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District Governor
Grace Clower

Dear Lions of 18-D,

We have a new Lions Club in Cleveland. Thanks to all the Lions who received Guiding Lion training and helped recruit members for the new club. VDG's Ron Bennetti and Ken Fuller, Lion Jerry Gutenstein, Lion Ralph Pickens, Lions Gene & Louise Little, Lion John Boshart, PDG Thoïs Masters, PDG Dick Smith and PDG Joe Hirsch worked hard to build this new club. Thanks, especially, to PDG Beverly Shirley for serving as Guiding Lion and the Towns County Lions for sponsoring the new club.

Even though we have two new clubs in the District, we must continue to build our existing clubs. I was encouraged by a meeting held by Zone Chair Pete Stamsen with his Club Presidents and Membership Chairs. This was a brainstorming session to determine how to recruit new members for our clubs in our Zone. It was a great meeting with many new ideas.

It was decided that we will hold a Zone-wide Orientation session on March 27th. I would encourage all our other Zone Chairs to hold their own sessions like this. We must stop the loss of our members and get some new Lions involved. Each club must decide if they will keep on losing members or whether they will get involved and help grow their club.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse held their winter meeting January 23rd. We heard from people who had received help from the Lighthouse. The highlight of the meeting was the Capital Campaign Kick-Off. PDG David Sargent is our District representative for the Campaign. The District 18-D goal is \$100,000. As of last weekend, we had pledged \$65,000. I hope all our clubs will support this campaign with a pledge. It is important that we get pledges from individuals also. Our District continues to stand out in service to the Lighthouse. Our own Lion Gary Vaughters, Dahlongega Lions Club, was elected Chair of the Board for the Lighthouse, and Lion Mike Kelly, Clarkesville Lions Club was elected Treasurer of the Lighthouse. I was also honored to be named a Trustee for the Lighthouse.

The winter meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind will be held February 6-7 in Warner Robins. Don't forget to send your raffle ticket stubs and money to PDG Thoïs Masters. The Camp needs our support also. Plan to attend the meeting and learn what is going on at our Camp.

We have another opportunity to build our leadership skills at the Southeast Lions Leadership Institute. It will be held at Hickory Nob State Park at McCormick, SC April 15-18, 2010. The cost is \$125.00. I encourage every club to nominate a member to attend this training. Remember, we have money in the District budget to pay for several Lions to attend.

Our third Cabinet Meeting and District Convention will be held March 14, 2010, in Dawsonville. Nominations for District offices must be submitted to me at least 30 days prior to the convention on March 14th. Be sure to send delegates from your club to this important meeting.

I am looking forward to the Ga. State Lions Convention in Tifton May 28-30. Make plans now to attend this great event. The Lions of Gwinnett County will be hosting the State Convention next year in Duluth. We will be looking to the District for your support and help in hosting this convention.

As I have said before, it is my privilege to serve as the District Governor of the greatest District in the State of Georgia!

Yours in Service, Grace

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

6-7 February 2009



Camp For The Blind
Warner Robbins

Check out page 20

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

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

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

Planning Ahead

Southeast Lions Leadership Institute
PID Beverly Roberts has announced the location of the next SELLI in 2010. It will be at Hickory Knob State Park in South Carolina on 15-18 April 2010. Hickory Knob State Park is located on the South Carolina / Georgia state line, northwest of Augusta. Additional information will be published when available. Check out page 19.

This is an excellent resource for anyone who wishes to advance to club or district leadership.

Now WHO plans to attend next year's Southeastern Leadership Institute???

Georgia Lions State Convention



28-30 May 2010
Tifton, Georgia

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Two seminars – one of which would be Lions working with LEOS. (Friday Night Meal Tickets \$20.00).

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

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only 1 December - \$80.00 and 1 April - \$85.00.



YOU WILL FIND A LETTER AND HOSPITALITY BOOK FORM FOR THE 2010 GEORGIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR 28-30 May 2010 AT TIFTON ON THE **STATE WEB SITE**. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS. THANKS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Region 3 – Zone 2 = Zone Orientation. Please try to get all new members (some old members also) to attend an Orientation to be held from 9-11am on 27 March 2010 at the Garden Plaza at Lawrenceville, 230 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA.

Zone Meeting to held on February 18 and hosted by the Snellville Lions Club at the Walton EMC Building on Lenora Church Rd.



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](#) 



Important Lions Dates this Month

View the [Lions Clubs International Calendar of Events](#) to find out about upcoming events and programs that your club can promote locally.



New Peace Poster Theme Announced

The theme for the 2010-2011 Lions International Peace Poster Contest will be "Vision of Peace." Peace Poster Kits will go on sale on January 15 from the Club Supplies Sales Department. See the [order form \(PR 785\)](#) for more details.



Submit Your Lions In Sight Success Story

If you have a success story about your Lions In Sight public relations activity during the last two weeks of January 2010, we want to hear from you! Please [share your story](#) about making your club, district or multiple district visible – while making a difference in your community. Your success story will be featured on the [Lions In Sight Success Stories page](#). Plus, you can print a [Certificate of Recognition](#) for your Lions In Sight efforts.



Stay Up-to-Date with New Lions Clubs iPhone App

Stay in touch with Lions Clubs International with your iPhone by downloading our new Lions Clubs App. This App gives you access to the following resources – at the touch of your fingertips:

- Daily news updates from Lions Clubs International on [Twitter](#).
- Videos from Lions Clubs International, and Lions around the world, on [YouTube](#).
- Photos from clubs around the world on [Flickr](#).
- LQ – Lions Quarterly Video Magazine podcasts.
- Lions Clubs International Web site, Club Locator and more!

Best of all, it's free! [Download the Lions Clubs App from iTunes now.](#)



Updated PR Guide Helps Lions Get "In Sight"

Looking to increase awareness for your Lions club programs and activities, involve others and increase visibility in your community? [Review our new Lions Public Relations Guide \(PR710\).](#)



Check Out the New Lions Missions Web Pages

Lions have conducted medical/humanitarian aid missions for years to help meet the needs of people in communities where access to healthcare, clean water and other

resources are limited. The [new Lions Missions section of our Web site](#) includes information to help Lions plan, conduct or participate in a mission. To help make this section as useful as possible, please use the online forms to [share information about your upcoming mission](#) and [completed mission](#). With your approval, we will post your information on the site to share with other Lions.



Recent SightFirst Materials

The recent edition of [ForSight](#), the SightFirst bi-annual magazine is now available. This issue highlights the Sight for Kids program in Asia that has screened 10 million children. Noor Dubai partnership program to control and eliminate onchocerciasis. 10 years of SightFirst China Action as a nationwide program, and more. SightFirst also created an [Executive Summary](#) document that outlines the program's funding priorities to assist Lions in the grant application process, and explain the program to others.



New Year Brings New Process for Grant Applications

The SightFirst Advisory Committee and the Lions Quest Advisory Committee will now meet twice a year, instead of three times as in previous years. Grant applications are still due 60 days prior to the meeting date; however there are now only two meetings a year where these committees will approve grants. For more information about meeting dates, please visit the [grant section](#) of the LCIF Web site.

Lions' Service Recognized by International Diabetes Federation

Lions recently received an [honorable recognition for outstanding service in diabetes](#) from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). At the 20th World Diabetes Congress in October, the IDF presented an award to Lions Clubs International during the General Council assembly of its more than 200 member associations representing more than 160 countries. The award formally recognizes Lions Clubs International for its consideration of diabetes as a growing global concern.

Lions Again Challenged to be Knights of the Blind

Helen Keller described Braille as "The Magic Wand of the Blind." In keeping with her challenge to be Knights of the Blind, Lions have an important responsibility to support Braille literacy. According to the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), there is a Braille literacy crisis in the United States. Although Braille is vital to all blind individuals, today only 10 percent of blind children in America are learning to read Braille in school. Braille literacy is the key to employment and full participation in society.

The NFB is raising awareness of this issue through a Braille literacy campaign, and the sale of a commemorative 2009 Louis Braille Bicentennial Silver Dollar. This commemorative coin, available from the US Mint through December 11, 2009, would make an ideal gift while supporting Braille literacy. To learn more, visit www.braille.org.

Lions Service through Diabetes Camps

Lions, [learn more about getting involved with diabetes camp programs for children or improving your existing Lions camp](#).

Learn More about LCIF

Make a resolution to learn more about the great work of your Foundation this year. You may be aware of the recently created LCIF District Coordinator position. This individual is trained on the types of grants and programs available, how to submit funds and Melvin Jones Fellowship applications. Please invite them to a club meeting or district convention to educate others about LCIF. [E-mail the LCIF Development Department](#) with the date of the event, and they will put you in contact with your local coordinator.

Lion-2-Lion Resource Database Now Available

The [Lion-2-Lion Resource Assistance Database](#) (previously Lions Emergency/Non-Emergency Assistance) is now available on the Lions Clubs International Web site. This new Lion-2-Lion Assistance program provides a searchable and interactive online database that Lions can use to request or offer humanitarian assistance.

Lions Environmental Photo Contest Deadline Dates

Lions must submit winning multiple district photos for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to

Lions Clubs International by March 1, 2010. The winning Multiple District photos will appear at the 93rd Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney, Australia in 2010. [Review contest details and winning photos from last year](#).

February a Great Time to Plan Your STRIDES Walk

Take advantage of pleasant walking weather – or consider holding an indoor [Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) – to give your community an enjoyable and effective way to learn about diabetes prevention. [Contact the Health and Children's Services Department](#) to order your event materials, including the [Lion STRIDES Information Packet](#) that provides step-by-step instructions for organizing a community-wide event, "We Stride" pins for participants and informational handouts.

Updated Diabetes Bookmark Now Available

An updated version of the popular [Diabetes Bookmark](#) is now available in all languages to raise public awareness of diabetes. Order a packet of 25 bookmarks for only US\$1.50 (plus applicable tax/shipping which can be applied to the club account), or download and reproduce the bookmark locally.



Greetings Dear Lion,

Maureen and I have just returned from Haiti where we led a team of Lions and Leos to distribute relief supplies. It brought tears to our eyes to witness the despair of the people, but Lions are committed to meeting these needs in the days and years ahead.



I'd like to first thank all of you for your tremendous generosity. Lions Hope for Haiti mobilized more than US\$1.5 million. By the time you receive this message, I'm sure it will be even more.

While in Haiti, we met with local Lions to discuss immediate needs and long-term reconstruction. They appointed a committee and are discussing long-term relief efforts.

The Foundation is partnering with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions established three tent cities in the Port au Prince area, where they are focusing their immediate relief efforts. This weekend, Lions delivered additional relief supplies from the Dominican Republic.

We have launched a Haiti section on the Lions Web site, with photos, video and other news. As we receive additional information, we will continue to add it to the <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/index.php> .

Zone Chairperson William Eliacin's initial desperation turned to hope and gratitude for the people of Haiti when he learned of the great outpouring of support from Lions around the world.

He said, "We want to show the Lions and the Haitian people in general that the Lions Club is an extraordinary organization, that we are here and that our motto is, "We Serve". We serve our peers, we serve our brothers who are in need. That is why we are here. **So I am appealing to you. You can count on us to achieve as much as we**

can with your contribution to help those who are in need."

You can donate in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will go directly to Haiti relief. Through LCIF, Lions around the world are helping those most in need.



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"What is important is to teach kids life skills: how to make decisions, how to value themselves in what they can contribute. We chose Lions Quest because we knew that we'd have a very effective partner in each one of our countries."
James Mack, Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission

Al Brandel
LCIF Chairperson



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

Extension – one way of making a new club within a community that is growing. With all the hard work from DG Grace, PDG's Dick Smith, Dan Stuart, Allen Stalker and a few others we now have a new club within District 18-D = WELCOME:

Dacula Lions Club



Lions - President Scot Addis, Patrick Anderson, Gina Chin, Jill Friedman, Scott Friedman, Cara Karnes, Jennifer Khaleel, Mika King, Larry Kirchner, Jeff Matkin, Jeff Mullins, Rose Mullins, Jerry Pilet, Philip Saxton, Pramod (Peter) Thakkar, Charles Tuggle, Kay Tuggle, Melissa Udell, Dedra Walker-Howard, Jeff Wolfe and Stephanie Wolfe



New Officers = President Scot Addis, Vice-President Jeff Matkin, Secretary Stephanie Wolfe, Treasurer Charles Tuggle, Membership Chair Jennifer Khaleel, Lion Tamer Kay Tuggle and Lion Twisters Pat Anderson and Melissa Udell



New Charter presented by District Governor Grace Clower to President Scot Addis



Guest Speaker PID John Pearce

And, getting things off and hitting the road – Lion Jennifer Khaleel (Membership Chair) has already been passing out their new brochure:





Dear Lion,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we celebrate the holiday season. Margit and I wish for you and your family much happiness, great prosperity, and continued success as you share this special time with those you love - your family, your friends and fellow Lions.

It's a natural time for reflection, a time for giving thanks and for counting blessings, and of course a time for thinking about what we hope to accomplish in the New Year ahead.

Personally, I have so much to be thankful for, most especially the opportunity to serve as your international president in 2009-10. As Margit and I have traveled the world since July, we have been constantly humbled and amazed by the selfless service of Lions in bringing hope to those in need and a future to those who don't know what tomorrow may bring.

I am also extremely grateful for the way you -- the Lion leaders of the world -- have responded to this year's **Move to Grow** theme. Our results continue in a very positive direction midway through December. The strength of our service has grown by the addition of more than 12,500 net new members, the best results in more than a decade. And our network of service and fellowship has grown with the addition of 610 new clubs compared to 399 last year at this time - a 71% improvement. These are simply fantastic and remarkable results. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We are also seeing good results in reaching out to women and family members - with a wonderful 8,074 net increase in women members since July, and with Lions serving as a family now exceeding 13% of our members. And if I count all the young faces of new members I have inducted this year in my travels, I am convinced we are also making progress in reaching out to the younger generation and tomorrow's leaders.

But as a young Lion in Finland told me earlier this year, "*President Eberhard, I wish that Lions can Move to Grow even younger.*" What he really meant is that we need to keep moving in new directions, and indeed we are. As highlighted below, clubs all over the world are moving into the future by launching modern new web sites; we are breaking new ground with [Global Youth Music Contest](#); and we are getting ready like never before to advance our identity globally with the upcoming [Lions In Sight](#) public awareness campaign this January.

As I've mentioned in my recent emails, to keep our momentum going we must continue to work even harder over the months ahead. We are nearing the halfway point of what truly could be a remarkable year in Lions history - a year in which we will serve more people than ever, grow our network when few others are growing, and move into new directions that will ensure our position as the world's premiere service organization for decades to come.

Please see the special highlights below and share this important information with your fellow Lions. Meanwhile, I am counting on you for your continued leadership ... but please also know you can count on me. I would love to hear from you if I can help you in anyway.

With cordial regards and best wishes as you **Move to Grow**,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
International President



Global Membership Team Update

Communication, motivation and direction - GMT area leaders continue in their commitment to share information, energy, and focus with Lions leaders around the globe.

The District Governor Quarterly Membership Activity Report and the District Governor Quarterly Tracking Report will arrive in early October. These reports were developed to assist District Governors in assessing current membership status and to help guide decisions on whether to continue with current growth plans or rethink and reorganize for more positive results.

[Extension workshops](#) and new club consultants are ready to help your district in forming new clubs and club branches - so sign up now for a workshop if you haven't done so already.

Clearly we have the tools and the 'know how' -- all we need is continued leadership from you, the Lion leaders of America. I know I can rely on you, and please know I will continue to be with you, moving alongside you, as we strive to make this year the beginning of a new era for Lionism.

What you do in the next couple months will be critical to our overall success. So if you need any assistance from me, please let me know. I

Move to Grow

Get ready to come out of your dens and roar! **Lions In Sight** is fast approaching.

What is Lions in Sight?



Most people know Lions very well for our work in sight, but too often we are not 'in sight' of the public. Some Lions even say we are a 'best kept secret'. So to increase our visibility, I have asked all clubs and districts worldwide to organize public awareness events during the last two weeks of January 2010 in a special campaign called Lions In Sight.

The goal is very simple -- to raise public awareness to who we are and what we do.

To help you get ready, a special [Lions In Sight](#) section on our web site has suggested activities, promotional ideas, and helpful tools such as sample press releases, downloadable posters, newspaper ads, a new billboard advertisement, and other materials.



It's easy - 3 steps is all it takes for a successful Lions In Sight event:

1. Tell the public about your club by placing an ad in the newspaper, putting club posters in shop windows or public places, or by issuing a press release to your local newspaper or television station.
2. Hold a community open house or set up a Lions information table at a public place where Lions can greet people and inform them about Lions activities and who we are.
3. Organize a project to which the public can be invited to see Lions in action and experience our kind of fun and service.

Above all, be creative and use your network of Lion friends to generate ideas for interesting events and winning promotions.

Let Us Spotlight Your District's Campaign

I am asking district governors to contact the public relations division manager, Dane LaJoye, during the month of November with an overview of your Lions In Sight activities. The most creative and unique activities will be prominently featured on the association's web site, and some will be selected for special public relations support from LCI. [Contact Dane by email](#) or by phone at 630-468-6764.

As an incentive, district governors who achieve over 50% club participation will receive a specially designed Presidential Certificate and will be recognized on the LCI web site.

By raising our visibility in the 45,000 communities we serve during this special campaign, we can introduce our great organization to thousands and thousands of service-minded people like us.

So again, Lions, let's together come out of our dens and roar... as we "Move to Grow".



will do everything in my power to support you, just as I know you will do everything in your power to MOVE TO GROW our great association.

"We need you"

We will need our children to become the members of the future but, in fact, we need your family members right now. ["We need you"](#) is the message that must be conveyed to current and prospective members. We need members to invite their partners and spouses to become Lions Club members and we need these new members to energize our clubs and open-up new avenues of service. The best place to look for qualified members may also be the closest -- right in our own homes.

There are many strategies that can help existing clubs grow, such as:

- Inviting more spouses and women through the We Need You campaign.
- Organizing recruiting campaigns using Lions Clubs International's "Best Practices."
- Forming club branches
- Identifying clubs below 20 members in need of special assistance.

We know there are Lions ready to respond. All we need do is ask.

Move to Grow Special Highlights

Global Youth Music Competition

The Global Music Youth Contest is gaining great momentum. Finalists for Europe and ISAAME have been selected and the USA and Canada are planning an online contest to select their finalists in February with submissions growing each day. Latin America and OSEAL areas will be selecting their finalists soon. So get ready and get excited for LCI's first ever Global Youth Music Contest in Sydney against the backdrop of the world famous Sydney Opera House. View the [latest information](#) on this year's contest or contact Dane.Lajoye@lionsclubs.org for more information.

Important Information

E-Clubhouse

All clubs are being encouraged to develop a web site or update their existing site. Now any club can build a web site very easily using LCI's [E-clubhouse](#) platform, a new service of LionNET and Lions Clubs International. E-clubhouse enables your club to establish a sophisticated Web presence at no cost and with very little effort.





RETENTION

GETTING TO KNOW TO OTHER LIONS

As you may recall, I made a loss prediction of 25% for the Lions of Georgia at the half way point of our Lions year. I was slightly wrong: the loss is actually 27.4% (1825 members). And, yes, the loss of members increased to 7.4% for the month of December. How do we reduce this loss of members in our clubs and possibly your club?

To date I have discussed two related club actions: (1) making certain that new members receive Lions' Orientation and (2) that the activity goals of these new Lions are matched with the activities of the club they joined. New club members need to understand what your club does and what we jointly do as Lions. If this does not happen, they are likely to no longer remain Lions. In reverse, a club needs to know what new members want to accomplish as a Lions. If new Lions can't pursue their goals, then they are likely to become retention drop outs.

The third club action I am going to discuss now concerns the connection between a new Lion and his or her sponsor as well as the other members of the club this new member joined. Who recruited your new members? As all Lions know, they are most of the time the club sponsors. However, what is the relationship between the sponsor and the new Lion? Is the new Lion a relative, personal friend, co-worker, fellow church member, neighbor, etc., of their sponsor? Are there any similar relationships between the new member and other members of your club?

The strength and type of relationship between a new member and their sponsor is related to the retention of this new Lion. Sponsors need to strengthen their relationship to a new Lion if he or she is going to continue to be a member of your club. Yes, this does mean that a Lion Sponsor will have to slightly modify their club behavior a bit to ensure that a new member is talked to, sat with at meetings, etc. Similarly, it is important for new members to develop solid relationships with other members of a club. We often say that it is important to get new members involved in club activities quickly. One of the key reasons this is an important club action is that it encourages new members to become linked to current members of a club. Lions with good relations with multiple members of a club are more likely to remain members.

My discussion of retention actions has been focused on actions we should be doing with the new members to keep them as Lions. However, many of these actions can also help us keep current members. Current members may not need orientation, but are their goals need to match what they are doing for your club. Equally or perhaps even more important, is the strength of the relationships between current members. Members who end up becoming weakly connected to other Lions are likely to drop out.

Yours in Lionism, Richard "Dick" Smith



*"We're the New Generation of Lions...
Join Us Today!"*

CHECK OUT THE NEW BROCHURE ON FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Family Membership. Looking for special programs and activities you can do with your family? A family membership allows relatives to volunteer together at a reduced dues rate. Family members must meet membership requirements, live in the same household and belong to the same club. Children cannot become members, but can participate in age-appropriate activities and attend club meetings. Tell the club you are joining you want to join as a family.

How can my family join a Lions club?

Clubs are always looking for people who want to make a difference in their community. Contact your local Lions club or tell a Lion that you would like to attend a meeting or help out with a service project to learn more. Or, join with family and friends who share your interests and want to meet needs in your community to start a Lions club. Consider starting a club at your workplace or a club of people with similar interests, such as families from your children's school or those who are active in sports or music. If your parents and family members of friends live at a retirement center, consider starting a club there—it will be a great way to get multiple generations to have fun together while helping others.

What will it cost in time and money to be a Lion?

Most Lions clubs meet once or twice a month but many have flexible formats and schedules. Since you will be volunteering with your family, this will be time spent together with your children, parents, brothers and sisters or other family members.

You can commit as much time as you wish and as your schedule allows.

There is a one-time entry fee and modest yearly dues. Lions are the first volunteer service organization to offer a reduced family dues plan. You can learn more on the Lions Clubs International Web site. Young people under the age of majority can't become official Lions members, but family clubs welcome them and provide special activities for children.

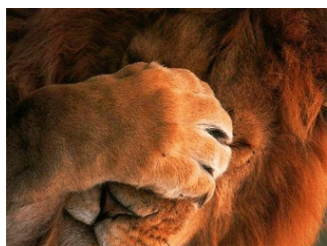
Yours in Lionism,

Marlene Humphry
MD 18 Membership Chair

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.

Athens Lions Club = Children's Movie Matinee - May 3, 2008. Lighthouse Sight Clinic - Athens Lions Club members help at the clinic on the first Tuesday of most months. **Clarke Middle School Leos Club - The Athens Lions Club helps sponsor this active group of young Leos. The Leos have several community service projects each year and are helping restore an overgrown cemetery near the Clarke Middle School.**

Clermont/North Hall Lions Club = January was another active month for our club. Our speaker was from the Census Bureau and told us of the importance of the census and the procedures to be used. We also continued our work project, conducting the parking at the Georgia Mountains Center on five different nights on three weekends. Our club participated in the Capital Campaign for the Lighthouse by making a pledge for the club while individual members made their commitments to the success and growth of the Lighthouse also. We serve.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Annual Vidalia Onion Sales April – June Free Vision Screenings Year-round at health fairs (contact us if you need our services) We had 1 vision screening for 46 people at Collins Hill High School Health Fair with 6 members taking part. We had 4 members attend the Dacula Charter Club dinner. We collected 139 used eye glasses. We have a Membership Meeting scheduled for our first meeting in February. We also donated \$200 and arranged for an American flag and stand to be donated to the new Dacula Club. We also donated \$200 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign. We also donated \$100 to a young lady in Gwinnett County towards a Braille Machine for her. We also donated \$100 to Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity.

Jefferson Lions Club = ACTIVITIES: Calendar Sales 2009 final report: \$2,633.70 net profit.

AWARDS: Lion Jim Smith was presented a plaque and chevron for 30 years of service to the Jefferson Lions Club. **Eyeglasses:** 23 used eyeglasses, 1 hearing aid, and \$14.75 from candy sold at Chili Dawgs.

PANCAKE SUPPER: Lions John and Jo Longo are this year's pancake supper chairmen. They are doing an excellent job preparing for this annual event. The Jefferson Lion Club invites other clubs to join them on Saturday, March 20, for a delicious meal of pancakes, country ham, biscuits, scrambled eggs, grits, orange juice, coffee, milk. Price is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 2 through 12. Children under 2 eat free. This event will be held at the Jefferson High School cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:30 pm, with entertainment by Crystal River Band – an excellent band led by Lion Dugar Strickland.

FREE VISION SCREENING. (See attached flyer). A committee appointed by President Jimmy Mock conducted an **audit** of the club's finances and found no irregularities. A written audit report was presented to and approved by the membership on January 25th. **MEETINGS:** January 11 was a regular meeting with 29 members present plus 5 guests. At this meeting, Lion Dwayne Ansley presented a program about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse fund-raising campaign to purchase a new, larger building. The Jefferson Lions Club voted to contribute \$3,000 to this fund; individual members have pledged \$1,200 more, making our total pledged to date \$4,200. January 25th was also a regular meeting with 28 members present plus 4 guests. Ms. Sharon Anderson, Membership Chairperson, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, presented an informative program about the chamber's current programs and activities. **NEWSPAPER articles this month:** One -- in The Jackson Herald, January 13, 2010, (Children sing at Lions Club December meeting).

Lavonia Lions Club = LAVONIA LIONS CALENDAR SALES ARE GOING WELL. BOTH LAVONIA AND TOCCOA RADIO STATIONS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR CALENDARS AND ARE ANNOUNCING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ON THE AIR. FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HELPED WITH GLASSES THIS MONTH. WE VOTED TO PLEDGE \$1500 TO LCIF OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS TO GO TOWARD THE LIGHTHOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. PLANS FOR WHITE CANE AND THE LAVONIA SPRING FESTIVAL IN APRIL ARE UNDER WAY. NEW EYE GLASS COLLECTION BOXES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE PLACED IN SEVERAL NEW LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. DONATIONS TO CAMP KUDZU, LEADER DOGS, CANINE COMPANIONS AND LCIF WERE ACKNOWLEDGED. BROOM AND MOP SALES ARE GOING WELL AND A NEW ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED. MONIES FROM MINT AND SELF-SERVICE GUM AND CANDY MACHINES ARE COLLECTED QUARTERLY.



Loganville Lions Club = I thought you might want to print this story in an upcoming 18-D Newsletter issue. The Berkley's are hosting a orphan boy from Ukraine over the Christmas and New Year holidays. As a part of the program, they were to provide dental and eye exams for him while he was with them. They asked the Lions to help them provide for an eye exam, which we did. Pictured are the Berkley Family with Anatoly Tolstyh front and center with the "SOCCER" shirt. Monica Berkley and son Hunter are on the left with Amber next and dad Dean Berkley in the back. The Lions pictured with vests are Lion Jerry Gower in the back and Lions Dan Curry and club president Lion Ben Johnson on the right.



Ms. Stacy Jones, Chief Development Officer of the Walton Regional Medical Center and a team from the Loganville Medical Center were guests of the Lions Club at a recent meeting. Ms. Jones, spokesperson for the group, talked about the Regional Medical Center and its facilities, services and plans for the future. That included the new facility planned for West Spring Street in Monroe to break ground in August this year. The Loganville Medical Center, recently opened, is part of Walton Medical's emphasis on convenience in providing services in the Loganville Community and with longer hours, including Saturday office hours from 8 AM to 2 PM. The Loganville Medical Center will be collaborating with the Loganville Lions in an eye screening project on February 27th which will be open and free to the community. Several doctors in the facility also made brief presentations regarding their specialty. Pictured are Ms. Jones, Lion Wayne White, and Alicia Ramfos, Dr. Dwayne Watkins and Dr. Purnima Rao (both Internists) and Dr. Michael Bakheet (Sports Medicine).

Norcross Lions Club = We honored Nabila Islam, our Peace Poster Contest winner with \$100, a laminated certificate, and a small stuffed lion at the sixth grade awards assembly at her school. We honored the Norcross High School Student of the Month with \$100 and a frame able certificate. She and her parents attended our meeting to receive the award. She is interested in having a vision and hearing screening with us in the spring and will be in contact with us. We voted to spend an additional \$500 for eyeglasses as needed. We continue to work on the Norcross Art Fest for 2010. PDGs Ed Hashbarger and John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the GA LIons Lighthouse meeting. Lions Trudy and John toured the new Lighthouse building. PDG Ed Hashbarger and Membership Chair Lion Martha Hermann attended the Zone Membership meeting. PDGs Ed Hashbarger and John Rudert and Lion Trudy Rudert attended the Dacula Lions Club Charter Night.



Snellville Lions Club = Annual Benefit Breakfast - February - You will be served a wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage, grits, toast & pancakes. Drinks include juice and coffee. A bake sale will also be part of this event.

Toccoa Lions Club = Over 400 people attended the Lions Kids Day puppet show at the Schaefer Center on Sunday, January 31st in Toccoa. Lee Bryan, “The Puppet Guy” from Atlanta thoroughly entertained the kids with his antics and escapades on stage. Twenty-four kids went home with door prizes including stuffed lion cubs. Deputy Sheriff Jim Davis gave a safety talk to the kids before each performance. The Toccoa Lions are grateful to 650 businesses and individual patrons who made this show possible.

Lee Bryan entertains three children with his puppet Beanie Bear who had two roller skating acts in the Zany Zoo this past Sunday at the Schaefer Center during Lions Kids Day .



Roary the Lion greets children at Lions Kids Day on Sunday, January 31st in Toccoa. Roary the Lion character is played by Kasey Trotter a member of the Clarksville Lions Club, who happens to work in Toccoa for an accounting firm. You may have seen Kasey at the district rally last November or at the Lighthouse meeting in January in Decatur. Roary the Lion gets around.



OLD BUSINESS: (A) Calendar Sales. Lion Ray advised that the money is coming in but there remain several members who have not picked-up their calendars. Money was turned in to the Treasurer on this date. Lion Ray also advised that assistance will be needed for next years sales. He will try to find those to assist. (B) Lion Bryan advised the board about the upcoming Lions Kids Day Program at the Schafer Center on 01-30-10. (C) Lion Russ advised the board of the February Pancake breakfast on 02-27-10. He has secured the use of the Toccoa Elementary School lunchroom. There was discussion about ticket sales and the board voted with Lion Ray making the motion and Lion Ruth seconding to obligate each member to ten tickets. Members will be billed for those tickets. A discussion was also heard on the time of the event. We will begin serving at 7:00am and serve until 10:00am. Lion Kay made the motion seconded by Lion Bryan. (D) Lion Dave told the board about the Chilly Open Golf Outing. It will be held at the Pines Golf Course on 03-20-10. All members are needed to participate.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) Lion Ruth asked the board for suggestions about a better way to conduct a recruiting drive. A discussion took place with follow-up to be pursued. (B) Lion Pres. advised that 02-11-10 will be the date of the Valentines Party. (C) Lion Bill told the board about his continued work on the website. Lion president announced the February board meeting will be in the parish hall at St. Matthias Episcopal Church. There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.

Speaker was Lion Bill Graham. Lion Bill is a recent member to our club. While he has sight impairment, it does not impede his service to our club and community. Lion Bill told us about his experiences with blindness and how training and technology allow him to continue a “normal” life style. He related his recent experience at the Veteran’s Blind Rehabilitation Center. The main purpose of the VA Blind Rehab Center (BRC) is to give the veteran the training, techniques and tools (3T’s) to allow the veterans to live as normal a life as possible. Most veterans are not totally blind, but have some very limited sight capability. Rarely is a person only problem blindness. Blindness is frequently caused by diabetes, stroke, kidney failure or other medical reason. The 3T’s are divided into four areas: “Orientation and Mobility” is focused on allowing the blind person to be able to move about with limited or no assistance. “Visual Skills” gives the veteran the 3T’s to make use of the limited vision they have. “Learning Skills” gives the veteran the 3T’s to cope with everyday life. “Manual Skills” is designed to give the veteran practice with manual dexterity and to build confidence. He said one of the main problems he experienced was in locating information on what is available to help blind people. Lion Bill said he hopes to publish information on our Toccoa Lions Club Website that will help others with sights loss.

Towns County Lions Club = 70th Anniversary Night, Saturday, April 10, 2010.

"Shrove Tuesday" Pancake Supper is Feb. 16th. Place is Hiawassee United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Price is \$5 per plate. Time is 4:30 to 8 P.M. All members need to assist with this project. Proceeds are for the new Lighthouse building and local projects. Each Board member is buying/selling 10 tickets, each member is asked to buy or sell at least 5 tickets.

GIVE_A_CHRISTAMS was a great success. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard. Over 150 children were served with gifts and over 120 families were given gift certificates at a total cost of over \$12,000. Counting the gifts and tree and bikes, all donated, we were able to give about \$14,000 total.

Union County Lions Club = Sight Conservation: 1 applications for eye glasses & exams approved. **Lion Mints:** No report. **Social Concerns:** 11 cards sent, this includes 5 B'day, 2 sympathy, 4 get well. **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours:** 214 hours. **Membership:** Two previously approved, will most likely be inducted at the Lions Christmas Party on Dec.10th as regular members. **Donations:** \$100.00 to Young Harris College, \$440.00 paid for 4 pairs eye glasses & exams. **January 14, 2010.** Speaker for evening was Clubs own Lion Karen Clark who is Unit Manager in GA. Dept. of Labor for Vocational Rehabilitation Services at Deaf Services. Lion Karen is also a certified interpreter for the Deaf. She works with the Deaf/Blind of adult age. There are several categories of deafness which include 'late deafness'- this is deafness that has occurred after speech. With 'true deafness' the person is unable to speak. There is also 'deaf/Blind which may be from birth or from a disease. Did you know that contact with 'bird droppings' can cause that? Legal blindness is considered at 22/100 vision or more. Support in area of deaf/blind includes: sign language, dogs, phone amplifiers, video phones, as well as vibrating alerts and numerous other supports. Her slide presentation was excellent, very informative. There is a Camp for the Deaf/Blind at Warm Springs,GA. and Karen helps in this as a 'supporter.' There were many questions asked and she patiently answered all. By the way, Lion Karen is the appointed Chair for International Recommended Committee on Hearing & Speech Action/ Work with the Deaf. **January 19, 2010.** Following Union County Lions attended 1 1/2 hour Lion Orientation session at Steve's Steak House led by P.P Gene Little, Orientation Chair: Sarah Chumbley, Bob Wood, Andy Kives, Gerry Bailey. **January 23, 2010.** Lions Michael & Mildred Thompson attended Ga. Lions Lighthouse meeting, one day session, & while there turned in following items: 291 prs eye glasses; 180 eye glass cases; 99 pr loose lens[that = 198 singular]; 47 cell phones; 11 cell phone chargers; 8 hearing aides; 72 pr shaded glasses; and 43 pr of broken eye glasses. **January 28, 2010.** Speakers for the evening were Mr. John Nishimuta and Mr. Nigel Rajadural. Both are with the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau.. Nigel a Partnership Specialist working out of Swannee, GA. and John with our local census. Gave why important to count every man, woman, child, baby, teenager, in fact, every breathing human being in United States of America. Much allocations for money and certainly congressional and senate seats depend on an accurate count. We learned a lot and put a number of our fears to rest. Best to mail in your completed census form than have someone come to your home!! These forms will be mailed out about March 15,2010 and there is a pre-paid stamped envelope in which to return the completed form. Question & answer time followed the slide presentation and there were many!! **January 30, 2010.** Following Union County Lions attended the Dacula Lions Club Charted Night: Gene & Louise Little, Lisa Little plus Lisa's husband, Tim.

Winder Noon Lions Club = ACTIVITIES Six members assisted in the Blood Drive conducted on January 8, 2010. **PROGRAMS** January 13, 2010 – Our program was presented by Dottie Coffman, Station Manager at WIMO. She gave a brief history of the radio station and told us about the future endeavors of the station. January 27, 2010 – Our program was presented by Allyson Summerour, a board member of the United Way of Northeast Georgia. She explained how the United Way agencies serve the residents of Barrow County and she also discussed the method of funds distribution to the agencies.



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First Annual District 18-D Sing-Off

Message from Dist Gov Grace Clower

I know that we have some talented singers in our district. I would like to hold a competition at our final Cabinet Meeting and Picnic in Helen in May, 2010. Clubs may enter the competition by forming a singing group of two or more Lions. They will perform one song at the Cabinet Meeting in May. We will have donation jars for each group. The Lions attending the Cabinet Meeting will contribute to their favorite group, and the group with the most money collected will win the First Annual District 18-D Sing-Off. Start now forming your group and practicing. I think we can really have a good time with this. Let me know if you will have a group to enter the competition.

Contact Lion President Bryan if you are interested.

Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute

10th Institute

Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute: The institute will be held 15-18 April 2010 at the Hickory Knob State Park is located on the South Carolina / Georgia state line, northwest of Augusta.

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

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TO ALL LIONS CLUBS: Georgia Lions State Awards Program

A copy of the 2009-2010 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 22, 2010.

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, 2010.

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Lions on YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and More

Did you know Lions are all over the Web? Social networking is a great way to contact and keep in touch with Lions around the globe and to share what Lions are doing to make the world a better place. [Visit the online community](#) to connect with other Lions on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr.



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/>

Lighthouse Foundation Kicks Off Capital Campaign

Last fall the Lighthouse Foundation underwent a feasibility study to test the viability of launching a \$2.75 million campaign. The campaign funds would allow us to:

- Secure a new property (pictured at right).
- Cover the renovations and equipment needed to expand our services throughout Georgia.
- Have our own clinic on site.
- Move from serving 6,000 People each year to over 10,000.
- Reduce our cost for a pair of glasses from \$25 to \$5.



We are pleased to announce that the community response was positive and we launched the campaign on January 23rd.

August Service Numbers



Service Numbers

From July to October 2009:

978 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses**.
54 recipients were from 18-D

539 Georgians have received a **free eye exam**, **38 were from 18-D**

86 eye surgeries were performed. **13 were from 18-D**

311 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of **564 hearing aids**. **29 were from 18-D**

Demand for all services is up **30 percent** over last year.






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Successful Letter-Writing Campaigns

Lions Clubs participate in White Cane as a way of supporting your Lighthouse's eye surgery program. The traditional method of fundraising is a Bucket Drive, but the poor economy and the move away from carrying cash make these drives increasingly difficult. In an effort to increase funds raised and provide more surgeries for Georgians in need, many clubs are moving away from Bucket Drives, or adding other fundraisers.

A few Lions Clubs have been very successful with letter writing campaigns. They do take advanced preparation, but there is no standing in the cold! In preparing for the campaign, every member of their clubs made a list of 10-15 influential people they knew, and 10-15 companies they thought should receive a letter. One member of the club compiled that information on a spreadsheet, and noted who submitted which names. The letters were then mail merged, printed onto Lions Club letterhead, and brought to a club meeting. The person who submitted each name included a short, hand-written note such as, "I hope you can support this wonderful cause!" When possible, the letters were hand delivered. Individual Lions also followed up 2 weeks after delivery.

While the compilation of names, hand-written notes, and individual follow-up makes the letter-writing campaign more complex than simply sending form letters and waiting for a reply, it is also much more effective. The clubs who put the extra effort into their campaigns raised \$5,000-\$10,000, without the stress of having to hold a major event.

If your club would like to hold a letter writing campaign, you will find sample ask and thank you letters, as well as a step-by-step guide to the process in the new White Cane Packet. The packet will be available at the January Conference, and it will be mailed shortly afterward to the clubs that did not receive one at the meeting.

To request a White Cane packet or other White Cane materials, please contact Kim at 404-325-3630 x 313 or at kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org . Thank you!

White Cane: It's not just bucket drives anymore!

Curtis Thompson lost his job as a skilled craftsman due to his deteriorating eyesight. He later discovered his vision problems were caused by cataracts, but he could not afford surgery unless he returned to work, and he couldn't return to work until he had the surgery. Seemingly trapped, Curtis turned to the Lighthouse for help. He was back to his job soon after the surgery was complete.

More than 1,500 Georgians lost their health coverage each week of this year, and your Lighthouse is one of the few places they can turn for sight-saving surgeries. We rely on the White Cane fundraisers held by the Lions clubs of Georgia to support the eye surgery program.

The traditional method of fundraising through bucket drives is becoming more difficult each year. Fewer people are out buying, and those who are shopping don't carry cash as often. A number of clubs have found alternative ways to fundraise. They are recycling soda cans and bottles, writing and hand-delivering letters to small businesses, hosting pancake breakfasts and barbecues, putting on car shows, and ushering at local sporting events. The Tifton Lions Club put in a lot of work and pulled off a very successful male beauty pageant (see previous page).

Not only do White Cane activities help the Lighthouse, they also provide an avenue for spreading the word about the amazing work Lions do in the community. In addition, they are a great opportunity to get new club members actively involved in Lionism.

WHITE CANE EMPHASIS IS APRIL,

but don't wait until then to start planning your club's participation. A few clubs report they are too small, or they are rebuilding, or not sure how to hold a White Cane Drive. NO club is too small (or too large) to participate. A White Cane Drive can be a terrific incentive for a rebuilding club. So, how about some ideas on how to begin or improve your club's efforts.

Here are some ideas:

- * Place plastic jars on check-out counters of convenience and fast food stores. This could be done 4-6 weeks in April and can be handled by 1 or 2 Lions. Special jar lids and decals are available through White Cane Days, Inc.
- * Write letters to businesses of your community soliciting donations. Then follow up with a personal visit.
- * Hold a pancake breakfast, chili supper, chicken BBQ, or other project designated for White Cane.
- * Get publicity through having a community leader (mayor, administrator, or commissioner) sign a proclamation declaring your club's White Cane Drive and publishing it in your local newspaper.
- * If you have a Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Kroger's, or some other large retail outlet, approach management about a matching grant for White Cane.
- * Utilize your White Cane efforts to educate your community about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in general, and your club in particular. You may be able to recruit a few new members.



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
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To Our Fellow Lions:

Why are we the best camp built for the visually impaired?

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind is like no other camp in Georgia. Here, disabilities fade into the background. We empower those who are struggling; we encourage the pursuit of dreams. We play like there is no tomorrow while providing a physically and emotionally safe environment at all times. We do it because we are the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, and together, that's our mission.



We are looking forward to seeing each of you for this very special weekend! Please call with any questions, or visit our website at www.glcb.org for further information and a schedule of events.

Sincerely,
 Kristen Picus
 Camp Director

Upcoming events are:

- Camp Meeting – February 5-7, 2010**
- Work Weekend - March 26-28, 2010**
- Work Weekend - April 16-18, 2010**





The President's View

I am now spending a wonderful weekend at our Camp celebrating the birth of our Lord with some very special Campers. WOW – How blessed I am to be able to do that. Once again, Kristen and her Team are doing an outstanding job in facilitating the needs of our Campers. Kristen will tell you all about this great weekend!

Here are some upcoming dates that are important to us:

- February 6th and 7th – The Winter Board Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. The Standing Committee Meetings will be held at the LaQuinta Inn on Saturday, February 6th. The Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7th at the Centerville Lions' Club House.
 - At this Board Meeting we will be voting for the President, Secretary and Treasurer that will serve our Camp for the next two years. It is very important for you to attend this Meeting and cast your vote for the Lion you want to serve in these positions.
 - If you wish to run for one of these positions; you must submit your name and qualification in writing to the Nominations Committee Chair by January 8th. The Committee Chair is Lion Wade Hodges and his contact information is located on the GLCB.org Web Page.
 - The qualifications for the above positions are laid out in the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind's Constitution. Please contact Lion Wade or myself if you have any questions about the positions being voted on or the process for applying.

Since the Fall Joint Meeting I have been a very busy guy:

- I got to attend the District D Rally in Gainesville, GA on November 14th. District Governor Grace and her Team put on a great event and I thank them for their hospitality.
- On Sunday the 15th of November I was in Centerville for a Fundraising Committee Meeting. It was a very long meeting and we left that meeting with some actions plan in place to try and stimulate some income for our Camp. Please join me in thanking Lion David White and his Committee for their dedication to serving our Camp.
- Prior to that - I had been focused on getting my health back where it needed to be. The surgery went well and it looks like we got all the cancer. I am healing well, working through some post surgery issues and getting stronger each day. Thank you to all the Lions throughout the State that sent me cards, e-mails, put me on their prayer lists. My Lions Family is very special!

Giving to others is what makes this season so special. We the Lions of Georgia are so blessed to be able to give and serve others year round. I thank you for giving to our Camp and for helping us live up to our Lions motto of "WE SERVE". Your continued support of our Camp is appreciated and I ask you now to continue and yes even increase your support in 2010. What better gift can you give the Visually Impaired Youth of Georgia than an opportunity to attend our Camp? Camp gives them the opportunity to grow, gain trust in themselves and others and prepares them for the lift ahead. WOW – I am amazed each and every time I am at our Camp, to see what we the Lions of Georgia are doing for those "WE SERVE" at OUR CAMP!

In closing, I wish you a Happy New Year.

God Bless!

Frank

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Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
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Fellow Lions:

Female Breeding Stock Host Homes Needed

We are currently in need of loving families to host a Breeding Stock Mom. This multi-year commitment includes the wonderful experience of whelping (birthing) puppies in your home. Homes hosting female breeding stock must be within an eight hour drive of Leader Dog.



Hosting a Breeding Stock Mom or Dad

We are currently in need of loving families to host a Breeding Stock Mom. This multi-year commitment includes the wonderful experience of whelping (birthing) puppies in your home. If you are interested, please contact our breeding department at 888-777-5332 or download a host home application and mail to the address listed below. Homes hosting female breeding stock must be within an eight hour drive of Leader Dog.

The future of our dog guide program depends in large part on volunteer families that host specially selected breeding dogs. This dedicated group of volunteers provides foster homes for breeding stock moms and dads for the life of the dog.

Leader Dog provides veterinary care, as well as heartworm and flea preventative. The host family is responsible for all costs related to routine care, feeding and transporting their dog to our campus in Rochester Hills. Families hosting a female dog are also responsible for the care and whelping of puppies for the first six weeks of life.

Dogs in the breeding program are bred to be athletic and are happiest when living with families. Leader Dog recommends basic obedience training for all dogs, and offers free classes to host families. The breeding department also offers educational support and is always available for emergency whelping or assistance.

If you and your family are interested in hosting a Leader Dog mom or dad, contact our breeding department at 888-777-5332 for application information. Please note, male breeding stock dogs must reside in the state of Michigan and female breeding stock dogs must reside within an eight hour drive from Leader Dog in Rochester, Michigan.

If you are ready to apply, [download Host Home Application \(Adobe PDF\)](#), complete the application and mail it to:

**Attention: Breeding Department
Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307**

Applications remain on file until dog placement, which can take anywhere from a few months to more than a year.



Photo caption: Mary (pictured in red) and her mother, Sibyl, have both been involved in the Leader Dog breeding stock and puppy programs for many years. They are pictured with (from left to right): Gayla, Swayser, Joy and Claire (laying down).



Deaf-blind Communications

Many people are familiar with the famous scene from "The Miracle Worker" when Anne Sullivan pumps water into a young Helen Keller's hand while signing the word "water" into the other. It is a life-changing moment for Helen; she is learning tactile sign language.

Tactile sign language requires the people in the conversation to physically touch each other in order to communicate. The person "speaking" signs into the hand of the "listener," while the "listener" cups their hands around the "speakers" hands to feel the words being formed. Because this is such an intimate form of communication, instructors only train one or two people per class.

Some of the Deaf-blind students that come to Leader Dog do not use tactile sign language. They may have enough sight to see sign language close-up or may have enough hearing, with the help of hearing aides or cochlear implants, to hear someone from extremely close range.

Name Signing

In the Deaf community, the sign representing a person's name is given to the person by someone that is Deaf. Often the sign combines the first letter of the person's name with an attribute distinct to the individual – their vocation, a favorite hobby, or a personality trait. This is also true when a person who is Deaf-blind "names" their Leader Dog.



Tammy signing the name "Marnie"

Tammy "Ally" Ader signs the name of her Leader Dog "Marnie" by combining the finger positioning for the letter "M" with the sign for "proud." Ally thought this was good sign for Marnie because of the pride she displays when she is wearing her harness

Anna Sparks' Leader Dog is "Sadie Mae." She signs the name by combining the finger positioning for the letter "S" then letter "M" with the sign for "smile." She chose this sign because Sadie Mae always seems to be happy and smiling.



Anna signing the name "Sadie Mae"

Helen Keller and the Lions

On June 30, 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions International Convention. Her compelling speech set the Lions on course to work tirelessly to aid people who are blind and visually impaired.

Helen ended her address with the following appeal. Would you have been able to resist her request?

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness, no little deaf blind child untaught, no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you, Lions—you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind—will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in my crusade against darkness?"



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

Welcome to the Learning Through Listening website for all educators in grades K-12!

Register now to access free *listening focused* content and skill building exercises such as:

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See our full collection of lesson plans for grades K-12! [Register now](#) for **FREE lesson plans**, teaching tools and more.

New! In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in January, we are highlighting new lesson plans on [titles that focus on the struggle for civil rights](#).

Explore [lesson plans](#) using our POWER Listening strategy.

Listening to Learn



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Student Ricky Enger Finds Her Tempo

Ricky Enger was born blind. But it hasn't stood in her way. Married for 10 years and the mother of 6-year-old Kyle, Ricky works for the Serotek Corporation in sales and marketing. It's a job with a lot of responsibility and she travels all over the country giving presentations.

For many years, she wasn't interested in a guide dog – because “you can't fold it up and put it in your purse” and a dog seemed, in some ways, a bother. She'd think, in fact, that people with visual impairments used their dogs more as pals than as bona fide guides.

She slowly became aware, however, that people using a guide dog were somehow more independent than she was and determined to give it a try. The results have been life-altering. “For the first time in my life,” Ricky says “I can walk at the speed I want to walk. I wasn't fully aware of the extent to which I'd adjust my gait to situations – the speed of a crowd or the pace of my sighted guide or the built-in hazards of using a cane – but I never walked at my pace.”

“All that has changed since I've been working with Eddy,” she says. “I can walk at the pace I was meant to; I can rest when I want to rest and I can go when I want to go. This is a new level of independence that I've never had in my life and I love it!”

Together with her new found freedom and independence, Ricky also has a pal named Eddy who loves her; who will keep her safe; who will always be at her side.



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Service dog Wyatt III to help Roman be more independent – Rome, GA.



Bruce Van Hoorn and his service dog Wyatt III

Roman Bruce Van Hoorn recently graduated from two weeks of training and received an assistance dog from Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that breeds, trains and places assistance dogs for people with disabilities.

Van Hoorn was matched with Wyatt III, a 2-year-old black labrador/golden retriever mix who responds to up to 50 commands.

Wyatt assists Van Hoorn, who is a paraplegic, by opening doors, retrieving dropped items and other tasks that enable him to lead a more independent life.

In addition to helping him with physical tasks, Wyatt will offer emotional support and daily companionship. Companion dogs also serve as a social bridge to people who are not used to relating to a person with a disability.

Wyatt is the second dog that Van Hoorn has received from CCI. Van Hoorn said he is looking forward to taking Wyatt along with him on his adventures.

To prepare for Wyatt's arrival, Van Hoorn completed a two-week training session where he learned all of Wyatt's commands and how to properly care for him.

CCI assistance dogs are provided free of charge, though costs to CCI exceed \$45,000 to breed, raise train and provide ongoing support. Charitable contributions, grants and corporate support fund the substantial costs involved with this process.

CCI has its own breeding program in California. When the puppies are 8-weeks old, they are placed with volunteer puppy raisers across the country who will teach them up to 30 basic commands. When the puppy is 14-16 months old, the puppy raiser returns the dog to one of CCI's regional training centers for six months of advanced training.



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"Peace Begins With Me"
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Lions Family Cub Program — A frequent question is: How do we keep the children interested and involved? The answer is the Lions Family Cub Program which comes complete with a [30-page activity guide](#). The guide offers complete, step-by-step procedures that will help make Lion Cubs an integral part of your club. The [Lions Family Cub Program](#) will be an important part of making family membership a positive experience for parents as well as children. Please consider it as a part of our responsibility as Lion Leaders to serve our members and put their needs first. Remember that our Lion Cubs are the greatest potential source of Lions Club members in the future.



Contact the Panel

The Leo Club Program Advisory Panel represents Leos and Lions in their respective constitutional area in matters which affect the Leo Club Program. If you have ideas about the Leo Club Program, share them with your panelists and items which impact the program will be presented to Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for consideration and final approval.

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Leo Facebook Fan Page

The Leo Club Program announces its new Facebook Fan Page. Become a fan of the official Leo Club Program fan page at www/facebook.com/leoclubs and get updates from LCI and talk with other Leos from around the world!

LeoMMR

The LeoMMR is now live! This new monthly membership Web site just for Leos provides the ability for Leo clubs, Leo districts and multiple districts to maintain Leo membership data and run monthly reports. It also provides the ability for International Headquarters to communicate directly with all Leo members. Leo officers were issued passwords on November 3. To use the site visit www.lionsclubs.org and click 'submit reports'. For more information about the LeoMMR contact the Youth Programs Department at leommr@lionsclubs.org.

Grant Funding Available for Leos

The Leo Leadership Grant Program provides financial assistance to a Lions multiple district, sub-district or single district (not part of a multiple district) to help finance a Leo leadership conference. The goal of the program is to further develop Leos' leadership skills, specifically in the areas of:

- Project management
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Creativity/innovation
- Planning community service projects

Lions Clubs International will award a maximum of two US\$2,000 grants per constitutional area each fiscal year and will approve eligible grants on a first-come, first-served basis. Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until May 1 of each fiscal year.

For more information about the grant program visit the Leo Zone. To find out if there is still funding available in your constitutional area e-mail leo@lionsclubs.org.



Leo Club Program Debuts on Facebook

The Leo Club Program announces its new Facebook Fan Page. Become a fan of [the official Leo Club Program Fan page](#) to get updates from LCI – and network with other Leos from around the world.

April is Leo Club Awareness Month

Leo advisors and chairpersons: Spread the word about the Leo Club Program—work with your Leo clubs, districts, or multiple districts to organize a joint Leo-Lion community service project.

- Raise funds to provide aid for Haiti
- Start a tree planning project
- Repair a playground
- Start a recycling program

Leo clubs prepare young people for a lifetime of leadership. Visit the Leo Zone for more information or contact the Youth Programs Department at leo@lionsclubs.org.

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

- _ Share stories from your own experiences with children.
- _ Volunteer to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange program.
- _ Contact a local children's center and volunteer to sponsor an activity.
- _ Assist children in learning about social and interpersonal skills by example and by providing opportunities.
- _ Volunteer at hospitals or children's areas to provide proper attention, human contact, and emotional support.
- _ Become a literacy or school volunteer to teach children to read.

Lions Services for Children Projects

The problems children face vary in degree from country to country, but the need for health and education services is constant and universal. Lions clubs help address these needs by developing projects with specific, attainable goals, including:

- Collecting food, clothes or books
- Organizing a vision or hearing screening
- Providing immunizations through a vaccination drive
- Starting a literacy program with a local school, library, community center or [Leo club](#)
- Supporting a nutritional program for undernourished children
- Securing wheelchairs for disabled children
- Sending a child with diabetes or physical challenges to a specialized camp

Lions have also constructed hospitals, schools, orphanages and children's centers throughout the world to serve youth in need.

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Youth Camp and Exchange Types

An **Exchange** can be arranged in hundreds of countries and geographic locations where there are Lions clubs. Most exchanges last between four and six weeks during which the participants (ages 15-21) stay with one or more host families in another country.

Camps are one or two weeks long and bring together young people (ages 16-22) from around the world. Camps usually include a family stay that lasts between one and four weeks. More than 100 Lions camps are held each year in about 39 countries. Activities include visits to places of cultural or natural interest, sporting events and country presentations by the camp participants.

Dear Lions,

Please consider being a Host Family for an Exchange Student from Italy, Finland or France. The length of time involved is 3 to 6 weeks, beginning June or July. Only expense involved is room and board. They have their own spending money and insurance.

Contact Lion Faye H. Smith, MD 18 Youth Camp and Exchange Chair. I will be happy to provide you with information and answer any questions. E-mail fayehsmith@hotmail.com or telephone 770-683-0038.

Please let me hear from you. Students are waiting for the opportunity to visit America and experience our culture. They would also like to attend your Lions meetings and speak about their culture if you would like.

Best Regards,

Lion Faye H. Smith - MD 18 Youth Camp and Exchange Chair

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Welcome to Liberty Day!

Liberty Day is a program for our youth. It is a way to strength citizenship in our youth through a program based on the Constitution of the United States. This is a program started by the Lions Clubs of Denver. Georgia adopted this program in the late 1990s.

There are several ways a Lions Club can sponsor a Liberty Day program. The first way is through a school program. Lions Clubs should arrange a speaker who would be interesting to the students. This speaker could be an elected official or someone who could speak on the rights and responsibilities of citizens as granted by the Constitution.

Once you have your speaker, you can receive permission of the school system to sponsor a Liberty Day event to a class or a group of students. I have found that 8th grade and up is ideal. Then order the number of Liberty Day booklets you need from me. The cost is \$.60 each and includes shipping.

Also work with the teachers) so that they reinforce what the speaker has said through an essay or other classroom work. The students could even write a letter of thanks to the speaker / Lions Club on the subject. Another project is with a Boy Scout troop. Boy Scouts must earn the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge as a requirement for rank promotion. Again, use the speaker and the booklets. The Liberty Day project has been endorsed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A third project is when a group of youth work a project in a public place to promote the Constitution. There are a series of questions that they can use. They would ask an adult the question-- whether it is right or wrong, the adult receives either a flag pin or flag sticker. The booklets are used to coach the youth on the Constitution so that they are more confident in asking the questions as they know the answers themselves. They should work under the guidance of adults and in a place that has given permission for them to be there.

If your Lions Club is interested in sponsoring a Liberty Day project with a Scout group, please contact your District Liberty Day Chair or Lil Shurtleff, MD Liberty Day Chair.



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



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).



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