



We Serve

District 18-D Bulletin

Gold



Standard

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

April 2009



District Governor Dick Smith

Dear “Snow” I mean “Gold Standard” Lions of 18-D,

Who would have thought that I’d be driving north from District 18-C and pass through a substantial amount of snow falling on the 1st of March and that on the 2nd of March I would be shoveling snow off my drive way? Sometimes what we predict and plan for doesn’t happen and sometimes we end up with unanticipated things. Regardless of the fact that we don’t always plan for and predict things to happen, we still have to deal with the “snow.” Handling snow isn’t easy, but things work much better when it is gone.

On 24 August 1924 the Athens Lions Club was chartered. This was the first Lions club in District 18-D to be formed. The next club to be chartered was in 1932 and in 1933 our third club was formed. What got me interested in the pattern of club formation in the district is that by the end of this year I will have attended four 75th anniversaries of clubs in the district: the Lavonia Lions Club, the Clarksville Lions Club, the Clayton Lions Club, and the Gainesville Lions Club were all chartered in 1934.

How in the world did this happen? How could four clubs all start in the same year?

In 1940 two clubs were chartered, one in 1942, one in 1944, one in 1946, and then one in 1948. However, the most remarkable club formation time in our district was in the 1950s! In 1951 four more clubs were all chartered, in 1952 two clubs, three clubs in 1953, one in 1957, and one in 1958. Eleven of the 36 clubs in our district all were chartered in the 1950s. I didn’t know that “rock and roll” was this significant in our district!

Two clubs in our district were chartered in 1961, two in 1965, and one club in 1966; we had one club chartered in 1970 and two clubs were chartered in 1971. However, for the past twenty eight years we have only had four additional Lions clubs chartered: one in 1982, one in 1996, one in 1997, and one in 2005.

The 1950’s charter pace has never been duplicated in District 18-D and it may never happen again. Nevertheless, we need to reverse the pattern of the last quarter of a century and begin to deal with “snow” the way the Lions of the first two quarter centuries managed to do. We need to charter new clubs and put them in the communities that have sprouted up over the past quarter of a century.

NEW CLUB FORMATION WEEK: Please put *11 – 13 May* in your calendars; *18 – 20 May* as alternate dates. More information will be forthcoming, but I intend to ask LCI to send us a New Club Consultant who will both provide us training and mentor us in getting Georgians to become Lions.

Yours in “Miracles through Service,”

Dick



Planning Ahead

President/Secretary/Treasurer Training By Region



Region II -Sat., May 16th at 9:30 a.m. at
Clermont-North Hall Lions Clubhouse

Region III - Sat., May 23rd at
Loganville Baptist Church



June – Installation of Club Officers

1 June – Helen Keller Day

12 June = 75th Anniversary for the
Clarksville Lions Club



**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.

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, Partial Ocean Guestroom: \$109 or Oceanfront Guestroom: \$119
Clarion Resorts/Oceanfront Resort
800-736-1046**

Days Inn Hotel, 60 S. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island. 912 635 9800 Room rates: \$115

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only \$85.00

1 April to 27 May

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



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA MARCH 9-14, 2009

1. Toronto, Ontario, Canada was chosen as the site for the 2014 International Convention.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/exec_summary_mar_09.pdf



New Lions Clubs International Web Site to Debut in March

As part of our major branding initiative, Lions Clubs International is launching a new English Web site. This new Web site will:

- Explain who Lions are and what we do.
- Make it easier to find information—and complete tasks.
- Tell the Lions’ story dramatically in pictures and in words.

The new Web site will have familiar sections, including **About Lions** and **News and Events**. There will also be new sections:

- **Our Impact** will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, “Tips and Tools” for projects.
- A new **Member Center** will provide

information that Lions need to do service projects and manage clubs and districts.

- **Online Community** will allow Lions to connect with other Lions on MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and share their stories and photos with Headquarters.

The following features of the current Lions Clubs International Web site will not change in March:

- **Language Sites:** Our new Web site will launch in languages later this year. Our current language sites will stay online until we launch the new language Web sites.
- **Submitting Reports:** Lions will have uninterrupted access to the current WMMR Web site.

Learn more about the new Web site by reading the Web site features story in the March 2009 issue of [LION Magazine](#).



New Digital Edition of LION Magazine

The new [digital edition of LION Magazine](#) is now available! Read the full content of LION Magazine each month from the comfort and convenience of your computer.

Bookmark your favorite articles, place notes on stories and e-mail recommendations to your fellow Lions – all with the click of a button.



Reminder: New Transfer Form For Club Secretaries

Attention Club Secretaries: A new [transfer form](#) is now available for your use. The form contains vital information for both clubs commonly involved in the transfer process and also contains a contact us section for the MMR/WMMR user.



Opportunities for Service and Membership Growth

Did you ever think that your eyeglass collection program could help your club to grow? Lions Clubs International receives numerous phone calls and e-mails from business owners, teachers, parents, scout and other youth group leaders, who have heard about the Lions Eyeglass Collection Program and want to participate. When your club learns of someone interested in collecting used eyeglasses for you, contact them in a timely manner and make arrangements to help them get started. Your club’s guidance and support can reap not only more glasses, but also future members! Be prepared to respond! [Learn more about the Lions Recycle for Sight Program.](#)



White Cane Week 2009

The familiar white cane with a red band at the bottom is an important mobility tool used by blind and visually impaired persons in many countries. Lions may observe [White Cane Week](#) (third week in May) by educating the public about various aspects of blindness or visual impairment.



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 criteria and download the [application](#).



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 [order 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).

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.

International Convention Registration

[Registration](#) for the international convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA is now available online — it is convenient and easy to use. You can also use [online registration](#) to book a room at your delegation hotel. Your convention registration and hotel reservation are confirmed immediately via e-mail. Check the [convention pages](#) online frequently for updated information about convention events and logistics information.

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

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 and other 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 prior to June 30, 2009.

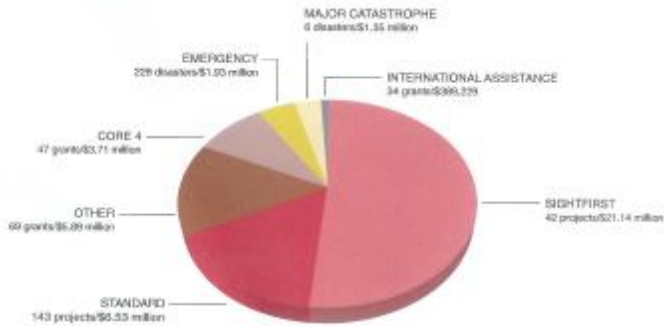
Applications for funding are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for fiscal year 2008-2009. To apply for funding, submit the [official application](#) to the Health & Children’s Services Department at Lions Clubs International. All reimbursements will be subject to the [Rules of Audit](#) developed specifically for this program. [Read more](#) about the Lions Services for Children Program.



Lions Clubs International
Videos on YouTube



Melvin Jones Fellowship



MAJOR CATASTROPHE = 6 disasters/\$1.35 million
EMERGENCY = 229 disasters/\$1.93 million
CORE 4 = 47 grants/\$3.71 million
OTHER = 69 grants/\$5.89 million
STANDARD = 143 projects/\$6.53 million
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE = 34 grants/\$389,229
SIGHTFIRST = 42 projects/\$21.14 million

We're #1. As the global leader in humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International Foundation helps Lions members serve their community and the world community. Named the number one non-governmental organization in the world with which to partner, LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International.

We Serve. Grants fund large-scale Lions humanitarian projects for sight, youth, disability, health and disaster. In fiscal year 2007-2008, LCIF awarded \$40.93 million for 570 projects.

We Provide. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded 9,000 grants totaling \$640 million.

We Give 100 Percent. Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly toward a grant.

We Partner. LCIF works hard to leverage all donations through partnerships with local and international organizations, governments and corporations, stretching each contribution substantially beyond its original value.

You Gave. In fiscal year 2007-2008, LCIF received \$78.46 million in donations, including historic support for CSFII. This was an increase of \$24 million over the previous year.* Thank you for your support!

*Donations include cash received and pledges.

**All funds reported in US\$.

LCIF's Unprecedented Opportunity

LCIF is in a position of unprecedented opportunity. Now, more than ever, Lions worldwide are engaged in the work of LCIF. The unwavering efforts of Lions throughout CSFII have further established the SightFirst program as a leader in the fight against preventable blindness, and solidified LCIF as a prominent global foundation. There is a better understanding of the need for the humanitarian service that only LCIF and Lions can provide.

LCIF has provided a wide range of humanitarian service to those in need for more than 40 years. The SightFirst program is only one aspect of the humanitarian work of the Foundation. LCIF also combats disability, provides disaster relief and supports the health and education of youth. Through LCIF, Lions develop projects that address the immediate and long-term needs of their local and global communities.

It is indeed an exciting time for LCIF and Lions worldwide. The Foundation has not only been very successful in helping Lions serve others, but with expansion comes new opportunities for service. LCIF is dedicating more resources to expand the Foundation, and a stronger LCIF that is committed to a core mission has the power to transform all aspects of Lions.

"The quality of life you offer is like night and day to see once again. I so appreciate everything you are all doing. Your programs and assistance are desperately needed and so very much appreciated."

Christine, Oregon, USA



Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:

Working Dogs

Although most modern dogs are kept as [pets](#), there are still a tremendous number of ways in which dogs can and do assist humans, and more uses are found for them every year. The following list provides an idea of the versatility of dogs:

- § [Assistance](#) or service dogs help people with various disabilities in every day tasks. Some examples include [mobility assistance dogs](#) for the physically handicapped, [guide dogs](#) for the [visually impaired](#), and [hearing dogs](#) for the [hearing impaired](#).
- § [Therapy dogs](#) visit people who are incapacitated or prevented in some way from having freedom of movement; these dogs provide cheer and entertainment for the elderly in retirement facilities, the ill and injured in hospitals, and so on. The very act of training dogs can also act as a therapy for human handlers, as in a prisoner rehabilitation project.
- § [Rescue dogs](#) assist people who are in difficult situations, such as in the water after a boat disaster.
- § [Search dogs](#) locate people who are missing; lost in the wilderness, escaped from nursing homes, covered in snow avalanches, buried under collapsed buildings, etc.
- § [Herding dogs](#) are still invaluable to sheep and cattle handlers ([stockmen](#)) around the world for [mustering](#); different breeds are used for the different jobs involved in stock work and for guarding the flocks and herds. Modern herding dogs help to control wild geese in parks or goats used for weed control. A good dog can adapt to control any sort of domestic and many wild animals.

- § [Sled dogs](#), although today primarily used in sporting events, still can assist in transporting people and supplies in rugged, snowy terrain.
- § Performing dogs such as Circus dogs and dog actors are trained to perform acts that are not intrinsically useful, but instead provide entertainment to their audience or enable human artistic performances.
- § Canine [mascots](#), who accompany their teams or organizations for support and publicity
- § [Hunting dogs](#) assist hunters in finding, tracking, and retrieving game, or in routing vermin. Less frequently a dog, or rather a pack of them, actually fights a predator, such as a bear or feral pig.
- § [Guard dogs](#) and watch dogs help to protect private or public property, either in living or used for patrols, as in the military and with security firms.
- § [Tracking](#) dogs help find lost people and animals or track down possible criminals.
- § [Cadaver dog or Human Remains Detection Dogs](#) use their scenting ability to discover bodies or human remains at the scenes of disasters, crimes, accidents, or suicides.
- § [Detection dogs](#) of a wide variety help to detect termites in homes, illegal substances in luggage, bombs, chemicals, and many other substances.
- § [War Dogs](#) or K9 Corps are used by armed forces in many of the same roles as civilian working dogs, but in a military context. In addition, specialized military tasks such as mine detection or wire laying have been assigned to dogs.
- § [Police dogs](#), also sometimes called K9 Units, are usually trained to track or immobilize possible criminals while assisting officers in making arrests or investigating the scene of a crime. Some are even specially trained for anti-terrorist units, as in Austria.

There are three general "types" in which an assistance dog may be further classified. Most assistance dogs will be trained for only one of these, though "combination" dogs do exist.

§ **Guide dogs** assist the **blind** and the **visually impaired**.

§ **Hearing dogs**, or signal dogs, help the **deaf** and **hard of hearing**.

§ **Other Assistance Dogs** is a term covering dogs not specifically for visual or hearing impairment, such as **mobility assistance dogs**, **seizure response dogs**, and **psychiatric service dogs**. In the **United States**, the term "service dog" may be

used synonymously with "assistance dog," and is occasionally used for other types of **working dogs** as well.

In many areas of the world, assistance dogs are not required to have any sort of "certification" or proof of their training; however, most programs voluntarily certify their dogs, and many wear a **harness** or **cape** to identify them. In the United States, where animals are banned from certain locations, the **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** protects the rights of disabled individuals to be accompanied by their assistance dogs or other **service animals** in places the public is invited. Many state laws also offer similar protection and/or further guidelines.



State News At the beginning of the Lions year the Council of Governors asked the State Long Range Planning Committee to work on two major tasks.

1. **Redistricting.** According to the LCI Constitution, a district consists of at least 35 clubs and a minimum of 1,250 members. This is the minimum that LCI can effectively support with the dues they collect from the membership. With 5 of 6 districts having less than 1,250 members, there has been a number of communications from LCI concerning the need to redraw district lines. Three different plans were considered by the committee, ranging from changing to 5 districts to redrawing to 3 districts. The idea of going to 4 districts was presented to the Council as being the best plan. Any plan would have to be approved first by the Council of Governors, then by any district with the minimum 1,250 members and finally by the Lions of Georgia at State Convention. The Council after receiving the report decided to table the proposal for this term.

2. **Constitution and By-Laws.** A complete rewrite of the Constitution and By-laws is being conducted to bring it totally in compliance with the LCI constitution and to define the role of the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. The Council has approved the first draft with changes. Further action will take place at the April Council meeting and will be posted on the Lions of Georgia website and sent to all clubs for consideration. Voting on the new constitution is scheduled for the State Convention at Jekyll Island.



Club Secretaries ---- April, as you know, is Club Election time and it is **VERY** important that you submit your PU-101 Form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please do it now. Make sure the original goes to Lions Clubs International by snail mail or you can go on-line. Make sure you make a copy and send to District Governor Dick Smith. Now, a small change – please make an extra copy of the PU-101 and send it to DGE Grace Clower. She has the important task of using these copies (PU-101) to make up a portion of the State and District Directory. **Make sure addresses are CORRECT and telephone numbers.** Check out the current State Directory to get DGE Grace Clower e-mail and/or address.

“Thank you for your help Sending these PU-101’s to me on a timely basis – this will make things easier to start the Lion’s year.”

As *President elect* – you should be ready to appoint members to specific committees. You will find below a copy of 2008-09 **Lighthouse / Camp / RFB&D appointment form** (just change the year date). You can also find the original as the last page between the Lighthouse and Camp in the State Directory – or you can try to enlarge the one below You should make a copy of and fill out and send to each address indicated with a courtesy copy to the new District Governor.

These three things are very important Mail will be forwarded to those you select as Associate Directors. These members will be responsible in regards to informing your club members of any and all affairs going on with the Lighthouse / Camp / and RFB&D. As President elect, I would advise that you begin **NOW** to formulate any and all plans for your upcoming year. You should be prepared to assign all members to specific committees.

Make note: Try not to overload your Club Secretary.....Also – encourage the Secretary to go on-line to make out MMR reports, A-1 and PU-101 reports. Going on-line can save time and money. For ALL members check out www.lionsclubs.org

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

TO

GEORGIA LIONS
LIGHTHOUSE
FOUNDATION, INC.

TERM 2004-2005

_____ NEW

_____ REAPPOINTED

(Please print)

Club Name:

Member Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Please return this form to:

Georgia Lions Lighthouse
Foundation, Inc.
15 Clairmont Road
Atlanta, GA 30033-4005

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

TO

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP
FOR THE BLIND, INC.

TERM 2004-2005

_____ NEW

_____ REAPPOINTED

(Please print)

Club Name:

Member Name:

Address:

Phone:

R: _____

B: _____

Fax:

Email:

Please return this form to:

Georgia Lions Camp for the
Blind, Inc.
5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31603

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

TO

RECORDING FOR THE
BLIND & DYSLEXIC –
GEORGIA UNIT

TERM 2004-2005

_____ NEW

_____ REAPPOINTED

(Please print)

Club Name:

Member Name:

Address:

Phone:

R: _____

B: _____

Fax:

Email:

Please return this form to:

RFB&D – Georgia Unit
120 Florida Avenue
Athens, GA 30605



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<http://ca.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>



<http://www.myspace.com/lionsclubsorg>



twitter

<http://twitter.com/lionsclubsorg>



facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/27922222491>



We were not invited to be Lions to be served, to be praised, to be rewarded, to be raised above our fellow citizens. But we were invited to be a Lion *to serve*. To serve those in our community who are less fortunate, to care for those who need care, to lead our community in providing for those needs that will make it a better place for all of us to live. We are invited to combine our efforts with those Lions the world over to care for those in need. For as James said, “Faith without works is dead”, so Lionism without service is also dead.



Lions Green Team Projects for Earth Day, World Environment Day

Your Lions club can organize a Lions Green Team environment project for Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22 or United Nations World Environment Day, Friday, June 5, 2009. Suggested Lions Green Team projects include:

Clean-up project (link to http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_suggproj.shtml) – remove debris from a roadway, nature trail, waterway, or public park. Remove graffiti from public places.

Tree planting project (link to http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_trees.shtml) – absorb carbon from the atmosphere by planting trees. If every Lions club planted a tree, the planet would have 45,000 more trees.

Recycling project (link to http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_recycle.shtml) – organize a community collection of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, computer parts, cellular telephones, inkjet cartridges, even rubber-soled gym shoes.

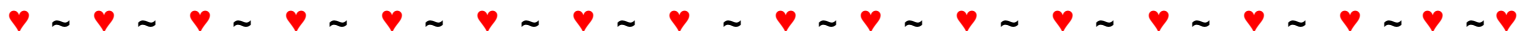
Education project (link to http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_education.shtml) – sponsor a Go Green Club at a local school. Demonstrate use of rain barrels for water management. Organize a hybrid car show.

Send news of your successful Lions Green Team project to: programs@lionsclubs.org

To learn more about Lions Green Team projects, attend these 92nd Annual Lions International Convention seminars:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 8

New Projects Attract New Members, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, July 9



CLUB NEWS OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT

To all Lions:

The LaVista Lions will be holding their Bar-B-Que on Saturday, April 25 at Clairmont Presbyterian Church on N. Druid Hills across from Toco Hills Shopping Center . Tickets are \$6 for either pork or chicken and all the trimmings. Served from 11 am until 5 pm, either eat in or take out.

Thanks
Ray Baskette



To all Lions:

The North Decatur Lions Club invites you to join them at the Fortieth Annual Police Officer of the Year Dinner and Program in celebration of the DeKalb County Police Department's honoree.

The dinner and program will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Atlanta Northeast 2001 Clearview Avenue (near the intersection of I-285 and Buford Highway) Atlanta, Georgia 30340 Hospitality will begin at 6:00 PM Dinner is \$25 per person.

Please respond by Friday, April 17, 2009 to Kembra Smith at 404.335.6337 or Kembra_Smith@ca11.uscourts.gov



RETENTION!

Take Action Early and Often Retention is every member's job!

The best time to retain members is before they show signs of losing interest. It is much easier to keep someone happy and satisfied than it is to make them happy once they've become disgruntled. Make sure members know that the club leadership cares about them and their satisfaction as members.

Even with all your hard work, some members may lose interest in the club. Classic signs of dissatisfaction include:

- **Not attending meetings**
- **Not paying dues**
- **Not participating in service activities, fundraisers or social activities**

If a members shows any of these signs, contact the member or have their sponsor contact them immediately to attempt to find out the reason for not participating. Take steps to correct the situation and retain the member as soon as possible.

MD18 Retention Chair
DG Kenneth Moore



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

A Direct Approach to Membership Growth

As a Lion, your task is to encourage growth in club . Much like any business, you search for new ways for your club to gain new “customers” or members. Why not try direct marketing?

Direct marketing is a method of influencing a target audience using available media such as ecommunication, a mail campaign, or phone calling.

Successful direct marketing campaigns follow certain best practices such as: using targeted lists, creating an effective message, and following up after distribution.

- **Minding the contact list.** A targeted list should be developed and maintained including former members, those in the area who have been positively affected by Lions, and other influential or active members of the community.
- **Creating and distributing the message.** A communication piece should be produced that can be used to contact those on the target list. Incentives to join can be offered, new programs and improvements can be highlighted, and a brief explanation of the importance and impact of Lions locally and worldwide should be included. The message can be distributed via e-mail, postal service, or by phone call utilizing a pre-written script.
- **Follow up.** After the mailing or distribution of the direct marketing piece, it is important to follow-up with prospects and to encourage their attendance at upcoming events. Offer to meet prospects before meetings and to save them a seat. Update them on planned service projects and activities.

Does your club have a direct marketing plan? What other marketing ideas are right for your club?

It's true. A Lion who feels welcome in their club is more likely to maintain their membership than a Lion who feels overlooked or unappreciated.

Encourage your club leadership by suggesting the following:

- **Member visits to Lions who have missed meetings or are losing interest.**
- **Introductions when Lions may not know one another.**
- **Recognition for participation in events.**

Lil Shurtleff, MD Membership Chair



“Change the World”

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 = This is an honor to be nominated (by Jamie Tuttle, the Faculty Advisor @ Clarke Middle School Leo Club). I have gotten a couple of calls from people interested in the Lions/youth partnership since the event.



Clermont/North Hall Lions Club = At our first meeting individuals from our county government and Chamber of Commerce presented information on the upcoming SPLOST issue. At the end of their presentation we had a lively question and answer period. We worked 84 hours this month at our parking project at the Georgia Mountain Center. We also are preparing for our White Cane Day and look forward to a successful event. Our club also decided to help the city of Clermont financially with the publication of a newsletter which will go to all households in the metropolis of Clermont.

Dawsonville Lions Club = The Dawsonville Lions recognized DCH Students of the Month at the Monday, March 16th meeting. Pictured from left to right below: Caleb Faille - February '09, Alyssa Abe - November '08, Lions Marty Horne and T.J. Byrd – December '08. Not pictured was Allyson Orr - January '09. Congratulations to all these students for their excellent work and participation in school activities.



Forsyth County Lions Club = Senior Health Expo that The **Forsyth County Lions** had on February 21st 2009 had over 700 people that attended and 121 tested for **Blood Glucose** and 47 Vision screenings. Thanks for your support – it makes a difference. Lauri L. Walls, Manager, Forsyth County Senior Services.



Jefferson Lions Club = **Community Service Projects:** none this month. **Public Relations:** a picture of the winner of our Peace Poster contest was in the paper. **Sight Services Collections:** eyeglasses – 493, sun glasses – 2, cell phones – 24, chargers – 2. **Fundraiser:** Held their annual pancake supper (pancakes, ham, biscuits, grits, eggs, and drinks) on March 21, 2009. Over 300 plates were served, with over \$2000.00 netted for the Club's sight program, with 30 Jefferson Lions working in this fund raiser, for a total of 180 man hours. Crystal River Band, a local group headed up by our own Lion Dugar Strickland, provided the entertainment for the evening.



Courtney Gonzales, her art teacher is Shana Market and they are both at Jefferson Middle School.

Lavonia Lions Club = 75th Anniversary – Check with Lion Margaret Ayers about her and the little piggy...and PID Beverly Roberts.



Lawrenceville Lions Club = **Nacho Cheese Machine** = \$300 or best offer.



We preformed 87 vision screening. Had a successful fundraiser at Jackson Elementary School. 3 members attend our 3rd Zone Meeting and 5 members attend our 3rd Cabinet Meeting/Convention. Vice District Grace Clower made her official visit and inducted 2 new members.

Eyeglasses collected: 86
Lenses 8
Hearing Aides 0
Cell Phones 10
Volunteer Hours: 98

Martin Lions Club = PDG M. C. Stowe and Amelia Stowe visits with District Governor Dick Smith, and Herman Mooney, Martin Club President at the official DG visit to the Martin Club at their dinner meeting on March 5, 2009. The Toccoa Lions Club sent PDG Ruth Payton, Lions Bryan and Florence Gordon to the meeting.



Botanical Interests



Snellville Lions Club = Garden Seed Sale - This is a year-round activity - Botanical Interests Seed Company is sponsoring this fundraising activity. Our club earns money whenever our friends, relatives, neighbors, or other interested persons purchase their vegetable or flower seeds through the picture link on the left. April 5th - Easter Egg Hunt - Brisco Park **Service Projects:** The following were turn in to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse this month 238 used eye glasses 47 pairs of loose lens 13 cell phones. **Diabetes Expo:** Eight members work at this service, total hours worked 48. **Zone**

Zone Meeting: Snellville Club host this meeting. **Orientation Class:** VDG Grace Clower and the Snellville Club host this class with 14 in attendance. **Cabinet Meeting:** The third District Cabinet Meeting and District Convention was held at the Snellville. **Senior Citizen Center:** Officers Elections Club held their elections of officer for the Lions year 2009-2010 PU101 forward to International March 22nd.



Toccoa Lions Club = The president called the meeting to order. He asked Lion Ray for the Secretary report. Lion Ray reported that he was still trying to collect money for calendars which have been sold and delivered. He reported that the computer system used by the International club has not correctly updated and he is working to solve the problem. We have received the new banner both will be displayed at our meetings. The board decided to begin the 2009 calendar year adding any new patches and award notices to the new banner.

We received the request to sponsor our Little League team again this year. The board approved. Lion Nick gave a Sight Conservation report. During February ten patients were assisted with purchase of glasses by our club. Lion Kay gave a treasurers report. Currently the club continues to receive monies from the calendars and now the pancake breakfast. All bills are currently paid. She advised that Lion Claude Smith has made a contact which will take care of the costs from the pancake breakfast. She advised that some lions have not turned-in their money to Lion Russ.

First VP Bryan gave a report on the candy machines. He has received a donation of five additional machines which he is repairing and sanitizing. Also Lion BRY would like to have a member step forward to take about three hours once a month to check and refill machines.

Ruth Payton announced the new date for our recruiting meeting. This event will take place on March 12, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. This will be a dessert reception rather than a dinner. Each member will bring desserts to serve to our guests.

Pancake Breakfast: The club thanked Russ Paxton for all his hard work. The event was a success. In addition to the funds raised from ticket sales, Claud Smith raised \$2,200 from the Mitchell Allen Foundation. The Toccoa Lions Club held its March 12th meeting on Thursday night at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Our meeting was a membership drive to offer an opportunity to our friends and family to become a part of the world's largest service organization. There were twenty-two of our Toccoa Lions Club members present and two Martin Lions members there. We also had sixteen guests who were interested in knowing about the Lions. Lions

President Steve opened our meeting welcoming everyone. He asked Lions Chaplin Larry Earhart to have a prayer. To start our meeting Lion Steve told the audience why he became a Lion. He also told about Sight Conservation and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. He told stories about how Lions all over the world contribute to allow needed eye surgeries to be completed where patients with little or no insurance and clubs with small funds would not be able to make these needs be completed. Because clubs combine their funds patients can have needs met.

PDG Lion Ruth Payton who developed the idea of a membership night had asked several Lions to give their testimony about becoming a lion. Lions Ray, David, Bev, Bryan and Ruth all told the audience about activities, fundraisers and fellowship within the Lions worldwide but about the Toccoa Lions.

All guests completed forms acknowledging their interest in becoming a Lion and wanting to know more.

All members are asked to follow-up with their guest to answer any questions to maintain their interest. Lion Ray has the application forms. Refreshments were provided by the Lions. The Tail Twister ran amuck amongst the membership. All present with the exception of the guests were fined.

Union County Lions Club = The Lions have partnered with the Day Retreat. They help by collecting the eyeglasses in the boxes provided by club members. This has saved many Lion hours and has provided the Day Retreat another teaching tool within their scope. **Sight / Hearing:** four applications for eye glasses & exams. **Lion Mints:** no report. **Social Concerns:** Lion Rosa Mandon sent total of 11 cards. **Donations: following approved:** Relay for Life, \$50.00. Ga. Mtn. Research & Educational Center, \$100.00. Plus paid out \$500.00 for 4 pr. eye glasses & exams. Twentythree club members volunteered a total of 210 hours for Lion causes in March 2009.



Norcross Lions Club = Norcross Lions Club turned in 91 eyeglasses, 150 loose lenses, 5 cell phones, and 69 pairs of sunglasses to the GA Lions Lighthouse this month. At a club meeting we hosted the Norcross High School Student of the Month and his parents to dinner and honored him with a gift card to any Simon mall and a framable certificate. We continue to work on plans for recruiting new members through invitations to an Open House at our Clubhouse in May. We also continue to work on plans for White Cane collections in April. We held our election of officers for the coming year. President Warren Anderson, Secretary Trudy Rudert, Treasurer Ed Hashbarger, and Membership Chair Martha Hermann were reelected. Their contact information remains the same. Lions Bill Heron, Ed Hashbarger and Trudy Rudert attended the Zone Meeting held at Snellville this month. Lions John and Trudy Rudert and Ed Hashbarger attended the District 18-D Cabinet meeting and Convention in Snellville. Youth Exchange: Lion Trudy Rudert is working to place a student from District 18-D with a host family. We tried first for Spain and are now working on Italy. The Clayton Lions Club may be able to host a student from Turkey.

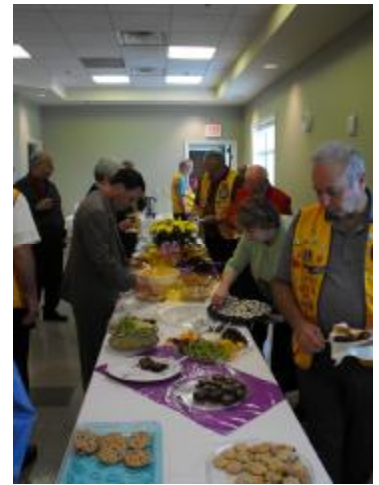


Winder Noon Lions Club - We had 6 Lions members work a very successful blood drive at the local hospital. Lion Gwen Hill chaired the distribution of food to the needy. Over 500 people were given food. The board of education gave a certificate to our club for the donation of dictionaries to 3rd graders at County Lion Elementary School. President Chris received a certificate of participation in local industry council. We cleared \$1,346.20 on our annual pecan sales. We voted to join the \$70 for 70 = Leader Dog Program. We are getting ready for our annual golf tournament to be held in May. Our white cane chairman has everything lined up for Saturday April 18th. We had 11 members attend the zone meeting. We are collecting glasses almost daily. We have inducted 4 new members this Lions year so far.



**We're Waiting =
have you ASKed?**

Did you submit yours?
E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or
Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or



Tailtwister and DGE plot - hmmm





Helen Keller (seated) with Anne Sullivan in 1893.

Contact each Chair person for any submissions:

Anne Sullivan Award—District Chair Margaret Johnson – 706-216-1036: This award is presented each year at the State Convention by the Lions of Georgia to an individual in recognition of outstanding achievement in working with handicapped children. Nominations are made by Lions Clubs in Georgia based on the individuals’ service at the local and state levels.

Outstanding Deaf Award—District Chair Lisa Little lisaannlittle@yahoo.com : This award is presented each year at the State Convention by the Lions of Georgia to a hearing impaired individual whose outstanding achievements, accomplishments, and contributions are an inspiration to others. Nominations are made by Lions Clubs in Georgia based on the individual’s service at local and state levels.

Outstanding Blind Award—District Chair Don Wagner, PDG – wagner5853@bellsouth.net : This award is presented each year at the State Convention by the Lions of Georgia to a blind or visually impaired individual for outstanding achievement and service to others and the community. Nominations are made by Lions Clubs in Georgia based on the individuals’ service at the local and state levels.

STATE AWARDS – Applications for the State Awards may be found, along with the individual awards list in the back of pages the 2008-2009 State Directory under the heading of “2008-2009 State Awards Program.” If you do not have access to a directory call me and I will mail you a copy of the awards or you can check out the MD 18 Web site under [Multiple District 18](#) - host of LionNet Georgia. The deadline for submitting is 31 May 2009. Please read all of the directions. We had only nine clubs that entered last year. We need to do better than that – usually we have from 12 to 14 clubs enter. Our clubs generally do well in winning awards, usually over 75% win. Please sit down and review all of the awards and see which ones that you might enter. No matter how small or how large, please enter – You never know what place you might win. Lion Bryson Tanner, District Awards Chair. Lion Bryson Tanner at jbtanner@



Pin Trader Club of Georgia MD-18

"Pin Trading" What a great way to meet other Lions and share a common interest. Pins can be traded at Lions Clubs, State and International Conventions and the USA/Canada Forum. Pin swaps, by mail and anywhere else you can think of. The Pin Trader Club of Georgia (PTCGA) will have a room where any Georgia Lion can come and Trade, Buy or Sell Lions Trading Pins. The Pin Trader Room will be open on Friday, 5 June in the afternoon until the start of the Flag Ceremony. It will be open on Saturday, 6 June after the District Breakfast and until 5:30 PM. Bring your pins to trade or buy some of the excess pins that will be on display.

For information call Lion Herman A. Jones, President of PTCGA – 770-536-2418

“Treat the Earth well; it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children.

We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”

Ancient Indian Proverb



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/>



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 March and 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.



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!

White Cane Month is in April: Join in and Help the Cause!

A white cane is a device that the visually impaired use to navigate their way around. April is White Cane Month, a time when we think about what it would be like to lose the ability to see.

What would you do if you couldn't afford your eye exam or eyeglasses? What if you needed a sight-saving eye surgery?
\$50 pays for a dilated eye exam \$500 pays for a diabetic laser treatment \$1500 pays for a cataract surgery

Will you help someone see again today?

Celebrate with us!

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation announces its 60th Birthday Bash

Join Us!

Friday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

June 5, 2009

Georgia Lions State Convention
Jekyll Island Convention Center
On Patio outside of the Atlantic Room



On March 24, 2009 our Lighthouse turned 60 years old. We are going to celebrate this monumental occasion Friday night at this year's state convention. Max Parker, the Lighthouse's first client will speak and we will celebrate all we have accomplished in the last 60 years.

Tickets are \$25 and can be bought at the door.
Ticket price includes country buffet dinner.

Give a *birthday gift*
to your Lighthouse!



(If you already registered for Friday Evening's meal when you registered for the convention you are already on our guest list!)

RSVP to the Lighthouse for this event by May 5th by calling 404-325-3630.



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
VP Ken Thurmond
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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.



Casino Night for the Camp

The date is set for October 3, 2009. The place will be Doubletree Hotel at Windy Hill. The time for the event will be 6 PM to 11 PM and gaming will be from 7 PM to 10 PM, expecting to begin cashing out between 9:30 and 9:45. This event will be an up-scale affair with a quality party company to generate funding for the Georgia Lions Camp. We all know our Camp needs funding to operate and offer our campers a safe and fun time during their stay. Our Camp requires nearly \$300, 000 annually to run without any fringe benefits, this covers our normal expenses only without any room for a major emergency. What can you do? We need Lions help with the tables, ticket sales and collection at the door, during the auctions, during the raffle, general set-up and take down, hosting our guests, and generating gifts for the silent auction and raffle items. If you can help contact: Ed Ressler - 404-444- 2064 or 770-986-4185 or Steve Humphry - 478-225- 8121 or 478-956-3854.



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





Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
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Training guide dogs runs in the family

Sixteen-year-old Nate Crilly placed the treats on the floor in front of his yellow Labrador Retriever puppy, Ransom. Rather than jumping at them, Ransom sat patiently, watching intently as Nate reached out to feed them to him, one by one.

"It can be kind of frustrating at times," Nate said about teaching Ransom commands like this one called "leave it."

"So far it hasn't been too difficult because he's already a well-mannered dog and has a good personality."

Ransom is one of nine dogs the Crilly family of Knoxville has raised for Leader Dogs for the Blind, an organization providing guide dogs for those who cannot see, since they began volunteering about 10 years ago.

"My oldest sister started raising Leader Dogs, and it's kind of gone down all of my siblings to me," Nate said.

According to a Leader Dog fact sheet, almost 400 people in the United States and Canada volunteered to raise a puppy, and 70 percent of volunteers trained more than one puppy in their lifetime. Beverly Moody, media relations manager for Leader Dogs for the Blind, said that about 14,000 dogs have been placed in 34 countries since the organization's founding in 1939.

Nate started training Ransom, who was named after a character in C.S. Lewis' book series "The Space Trilogy," two months ago when he received him as a puppy from Leader Dogs. Ransom is the fourth dog Nate has raised.

Since he will be guiding a legally blind person around, Ransom must learn to contain his excitement in public and large crowds.

"Their main job is to expose the puppy to the whole world," said Moody.

"People want to run up and pet him," said Nate. "But that just teaches him excitement is good."

In public, Ransom wears a blue cape that says, "Future Leader Dog," in red letters.

"He's excited to see his cape because he knows he gets to go out," said



Ransom, a four month old yellow lab being trained to become a Leader Dog, gives Nathan Crilly, 16, his full attention Saturday during a routine training exercise and shows affection.



Nate. "(Dogs) should be excited about their job, but they should be calm and not distracted."

Ransom will stay with Nate for one year until the family takes him back to Leader Dogs so Ransom can complete his training.

"It's kind of emotional when they bring the dogs back to school," said Moody. "The families are so proud of the puppies."

Nate admitted that he gets attached to the puppies he's raised. "The really good ones are hard to give up. It is sad, but you know it's going to a good cause. When you drop off the puppies, they usually give you another one, so it tempers it."

If you would like to more information about becoming a puppy raiser or would like to make a donation, call Leader Dogs for the Blind at (888) 777-5332 or visit www.leaderdog.org.



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?



Leader Dog recognized as a "Best In America" charity

Independent Charities of America (ICA) recently recognized Leader Dogs for the Blind as one of the best non-profit organizations in America for meeting the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

About the "Best In America" Seal



The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence is awarded to the members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America that have, upon rigorous independent review, been able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

These standards include those required by the US Government for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign, probably the most exclusive fund drive in the world.

Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the United States today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and, of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal.



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

RFB&D on Facebook

[Join RFB&D's page on Facebook](#) and you can have fun talking with people all across the country that have had their lives improved by RFB&D. Learn about our nationwide events, view photo galleries and watch videos.



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We've added a monthly feature with new lesson plans related to our popular [Librarian's Choice lists](#). April is [National Poetry Month!](#) To celebrate, we are introducing lesson plans on books from our audiobook collection that feature poets such as William Shakespeare, Robert Louis Stevenson, Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss, Verna Aardema, Nancy Tillman, Folami Abiade, Paul Fleischman and more.



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Robert Christie, II and Essie A Bright Future

Helping Others



First-time guide dog user Robert Christie, II, loves his new guide dog Esther (aka Essie) and is excited to get on with his life plans. Robert, 24, lost all his vision four years ago in a car accident, but he still sees a bright

future ahead.

"I want to use my life experiences to help others," he says. "If I could tell other blind people one thing it's don't be overly dependent on others. We need our independence. We're normal but we just have our eyes shut."

Robert is currently living in Kissimmee, Florida, where he is majoring in social work at Valencia Community College. From there, he'll go to Flagler College in St. Augustine, where he'll pursue a master's degree and become a mental health counselor.

Although Robert has fully mastered cane use, with Essie he anticipates a safer, easier time navigating his future. "I'm loving working with her," he says. "I was trusting a stick and now I'm trusting a dog. I'm looking forward to getting out, to exploring more and moving faster. I can't stand going slow!"



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The Four Types of Dogs.

Service Dogs assist adults with physical disabilities by performing daily tasks, including:

- Retrieve dropped or out of reach items
- Open and close doors and drawers
- Pull a lightweight manual wheelchair
- Turn lights on and off

Hearing Dogs alert the deaf and hard of hearing to important sounds, including:

- Alert to environmental sounds
- Show partners the source of sounds

Skilled Companions enhance independence for adults with cognitive disabilities, including:

- Retrieve dropped or out of reach items
- Open and close doors and drawers

Facility Dogs work with a professional in a visitation, education or healthcare setting by assisting with:

- Physical therapy
- Cognitive exercises
- Speech therapy
- Motivation and comfort



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National Diabetes Fact Sheet, 2007

National Estimates on Diabetes

Estimation methods

The diabetes estimates in this fact sheet were derived from various data systems of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the user population database of the Indian Health Service (IHS), the U.S. Renal Data System of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Census Bureau, and published studies. Estimates of the total number of persons with diabetes and the prevalence of diabetes in 2007 were derived using 2003–2006 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2004–2006 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 2005 IHS data, and 2007 resident population estimates. Many of the estimated numbers and percentages of people with diabetes were derived by applying diabetes prevalence estimates from health surveys of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population to the most recent 2007 resident population estimates. These estimates have some variability due to the limits of the measurements and estimation procedures. The procedures assumed that age-race-sex-specific percentages of adults with diabetes (diagnosed and undiagnosed) in 2007 are the same as they were in earlier time periods (e.g., 2003–2006), and that the age-race-sex-specific percentages of adults with diabetes in the resident population are identical to those in the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. Deviations from these assumptions may result in over- or under-estimated numbers and percentages. For further information about the methods for deriving total, diagnosed, and undiagnosed diabetes prevalence from NHANES data, see

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5235a1.htm>. More detail on the data sources, references, and methods are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/references07.htm>.

Prevalence of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes in the United States, all ages, 2007

Total: 23.6 million people or 7.8% of the population have diabetes.

Diagnosed: 17.9 million people

Undiagnosed: 5.7 million people

Prevalence of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes among people aged 20 years or older, United States, 2007

Age 20 years or older: 23.5 million or 10.7% of all people in this age group have diabetes.

Age 60 years or older: 12.2 million or 23.1% of all people in this age group have diabetes.

Men: 12.0 million or 11.2% of all men aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Women: 11.5 million or 10.2% of all women aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Non-Hispanic whites: 14.9 million, or 9.8% of all non-Hispanic whites aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Non-Hispanic blacks: 3.7 million, or 14.7% of all non-Hispanic blacks aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in people younger than 20 years of age, United States, 2007

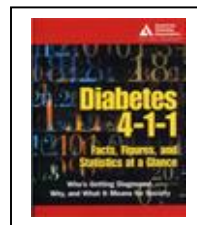
- About 186,300 people younger than 20 years have diabetes (type 1 or type 2). This represents 0.2% of all people in this age group. Estimates of undiagnosed diabetes are unavailable for this age group.

Incidence of diagnosed diabetes among people aged 20 years or older, United States, 2007

About 1.6 million new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people aged 20 years or older in 2007.

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Further Reading . . .

[Diabetes 4-1-1: Facts, Figures, and Statistics at a Glance](#) offers media

professionals, government employees, and students access to

up-to-date accurate numbers and solid facts about diabetes from the preeminent diabetes source.



"Peace Begins With Me"
2008-09 Grand Prize Winner

2008-09 Finalists = checkout all 24 pictures – go to: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_peace_poster.php3# = look for 2008-09 Finalists on right side



Fellow Lions,

April is Leo Awareness Month. April 25 is Youth World Service Day. This is an excellent opportunity for us to partner with our Leos on projects and raise awareness of Leos and Lions. **It would be great if every LEO Club (as well as the Lions Club that sponsors them) hold an event, or do a special project together to raise awareness. Here are some suggestions for ways that Lions and LEOs can work together:**

- White Cane Month (Lighthouse)**
- Send a Kid to Camp (Camp)**
- Spotlight on Children**
- Record-a-Thon (RFB&D)**
- Liberty Day**
- Kids 'N Coins (Leader Dog)**
- Any local-needs project**

If there is no LEO Club in your area, organize one today!

Clubs that do that can receive a Leo/Lion Working Together banner patch (the application can be found on the LCI website). It is also not too late to do an Environmental or Spotlight On Children project. Some ideas can be found on the LCI website or you can contact me for other suggestions. Some clubs have used April for Send a Kid to Camp and September for

White Cane but I suggest that would need to be planned.

April is also the time for club elections. These should be held and the results reported to me by no later than the end of April. I need the names and contact information of next year's Club Officers, Faculty Advisor, Advisor/Leo Committee, and meeting information.

All LEO Clubs are also encouraged to apply for the awards and recognitions for which they qualify.

April 30 is the deadline for clubs to submit scrapbooks and state awards. There are numerous awards and recognitions available for Leos so I'll mention just a few:

Georgia Lions Lighthouse - Best new club project, Best White Cane project

Georgia Lions Camp - Hank and Doy Barks Award

State Awards –

#32 Jasper Plaque (Best Scrapbook-see State Directory for judging criteria)

#42 Robert M. Edge Memorial Award (Best essay on the subject "Teenagers serve to make a better community."-

see State Directory for judging criteria). Georgia Leo Club of Service Award (contact me for application) Young Ambassadors

LCI Awards - Leo Club of Excellence Award, Leo of the Year, Leo Award of Honor, Young Leaders in Service Awards

Please contact Lion Steve Helwig for more information on those awards -- his contact information is listed below. Please contact your District Chair or me for information on these and all the others available and make sure your clubs apply so they can receive the recognition they deserve!

As MD18 Leo Clubs Chair I am required to report on all aspects of the Leo program in our state, including individual club's activities and projects, so I need to have each club submit their Quarterly Summary for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters. This information also provides a Leo history that I am in the process of putting together for each club, our district, and the state so it is very important that I receive as soon as possible. The 4th Quarter Summary needs to be to me by June 15 because I have a report due to LCI by June 30. I KNOW our Leos are doing GREAT things - tell me about ALL of their projects and activities!

I will be holding a Leo Seminar on Friday, June 5 at the State Convention in Jekyll Island from 4 to 5 p.m. An e-mail was sent from Linda Selby at the State Office to all clubs but if you did not receive the seminar outline let me know and I'll send it to you. I plan to have information for clubs interested in chartering a Leo club and information for clubs that already sponsor one so I want to encourage every club to send a representative. Space is limited so please contact me to reserve your seat!

Leos are our best opportunity for assistance with our projects now and our membership (and leadership) in the future. If you currently sponsor a Leo Club please do everything you can to make them the best club and Leos possible. If your club does not already sponsor a Leo Club I strongly encourage you to charter one soon. Remember - today's Leos are tomorrow's Lions!

~submitted by Lion Steve Helwig, State LEO Chair,
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In Service,
Steve



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

- * Arrange for or help agencies for free medical checkups for children.
- * Arrange with the local law enforcement agencies to have identification cards and photos in case of accident or kidnapping.
- * Hold an arts festival for children in which participants can paint, draw, sculpt, and play music.
- * Sponsor a childhood immunization campaign.
- * Recognize and honor other organizations that work with children.
- * Promote family and child friendly policies for employees in your workplace.
- * Hold a holiday party for children.



NOTES FROM SCHOOL:

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read,

'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'



LIBERTY DAY—YOUR LIONS CLUB AND SCOUTING PROJECT

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has recognized Liberty Day as a citizenship project. Older Cub Scouts (Webelos 4th and 5th grade), Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are encouraged to undertake a project at least once a year under the BSA program, Good Turn for America. Liberty Day is now listed as one of the suggested projects.

Liberty Day Kids is the ideal method of a Webelos den, Boy Scout troop or Venturing Crew to complete a Good Turn for America project using Liberty Day. For Liberty Day Kids, the scouts learn a set of questions and answers directly out of the Constitution. They then take these questions and answers out to the public in a mall, post office, or other gathering place and ask adults the questions. Every adult questioned is given an “I Got Quizzed” sticker or an American flag lapel pin along with a pocket Liberty Day booklet.

This is a great way for a Lions Club to be involved in Scouting. The relationship between Lions and Scouting goes back to the beginning of both organizations in the United States. The cooperation between Scouts and Lions benefits both organizations. Young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models—Lions. For more information, read the section on Scouting in the “Lions of Georgia Handbook” (pp 148-149).

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.
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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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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.**

NEW BOOK DETAILS HISTORY OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, February 2, 2009 – “Lions Clubs in the 21st Century,” a newly released book detailing the history and success of Lions Clubs International, is now available for purchase through the association and select online retailers.

Written by Paul Martin and former LION Magazine senior editor Robert Kleinfelder, the book traces the development of Lions Clubs International from its birth in 1917 at Chicago’s LaSalle Hotel through its growth into a globally recognized humanitarian and service organization of 1.3 million members.

“This book is the story of the world’s largest voluntary service club organization, but it’s also a story of the human spirit,” said Kleinfelder. “The compassion and self-sacrifice of Lions for 90 years are an inspiration. That’s what this book is about.”

Published by AuthorHouse in late 2008, the 396-page book also delves into the success of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the SightFirst program and SightFirst II campaign, as well as the advent of family, cyber and other new types of clubs.

“Lions Clubs in the 21st Century” is available for purchase through the Club Supplies Department of Lions Clubs International by visiting the [Lions Store](#) or calling 630-571-5466, and through select online retailers.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. Learn more at www.lionsclubs.org.

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