across the state. The band each year performs before the Lions of Georgia each year at its State Convention and travels to the Lions International Convention (US Convention).

*Youth Becoming
Music Ambassadors
To The World*

Georgia Lions All-State Band 2009

Application for membership

Go to www.edmclion.com

scroll down and look for GA Lions All-State Band below RFB&D.

HOT TOPIC

Attention! New Lions Club Activity Report

Club secretaries will notice that the Lions Clubs Activity Report has been updated. The revised report format features three main sections:

- **Community Services including Environmental Services and International Relations**
- **Lions Opportunities for Youth including Leo clubs and Scouts**
- **Health Services including Diabetes Awareness, Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf, Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind**

Replacing the old format (created in 1999), the new format includes all of the Adopted Service Programs of Lions Clubs International as well as space for club secretaries to enter information about other successful club projects.

Club secretaries who submit a year-end (June or until July 15) Lions Club Activity Report can download a Certificate of Excellence signed by the Lions International President.

For ease in completing the Lions Club Activity Report, the online report is now linked to the online Monthly Membership Report. To enter your report, [visit the WMMR](#) section of the Web site.

Systems backups are performed daily between 6:15 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. Chicago, Illinois USA. (November thru February 1215 to 1315 GMT and March thru October 1115

to 1215 GMT.) The membership web site is not accessible during this time period.

ALSO: LCI has changed the format for the Monthly Activities Report!

If you tried to complete the report last month, you may have had problems. The new report format is now ready to use. LCI is now asking for Hours, Donations, Number of Lions involved, and Number of Persons receiving benefits.

If your club is making a donation or working a weekend at the Camp for the Blind, a \$200 donation benefits one camper. If it is a donation to the Lighthouse, it is benefiting 1 person for every \$400 donated. If it is volunteering at a vision clinic, it is benefiting the number of clients seen at the clinic that day. Your District Volunteer Coordinator will have this information.

I have asked each to keep a record of who volunteers, the number of hours, and the number of clients seen. If you do not receive this information via email, please contact your District Volunteer Coordinator.

Instead of the entire report available to view, it is now column by column. First, you check the box that applies. Then to enter amounts in the boxes, you must move your cursor to the box and then enter the number. For example, if you want to enter 350, you place your cursor in the far right box and key in 0. Move the cursor to the box to the left, key in 5; move the cursor to the next box and key in 3. When you finish a page, click "Next Page." The format will remind you to save—click YES. After you complete the last page, click "Finish/Close." You will then see "Add Activities Highlights" on your screen.

Click on this box to add any club notes about special events for the month. Don't forget to save the report. You can print a copy of your report by clicking "Print Monthly Report." Change to the correct date and print. You will get a PDF file that you can print either by clicking your right mouse button then print or using the print format of the page. When you print out the report, you will not see the entire report, just the information you entered.

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