



We Serve

District Bulletin 18-D



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

April 2011



District Governor
Ron Bennett

Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

The month of March is now over has been an exciting month for the district. On March 13, we held our district convention and elected the new officers for the year 2011- 2012. I am pleased to say that we have elected, **PDG Ed Hashbarger** to be our **new District Governor**, we have also elected **2nd VDG Bill Holley** to be our **1st VDG** and **Lion Bob Long** to be our **2nd VDG**. Congratulations to all the candidates for being elected. We also are congratulating **Sam Catanzano** and **Isaac Trotter** for being elected **Librarian** and **Vice President for the Camp of the Blind**; I also don't want to miss congratulating **Lion Greg Hicks** of the **Dawsonville Lions Club** for being elected **Lion Tamer**. Please take the time and congratulate each and every one of these individuals for serving our district.

Besides, presiding over our district convention I would like to take this opportunity and thank **Lion Trudy Rudert** and **Cabinet Secretary Anne Mundy** for the superb handling of the election process. Lions like these are great asset to our district they make my work very simple. Now that the elections are over and we have our offices for the following year we can now spend more time working on projects in our community.

The month of March has been great, and I have been very busy attending district conventions in **Milledgeville** and **Alpharetta for district 18-F** and **18-A**. I must say this I have attended all the conventions in the state of Georgia and the best convention and the best district was our own convention or rally. Of course I'm the Governor for 18-D and I am prejudice but we ARE the best district in the state.

The month of April is now here, and we have a lot of work to do. Our **International President Sid Scruggs** has challenged us during this month to protecting our planet. I ask that each and every club. Implement projects that improve and protect the environment. Organize a highway cleanup, plant trees, or plan a community **Earth Day** activity such as recycling of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, used cell phones and batteries. Let us all join in and protect our environment to service as requested by our international president.

This month, I have visited the **Cleveland Lions Club**. They are a new club in our district, only being chartered last year. That had some difficult times but I feel that they are over the hump now and will be a successful club. The president of the Cleveland Lions Club has taken the challenge and will succeed in bringing the club and the community together. They have some programs that they have started implementing in the next several weeks. I will be training a number of their members in the use of the eye screening machine and the hearing screening machine. After they learn how to use these machines they will use them in their community. Since the **Cleveland Lions Club** is a small club, I told their president if they needed help for project, please do not hesitate and asked the Lions of the district for help. If you or any member of your club are requested to help this club or any other club please accept the challenge.

Our next cabinet meeting will be our **4th and last cabinet meeting** and will be held at the **Winder Lions Club** house at **2 o'clock**. We will also have a picnic at this meeting and information about this picnic will be sent to each club in the next several weeks. We will be having a barbecue brought in at the picnic. Those who attend the picnic are asked to bring a dessert for all.

As always, **Deanna and I** would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the district for your support and best wishes. Without the support of the district this job would not be as much fun as it has been this year.

Remember, **"WE ARE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND and WE SERVE"**

Thanks for all you do for Lionism, Best wishes, **DG Ron**

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sunday, 15 May at 2:00 p.m. at
Winder Lions Clubhouse
354 East Broad Street
Winder, GA.*

*Come one – Come ALL –
bring the whole family –
kids, grandkids,
new members,
prospective members,
etc.....*

*You've done your job
now let's chow down.....*



**We will not have the full agenda.
Pledge and invocation and awards
will be presented for cabinet
members after the meal.**

**4th Cabinet to start at
approximately 2:00 p.m.**

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

**April – Submit your Club Elections and PU-101
forms NOW**

YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY.

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

Congrats

**If you missed it – here it is now:
Your new elected officials for 2011-2012**

District Governor Elect
Ed Hashbarger, PDG

1st Vice District Governor Elect
Lion William “Bill” Holley

2nd Vice District Governor Elect
Lion Bob Long

District Librarian
Lion Sam Catanzano

District Lion Tamer
Lion Greg Hicks

Vice President for the Camp for the Blind
Lion Isaac Trotter

Trustee for Camp for the Blind
Lion Joe Hirsch, PDG



Georgia Lions State Convention



**10-12 June 2011
Duluth, Georgia**

SPECIAL Thursday Event: For those coming in early, Thursday, 9 June, we will have “Night Out at Stone Mountain with International President Sid Scruggs”. Transportation will be provided to Stone Mountain. The cost will be \$30.00 – this includes getting into Stone Mountain Park, a reserved pavilion, a meal, talk with the International President and watch the Laser Show.

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Seminars – **OPENING** Ceremonies you will enjoy – for those who have not been able to go to an International Convention we will have an International Flair. (Friday Night Meal Tickets TBA).

Saturday: District Breakfasts; General Convention Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor’s Banquet +

Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session; Sunday Surprise (Baseball Game?)



Tickets \$39.0 to \$79.00

Coolray Field, Gwinnett County

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only - \$95.00.

Reservations are due no later than May 15, 2011.

Books purchased by NEW LIONS as of 1 June 2010 - \$85.00.

Hotel Info:

Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place

1775 Pleasant Hill Road

Duluth, GA. 30096

770-923-1775

Toll-free Reservations 866-339-3132



Check Last page for Registration Form

Planning Ahead

President/Secretary/Treasurer, Committee Chair, any and all interested Lions Training By Zone



Tentative schedule for training
Waiting for confirmation as to place and time

**Region II, Zone 2 – Mon., 2 May at 7pm
Lions Community Center, Clermont**

**Region III, Zone 1 – Mon., 9 May at 6:30pm
Club Building, Auburn**

**Region III, Zone 2 – Tues., 10 May at 7pm
Garden Plaza, Lawrenceville**

**Region I, Zone 2 – Thurs., 12 May at 7pm
Fairgrounds/Lions Club Building, Comer**

**Region I, Zone 1 – Mon., 16 May at 7pm
Community Center, Carnesville**

**Region II, Zone 1 – Tues., 17 May at 7pm
North GA Technical College, Clarksville**



June – Installation of Club Officers

1 June – Helen Keller Day





Lions Clubs International

President's Blog

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



A Beacon of Hope is the International Theme for the Lions Year 2010-2011.



P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK



TO: All Districts and Clubs Subject to United States Tax Laws
FROM: Legal Division
RE: Tax Information Available on LCI Website

Lions clubs and districts are required to file tax forms in accordance with the United States tax laws. Information and filing requirements and instructions are available on the [Lions Clubs International website in the Tax Information section.](#)

In this section you will find: detailed information concerning the requirements for filing Form 990, 990-N (E-Postcard), 990-EZ; a sample Form 990-EZ, with explanations; a blank Form 990-EZ; guidelines for disclosures regarding non-deductibility of contributions or gifts to Lions districts and clubs; and a summary of provisions concerning possible tax liability for Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT). Additional information concerning United States tax laws may be obtained from the [IRS website](#). Please review this information at your earliest convenience. We trust that this information will be helpful to you.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please email the [Legal Division](#) or call (630)571-5466, ext. 360.

President's Service Blog: Sulur Vocational Training Centre, India

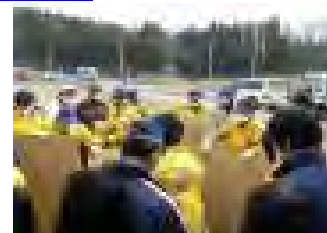
March 8, 2011

Judy and I traveled to India recently and visited an extraordinary facility offering training and job placement assistance. At the Sulur Lions Vocational Training Centre, more than 700 people per year learn computer skills, tailoring, jewelry making, and cosmetology and handbag construction. This project is supported by the Lions of India's District 324-B1 and with a grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

We had the opportunity to watch a bookbinding class as well as textile print training and to see sewing machines donated to the school. Judy received a handbag made by one of the students there. Centre students receive four months of instruction, and then spend two months working at apprenticeships, all at no cost to the participants.



[Photo of the Week: Lions in Japan Help Evacuees from Fukushima Prefecture « Lions Clubs International](#)



Our members around the world have helped mobilize more than US\$6 million for disaster relief efforts in Japan. We received this week's photo from Lion Tetsuji Hakozaiki of the Tamura Lions Club.

Lions, LCIF Providing Disaster Relief in Japan



Following the largest earthquake in Japan's history, Lions in Japan provided disaster relief, while our Foundation mobilized more than US\$5 million to support immediate and long-term relief efforts. Lions in Japan themselves are working to raise \$3 million, coordinating relief efforts via social media and using the Japan Lions Office in Tokyo as their emergency relief headquarters. [Read blog.](#)

Lions Clubs International Convention Mobile Phone App



The 2011 international convention

mobile phone App gives you access to the latest convention news at the touch of your fingers! It works on all major smart phone platforms, including iPhone, Droid and Blackberry. App users can preview the convention schedule to create their own custom event plan, view delegation event information, and connect to social media tools like Twitter and Facebook to communicate with fellow Lions and much more. [Download App now.](#)

New Video Message from President Scruggs

President Scruggs is asking Lions to shine a light on the environment during a special service action campaign, "Protecting Our Environment." In April, your club can join Lions around the world to raise environmental awareness in connection with Earth Day. Organize a hands-on project to mobilize your club members. And help show the strength of our worldwide network. [Watch the "Protecting Our Environment" video message.](#) [And get resources you can use to plan your club's "Protecting Our Environment" project.](#)

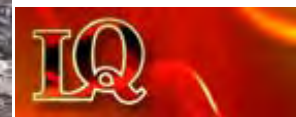
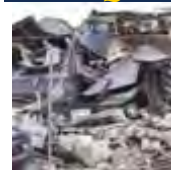
New Champions Lions Club Materials

With a primary focus on projects that serve Special Olympics athletes, Champions Lions clubs build accepting communities for persons with intellectual disabilities and their families. Learn how you can start a Lions club with a primary focus on Special Olympics athletes in the new [Champions Lions Club Guide](#) (PDF). You can also [contact our new clubs team](#) to get in touch with your local Special Olympics Program and to request [Champions Lions Club Brochures.](#)

Make Plans to Recycle for Sight in May

May is [Lions Recycle for Sight](#) month. Take this opportunity to start a club eyeglass collection project – or raise awareness of your club's ongoing efforts – by placing [collection boxes](#) in highly visible locations, such as libraries and schools. Ordering [Recycle for Sight supplies](#) to promote your collection. And shipping collected eyeglasses to a [regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.](#) To learn more, [contact us.](#)

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions are helping millions around the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

[New LQ Subtitles](#)

See the latest edition of LQ, which includes subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing.

[Relief for New Zealand](#)

Learn how Lions, LCIF are helping earthquake victims in New Zealand.

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

Enter your Newsletter, Trading Pin, Banner or Web Site today.

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest in your city

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

I am deeply humbled by the generous outp support from Lions worldwide to my call last week to donate funds to the Foundation's Japan Relief Fund. Already, LCIF has received donations or [commitments exceeding US\\$6 million](#), including US\$3 million that the Lions of Japan are working to raise themselves during their own crisis. Again, it's so very humbling to see such compassion by the network of caring Lions and Leos worldwide. I thank all who have already donated from the bottom of my heart.



With the expected death toll now exceeding 18,000 and rising, the devastation is clearly greater than anyone could have imagined. And more than 400,000 people are still in shelters, in the cold, often going without a hot meal for days on end.

Now that the roads have re-opened, Lions from all over Japan are sending relief aid from every corner of the country -- 30 tons of rice is being sent from Sapporo, US\$50,000 worth of baby formula from Hokkaido, and women's health products from the southern area of Shikoku - all through the Lions network in Japan. Within a day of the disaster, many courageous clubs distributed 20 tons of food, water and emergency supplies, despite great risks and challenges to

themselves. Even our Lions blue-colored Lions relief tents are being delivered to give shelter for Lions volunteers and other relief workers in the hardest-hit



areas.

To distribute the aid effectively, the Lions of Japan quickly set up four Lions relief aid warehouses in affected areas. Lions are coordinating relief aid distribution with local government officials and with the Japanese Red Cross. As a result, Lions are helping coordinate blood donation campaigns within Japan.

As you know, we have 31 Lions clubs in Sendai - the largest city affected by the quake - and nearly a club in every town up and down the coastline. Whether it's clothes and food today, or shelter next week, or a wheel chair the week after, Lions will be there to give dignity to those who have suffered such unimaginable pain and suffering.

While many of you have [already generously donated](#), for which I am very thankful, please encourage your fellow Lions, Leos and friends to also [donate](#). Please know that every donation will be put to careful use, and 100 percent will go to the cause. Also, donations received between March 11 and June 30, 2011 will be eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

I am again humbled by your generosity to date. The Lions of Japan have always been there for the rest of us in times of need. So I am proud of you, and never prouder to be a Lion, when we come to their aid in the wake of this historic, awful tragedy.

With cordial regards,

*Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF*

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Lions, LCIF Providing US\$1.25 Million in Relief for Devastated Japan

In the case of disasters, we Lions are often the first to respond, and continue to provide for as long as it takes until all work is done. Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lions are providing relief in devastated Japan. The Tohoku Region Pacific Ocean Coast Earthquake is the worst earthquake to hit Japan in over 100 years triggered a powerful tsunami throughout the Pacific Ocean.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is providing over US\$1.25 million, or 100 million Japanese Yen, for immediate relief. This includes major catastrophe and emergency grant funds as well as designated donations from Lions around the world. The Foundation has also established a [designated fund](#) for Lions to directly support this disaster. LCIF is also monitoring the impact to other Pacific Ocean nations. Please visit this page for additional updates.

Lions in Japan are coordinating their relief efforts through LionNet Japan and are using the Japan Lions Office as emergency relief headquarters. Japanese media, citing local and national police, said hundreds of people were dead and hundreds more missing. The 2:46 p.m. quake struck 373 kilometers (230 miles) from Tokyo, the United States Geological Survey said. In Sendai, 60,000 to 70,000 people are being evacuated to shelters in the area.

"I just returned from Christchurch, New Zealand, and I thought I had seen it all, but this is unbelievable. Looking to the extraordinary dimension of this earthquake and tsunami, LCIF and Lions are committed to providing immediate and long-term relief. Lions of Japan are often the first to respond to other disasters, and I ask all Lions of the world to show their solidarity and help the Japanese Lions during their time of need," said LCIF Chairperson Eberhard J. Wirfs.

LCIF has established a designated account for Lions around the world to directly support this disaster. Lions from around the world are responding generously. The 48th OSEAL Forum Committee has committed US\$10,000 and the Annur Town Lions Club in India has committed US\$5,000.

Donors can:

- Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and the amount of your donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide the name of your club, as well. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a check in U.S. dollars, drawn from a U.S. financial institution. Please make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting

"Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" on the memo line. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Processing.

- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account. Send a copy of the deposit receipt to LCIF by fax: (630) 571-5735.
- Make a direct wire transfer. For assistance with this option please contact LCIF Donor Assistance at donations@lionsclubs.org

For questions regarding donations, please contact LCIF at donations@lionsclubs.org or (630) 203-3836.

Your financial support of Your Foundation for earthquake and tsunami relief is critical the meeting the immediate and long terms needs of the most vulnerable families. Please consider supporting LCIF for this initiative and being a part of building that bridge of hope for those who are suffering. Visit <http://www.lcif.org/donate> to make your donation today. Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from individuals living outside of the United States are tax deductible as permitted by the individual's country tax laws. Although LCIF is not equipped to handle material donations, please feel free to use the [Lion-2-Lion Resource Assistance Database](#) (Lion-2-Lion Assistance) to make donations of this sort directly to the Lions in need.

Distribution of Contributing Membership Pins

Contributing Membership

There are three types of Contributing Member donation Pins (see picture to the right):

- ✓ Gold for a US\$100 donation
- ✓ Silver for a US\$50 donation
- ✓ Bronze for a US\$20 donation

Thank you to those coordinators that have zipped through their 25 Contributing Member pins and already asked for more. Great job! In addition, clubs can receive banner patches if every member in the club is a

Contributing Member. In 2009-2010, there were 581 100% Contributing Member clubs worldwide.





Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:

Club Secretaries ---- April, as you know, is Club Elections. (This means it is time for each Lions Club to elect its officers—President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Directors, and Membership Committee—for the 2011-2012 Lions year!).

It is **VERY** important that you submit your PU-101 Form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - the present Secretary should go online and complete the PU-101 Report of Officers for LCI. 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 Ron Bennetti. Now, a small change – please make an extra copy of the PU-101 and send it to DGE Ed Hashbarger. He has the important task of using these copies (PU-101) to make up a portion of the State and District Directory. Oh, before entering the information on the PU-101, please make sure that the individual Lions information is correct. DG Ron and DGE Ed need **CORRECT** names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

As President elect – you should be ready to appoint members to specific committees. You will find in your current State Directory in the back a copy of 2010-11 **Lighthouse / Camp / RFB&D appointment form** (just change the year date) – or you can try to enlarge the one below I will try and put a link on the web site. 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 you 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

LEADERSHIP

This time of year, clubs are preparing their slate of officers for 2011-2012. Give each Lion in your club the job descriptions of the elected positions to include the responsibility of becoming a trained leader. All clubs should adopt a simple rule that if the Lion will not fulfill the responsibility of the position, than that Lion should not be elected an officer. The members of a club also have a responsibility, of insisting that their club be lead by trained Lion leaders.

Leadership is defined as guidance and management with the ability to influence others to see a vision of what should and could be accomplished. A leaders has a responsibility to those he or she leads—the responsibility to do the best he or she can for those people.

Each elected officer of a Lions Club is a leader. The problem is that many elected officers are not trained to be leaders and cannot communicate, cannot guide, and therefore, cannot influence others to see what should be accomplished. The training or education of leaders must start with the basics. Each and every officer of a Lions Club must know the basics of Lionism and of the position to which he or she was elected.

This training starts with the officer participating in the leadership training offered by the district. It does not matter if you are elected as the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, director, or membership committee member. There will be training for each and it is the responsibility of the Lion and the responsibility of the club to see that that Lion attends training as a prerequisite to being installed in that position.

The educational process does not stop there. Each officer has the responsibility to attend all cabinet meetings and all zone meetings. These should be the most important item on the calendar other than family. From the cabinet and zone meetings, the officers receive information on events in the district, the multiple district, and Lions Clubs International, including happenings within the state.

GO TO PAGE 3 and write down when and where on your calendar and check for updates in the next District Bulletin.

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:

F:

B:

Fax:

Email:

Please return this form to:

Georgia Lions Lighthouse
Foundation, Inc.
15 Clairmont Road
Atlanta, GA 30309-4005

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:

F:

B:

Fax:

Email:

Please return this form to:

Georgia Lions Camp for the
Blind, Inc.
5526 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31563

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:

F:

B:

Fax:

Email:

Please return this form to:

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

Dear Lion Leaders,

Service to others is our number one priority. Recognition is second

Consider the effect that your club or district's innovative, successful Club or district, perhaps one on the other side of the world. You have Lions you may never meet face-to-face. That is why it is so important as an association as a whole.

The best way to do that is by using the Service Activities Report. Please keep this in mind as you plan to take part in the fourth Global Service Action Campaign -- Protecting our Environment -- in April. Using the Service Activities Report ensures that your district can qualify for the newly established Light Keeper awards.

Being recognized as a Light Keeper is not only an appropriate recognition for the hard-working Lions of your district. It also shows Lions everywhere what can be done when we work together in service.

Best wishes,

*Sid L. Scruggs III
International President*



A Beacon of Hope Resources and Activities

Use the following resources to help your club - and our association - be A Beacon of Hope in 2010-2011:

[A Beacon of Hope brochure](#): Read about our international theme, A Beacon of Hope.

[A Beacon of Hope logo](#): Download a logo to use on club communication and promotional materials.

[Beacon Awards](#): Find out about the Beacon Awards - and how they will recognize outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.

["The Power of Peace" Essay Contest](#): Sponsor a blind or visually impaired student to compete in "The Power of Peace" Essay Contest.

Shine a Light on Your Activities

Club secretaries please remember to report your club activities through the [Service Activity Report](#) to help your district qualify for the [Light Keeper Award](#) and to nominate your club for the [Beacon Awards](#).

Clubs currently using EMMR should contact their District Secretary for electronic submission guidelines.

Global Service Action Campaigns

Protecting our Environment

The [Protecting our Environment](#) campaign is scheduled for April to coincide with [Earth Day](#) on April 22. Clubs that plan tie-in events for that day can increase the reach and impact of their projects.

One of the aims of Earth Day is to "inform and energize populations so they will act to secure a healthy future for themselves and their children."

Some projects that align especially well with those goals are:

Develop an awareness campaign around environmental issues.

Host seminars regarding simple practices that "Protect our Environment."

Raise awareness about the benefits of "going green."

Work with a local school to organize a contest that will challenge students to offer creative solutions to solving environmental issues.

Beacon of Hope Highlights

Through the Global Service Action Campaigns, Lions have devoted more than 252,000 service hours to over 3,000 projects that helped young people learn valuable life skills, collected nearly 22,000 eyeglasses and provided food to over 620,000 people.

Dedicated Lions worldwide are shining our light even brighter by serving their communities and of our worldwide network.

Set Your Sights High

Districts in which 50 percent of clubs participate in two of four Global Service Action Campaigns will receive the Silver Level: Harbor Light Master Award. Districts that achieve the requirements for the Harbor Light Master Award and also exceed membership growth of two percent or more from July 1 through April 30 will receive the Gold Level: Harbor Light Master Award.

Now your district has a second chance to achieve those goals. If they have not already done so, clubs in your district may plan and report service projects that meet the goals of the first three campaigns:

Engaging our Youth
Sharing the Vision
Relieving the Hunger

Reports must be received at International Headquarters by April 30, 2011.

On the Horizon

Global Leadership Team

The great success that the Global Membership Team has achieved in membership worldwide has provided a model for enhancing an equally critical function of our association – leadership development. Solid leaders who provide vision, guidance and motivation will be needed in coming years to sustain membership growth and assure that Lions Clubs International continues to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to communities around the world.

A new Global Leadership Team has been established to identify and cultivate effective Lion leaders through new and existing training and leadership development programs. With similar structures and methods of operation the GMT and GLT will work as a mutually supportive team designed to more closely integrate the association's membership and leadership development functions. As of July 1, 2011 the GMT and GLT will replace the MERL program.

In January, a group of 57 experienced and knowledgeable Lions gathered at international headquarters for a three-day GLT orientation. This group, appointed by Lions Clubs International executive officers, has already begun its task of developing the next generation of Lion leaders.

Let Your Light Shine on the World

Wide Web

Create a Free Web site for your district or club

No special skill is required to create a free website for your club or district with e-Clubhouse and e-Districthouse! If you can access the site and answer the fill-in-the-blank prompts, you can create an attractive site that will let the public know about your service to the community and communicate important news to your members.

You may choose either of two predesigned templates that coordinate with Lions Clubs International branding efforts. Each template includes a Home Page, Calendar of Events, Projects, **Photo Gallery and Contact Page**. Just fill in the blanks to create and maintain the site. The new Members-Only section provides a way for your members to communicate important news, encourage meeting attendance and recognize member dedication.

[Create a Free Web Site for Your Club](#)

[Create a Free Web Site for Your District or Multiple District.](#)

“ATTACHMENT TO VOLUNTEERING”

This title is from an article by John Wilson and Marc A. Musick, published in Sociological Forum, Vol. 14, No. 2, 1999, pages 243 – 270. Unlike last month’s article, “A Time to Join, A Time to Quit,” by Thomas Rotolo, this article is exclusively focused on retention.

The research methods for both articles were surveys, i.e., individuals were asked questions about their volunteerism. The only question supported in both articles was about the children of volunteers. Indeed, Wilson and Musick’s findings, like Rotolo’s, confirmed that “The presence of children in the household has a stronger effect on women than men.” (page 262) Since Rotolo’s research was more concerned about marriage and volunteerism, his research was more detailed, including the finding that women were more likely to leave volunteerism when their children are born, but as their children become older they become volunteers again. Wilson and Musick’s research confirmed “Hypothesis 7: The more children volunteers have in their household, the less likely are they to drop out.” (page 253) Both articles jointly found that as children get older, women tend to rejoin volunteer organizations and then remain volunteers.

Both articles recorded the age of their participants, so there was some age related retention findings. Rotolo’s research found that young adults join many volunteer organizations and leave quickly, middle aged adults join fewer volunteer organizations, but remain members longer, and older adults join fewer volunteer organizations, but continue to be members. Wilson and Musick’s research only compared “. . . middle-aged people with younger adults. The data fit the expected pattern, except that the highest rate of attachment is found in the 55 – 64 age group rather than the group preceding it . . .” (page 264) Except for the latter age group, both articles found that as adults get older they tend to remain volunteers longer.

I am now going to add a possible explanation to Wilson and Musick’s finding that volunteers, aged 55 – 64, had a better retention rate than those aged 45 - 54. Except for this one age group, the highest rates of volunteer attachment kept going up in each older age group, which is an excellent retention finding!

What I want to point out is that the results of their first two hypotheses were confirmed:

“Hypothesis 1: The greater the decline in their functional health, the more likely are respondents to stop volunteering.

“Hypothesis 2: The greater the increase in their regular working hours, the more likely are respondents to stop volunteering.” (page 252)

However, what they should have done is compare these findings to their age discussion. They did suggest that “. . . the functional health measure is biased in the direction of physical limitations and little of the work volunteers do entails strenuous physical labor.” (page 260) Accordingly, senior volunteers tend to not work full-time, so they can and do volunteer part-time work. Similarly, aging adults do not end up with longer regular working hours than younger adults, which would result in departing volunteerism. Hence, it is likely that physical labor and working hours were greater for adults aged 45 – 54 than those aged 55 – 64, which resulted in the higher loss of volunteers in the younger group. This is my possible explanation, not the authors, but it is consistent with the rest of their research and discussion.

Kids, age, and increased regular working hours have been found to relate to retention loss. Next month I will return to more discussion of “Attachment to Volunteering.” Unfortunately, what I will leave with you now is that as of the end of February our retention loss rate has slightly exceeded last year by .4%. Please continue to focus on the retention of your members.



Lions University Presenters:

The event will be held on **21 May** at the First Baptist Church , 710 Mimosa Boulevard , Roswell , GA 30075 . Plans are set for the day with plenty of classroom space. We can accommodate up to 50 people in a couple of classrooms. It would be nice to actually need the space. Lions University will offer 14 different courses to help each individual Lion attending as well as the Clubs they represent. Please see the attached classes being offered. None of the instructors will be presenting in more than two class time segments.

The event is free!! Lions University will start at 10:45 and end at 3:30 with a dynamic closing by Mark Miller on “Building Relevant and Stronger Clubs with a Passion to SERVE” Each person will be able to take three classroom sessions. We will break at noon for a \$5 Chick-fil-A lunch and start the second session at 1:00 PM. Table topics will be placed at each table during lunch so we can continue discussions about subjects of interest to those attending. This event is recommended for all new and seasoned Lions as well as newly elected officers. We believe the course offerings will help all of us become better Lions. We also want to obtain a headcount on who will be attending so we can plan lunch and the classroom space. Frances Parsons will be the contact person at 770-594-0278 and email: wjparsons@charter.net It would be great to know by May 13 who is planning to attend.

Steve Helwig may bring Leo club members to Lions U. We may have potential leaders for a new Leo Club from Roswell in attendance. The classroom schedule for the day will be out soon. Leslie Miller will feature Lion University in the April newsletter. Thanks again for your support of Lions University . If you have questions, please let me know.

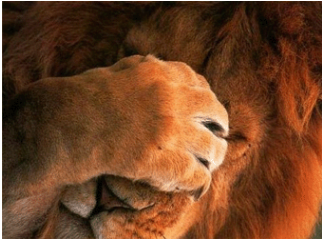
Directions to the First Baptist Church at 710 Mimosa Blvd in Roswell . From I-75—Take exit 265 for GA-120 loop E. Turn left at North Marietta Pkwy NE. for 1.4 miles. Turn left at GA-120 E/Roswell for 9.1 miles. Turn left on Mimosa Blvd —Church is 0.2 Mile on left.

From GA-400---Take exit 7B West to Roswell on Holcomb Bridge Road for 1.4 miles. Take a left on Alpharetta Street for 1.4 miles. Go straight onto Magnolia St at light for 0.1 miles. Turn left on Mimosa---Church is 0.4 miles on right.

CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = March brought blustery winds and the opportunity to park cars again at the Georgia Mountains Center, this time for two days at a gun show. This event allows us to help the Mountain Center and to raise funds for our club activities and Lions contributions. We continued planning for our White Cane Day and our Nominating Committee continued its work on our slate of officers for the new Lions Year. The Department of Transportation approved our application for a section of roadway in our community for trash pick-up. We had two delegates attend the Cabinet Meeting and Convention, representing our club. The speaker at our second meeting was Ms Victoria Jordan from the Lions Lighthouse. She reminded us of the work of the Lighthouse and filled in the details of the assistance that is given daily on behalf of the Lions of the state to individuals from our communities We also served our community by using our building to host a defensive driving course for seniors.

We serve!

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We are planning on doing White Cane Day collection on April 15th and 16th. Canine Companion District Chair Judy Stamsen was guest speaker. We had 2 members attend the 3rd District Cabinet Meeting/ Convention. We had 2 members attend the Lawrenceville City Council Meeting that presented Georgia State Peace Poster winner, Dominick Deak with a Lawrenceville City pin and a key chain for his award. It was an evening to present Arts Awards for the city. We attended 3 Health Fairs and preformed a total of 115 vision screenings. We donated \$100 to the Vision Walk for the Fighting Blindness Foundation. We have our annual Vidalia Onion Sales in progress. We collected the following: 208 pair of used eyeglasses and 1 cell phone.



Lavonia Lions Club = The Lavonia Lions enjoyed DG Ron's visit this month. Lion Margaret Ayers shared a History of Lavonia Lions activities in 1949-1950 with him. We are busy planning for the Lavonia Spring Festival and making plans for a fund raiser later on in the summer. We are continuing serving the community with eye exams and glasses. Our White Cane collection is coming up in April. We are still providing computers to students, but will take some time this summer to update our supplies and give our computer tech some much needed time off.

Jefferson Lions Club = ACTIVITIES: Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club will have Charter Night on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. with 16 charter members. The ceremony will be at the Jackson EMC Auditorium in Jefferson. **Fundraising:** Jefferson Lions Club had a very successful Pancake Supper on March 19th, raising about \$1675. We fed 212 adults and 31 children. Lion Bill Legg received an award for selling the most tickets. We conducted vision screening during the event. White Cane Day is April 30. **Collected:** We collected 31 used eyeglasses, 2 lenses, 6 sunglasses and 2 cell phones. **Awards:** Lions Bill and Alice Rosenberg were presented a certificate for 5 years of loyalty and dedication to the Jefferson Lions Club. Lion Dugar Strickland was presented a plaque and chevron for 20 years of service to the club. **MEETINGS: March 14** - Both Kathy Wilbanks and John Jackson talked about the ELOST “Educational Local Option Sales Tax” for Jefferson, Jackson County and Commerce Schools. A “yes” vote would mean the current 1% sales tax that has been in place since 1997 would continue. A study shows that 40% of such taxes received are paid by shoppers from out of the county shopping at Tanger. **March 28** - regular meeting with 24 members present plus 4 guests. Program: Michael Williams, Director of Jackson County Boys and Girls Club brought the Youth of the Year, McKenzie Bell, to our meeting. McKenzie talked to the club about how the Boys and Girls Club and caring adults had helped him to see that he could be the successful person he should be. He improved his grades from Cs to As. He will graduate from high school this year and go on to college.

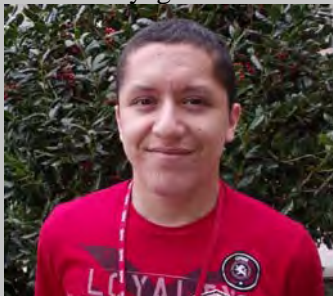
Loganville Lions Club =

Loganville Lions Club meeting attendees heard from Chuck Lynch from the Walton Tribune who discussed challenges faced by local newspapers as a result of ever changing market conditions and their impact on the bottom line, such as increased use of the Internet as a news source and declining advertising dollars as more and more businesses use alternate forms as well as slowed spending in a declining economy. Pictured are Lion President Wayne White, prospective new member Galen Reeder of Edward Jones Investments in Loganville, Lynch and Lion Junior Hall.



Norcross Lions Club =

Honored Student of the Month from Norcross High School with \$100 and a frame able certificate. The student brought his brother and a friend to the meeting. Planned our White Cane collection for April. This month's speaker was from the Norcross Art Alliance. Plan to honor our long-time caterer by taking her to dinner at our first meeting in April. Continue to collect eyeglasses.



Michael Garcia

Snellville Lions Club =

Fund Raisers: Club held first White Cane on 19 March. Will have two additional days in April. **Meeting:** Elected new officers and submitted PU 101. **3 March** – Had Peace Poster winner Brian Wilkerson and his mother and teacher at meeting. **19 March** – Sharifa Peart of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse gave a program. **Membership:** No report. **Donations: Service Projects:** Club still collecting food items at all meetings for the food banks in Lilburn and Snellville. Items reported turn into the Lighthouse – 1059 used eyeglasses, 391 pairs loose lens, 4 cell phones.



Toccoa Lions Club = NEW BUSINESS: White Cane Day: Lion Forrest told us about the White Cane fundraiser on April 15th at our Wal-Mart. Lion Bill is setting up a White Cane web site for contributions from the public and local Lions. We need better participation from the members. Henry Fields will talk to Rex Patterson about getting the Boy Scouts to help. The date has not been set but we will plan to do two days, a Friday and a Saturday. Lions Bryan and Bill advised the board of some things we will do different this year with our White Cane fundraiser. The JROTC will once again partner with the Lions and we will also have a web site for contributions to be made. The weekend of April 15th and 16th will be our collections days. Lion Forrest Connelly is reporting that our annual White Cane Days as been set with Wal-Mart. We will be collecting donations on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th. The white canes have been ordered and our club goal is to exceed \$1,000.00 in collections from the public. **Golf tournament:** The Chilly Open will be **on FRIDAY May 20th. at the Victoria Bryant State Park.** More than likely it will have a shotgun start at noon and a picnic with a variety of chilly at the completion of the round. Adaptive rules for visually impaired golfers will be in play. **Fall Pancake fundraiser:** Lion Russ advised that the Pancake fundraiser raised \$2,847.00. A "Thank You " note will be sent to the JROTC of the High School and to the Toccoa Elementary School for their assistance. Both groups were of great assistance to the club. There was some discussion about the Fall Pancake fundraiser. **Thriving Club Retreat:** Lion 1st VP Bill will attend the Thriving Club Retreat in Clayton Ga. in April. **LEO Club:** Lion Bill sought permission to proceed with partnering with the Stephens County High School JROTC to setup a LEO Club. Lion Ray Made the motion to move forward Seconded by Lion Steve. The board agreed. **10 March Speaker:** Our guest, Pete Black told us about the proper use of fire in the development of healthy forests. A wildfire is an unplanned fire and a prescribed fire is one in which the participants, the fire and people, have a plan of direction and response. A fire burns uphill 16 times fast than downhill. In the last 5 years fires have burned 50,500 acres per year. He addressed the question of "why burn". To burn land reduces the potential fuel for a wildfire, it also keeps the community safe and it enhances the beauty of an area as compared to overgrown brush. **24 March Speaker:** Our guest today is Pat Standard who is with a group called "Food 2 Kids" a group helping Northeast Georgia children who may not have food over the weekend. This is a partnership of the Junior League of Athens and The Northeast Ga. Food Bank. This group was launched in January 2008. The aim is to bridge the food gap for some of our community's neediest children.



Union County Lions Club = *Lion Mints*: No Report. *Social Concerns*: Sarah Chumbley sent Birthday and Anniversary cards to members for the month of March. *Lion and friends and family volunteer hours*: 506 hours. *Membership*: No applications. *Donations*: Ga. Lions Lighthouse - \$100 (memory of Tim & Christine Sneath), Peace Poster awards \$50 (2 @25) *Sight/Hearing Conservation*: 3 requests for eye glasses approved for March. Eye glasses collected: Eye glasses 90 paid, Cases 87, Cell phone 10, Shaded glasses 47, Lens 68 sets of lens, 187 single lens, Hearing aids 11 plus 10 pkgs of hearing aid batteries.

Meetings: March 10 - Janet Hartman with the Blairsville Downtown Development Authority was our guest speaker for the evening. Janet spoke about the role of the DDA. They promote the downtown area with business development, festivals, revitalizing the downtown area by streetscape; improve by planting, and cleanup. They also work with business owners and offer grants to help improve the façade of their buildings. The city has been awarded grants for the improvements and dedication to the development of our city.

March 24 - Lion Bob Wood introduced our speaker Glenn Henderson, President of the Bee Club. Mr. Henderson gave a very interesting presentation concerning bees and how they are necessary for the environment and for the production of our food as well as flowers. **March 13** - Lions Gene & Louise Little and Lion Lisa Little attended the Cabinet Meeting in Dawsonville. Club members served as honorary pall bearers for our member, Vic Hamburger who passed away on Friday, March 11. Vic was a dedicated Lion for many years and will be missed by his fellow Lions. *Volunteers Hours*: 324



Winder Noon Lions Club = Committee Reports: Fund Raising: Lion Carol announced that brooms & mops are now available at Ouzts and start talking up our golf tourney and ask teams to sign up now – WNL Golf Tournament, Chimneys Golf Course on 29 April; LCIF – time to pay your \$20.00 annual contribution for the Foundation; **Peace Poster** – Theme for 2011-12 – Children Know Peace – kits are now available from International. **Program:** Susan Cash – Piedmont Rape Crisis Center; Outstanding Junior Award; Laurie Healan, WB YMCA; Ellen Petree, Food2Kids Coordinator, told how this program is keeping school kids fed over the weekends. **Service Project:** Lions helped distribute food to over 500 families in less than two hours.





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Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>



FIRST CLIENTS AT THE NEW LIGHTHOUSE CLINIC,
January 19, 2011

The Lighthouse brought music back into Sarah’s life. After playing the piano for 47 years, she was forced to give up her sheet music when bifocals made it difficult to read from one line to another. Unable to afford a new pair of glasses, for two years, Sarah could only play songs she knew by heart. Then, thankfully, she found the Lighthouse. Receiving a pair of single prescription glasses from the Lighthouse’s Brunswick clinic finally allowed Sarah to read her music clearly and return to playing the piano she loves.

When Lakeena, a single mother of three, learned that her 13-year old daughter Shayla was having trouble seeing in school, it upset her. Employed as a cosmetologist, Lakeena had no insurance and could not afford an eye exam and eyeglasses for Shayla. Shayla had been having difficulty for 6 months, but they weren’t sure where to turn for help.



Lakeena learned about the Lighthouse Foundation’s Savannah eye clinic through a relative. Soon after seeking an appointment, Shayla was seen by volunteer Dr. Henry Croci in July of this year.

Since beginning the school year with her new glasses, Shayla’s eyes no longer hurt from strain and her grades have improved. Shayla wants to be either a nurse or follow in her Mom’s footsteps as a hair stylist when she grows up. With her improved vision, she can now choose whatever path she’d like.

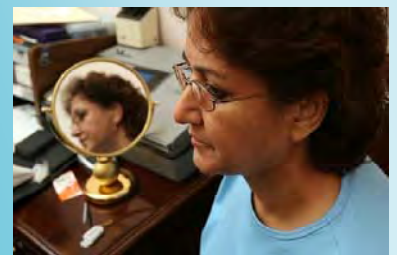


Service Numbers
 From July to December 2010

2,214 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** at a \$135,559.73.
137 recipients were from 18-D

180 eye surgeries were performed. at a cost of \$1,196,724.06 – **Lighthouse cost - \$217,578.22.**
24 were from 18-D

568 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 1040 hearing aids.
74 were from 18-D



Our new address:
 5582 Peachtree Road
 Chamblee, GA 30341
 (404) 325-3630

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses
18 D District Chair:
 Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 eskiemom@bellsouth.net

Lighthouse Awards Deadline:
April 30, 2011

WHITE CANE 2011: *White Cane 2011 is just around the corner. It is not to early now to begin making plans to have a successful White Cane Day. I understand that the Dahlonga Lions Club is planning on putting on a Country & Western Concert with a big name entertainer in order to increase their contribution. Last year MD18 raised \$118,346.57 through White Cane 2010 for the Lighthouse. District 18D, with 32 Clubs out of 38 Clubs participating, raised \$44,616.00 for White Cane 2010. The Goal for White Cane 2011 statewide is \$132,470.00. Can District 18D raise \$50,000 for the Lighthouse with White Cane 2011? The answer is YES if all 38 Clubs participate this year.*

If your Club needs help or ideas on how to get involved in White Cane 2011, let me encourage you to contact our District White Cane Co-chairs – Lions Gene and Louise Little. They can be reached at 706/374-6638 or e-mail: genelittle1@hotmail.com or louiselittle@hotmail.com They are anxious to meet with your Club in order for you to have a successful White Cane 2011.



White Cane Butter Mints
45.00 per 1000

Miniature Plastic White Cane
65.00 per 500

Punched Card
14.00 per 500

**Order from Lions of Michigan
(517) 887-6640**

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.

WHITE CANE

White Cane had its beginning in Georgia in 1980 as White Cane Day. We no longer limit White Cane to just a day in the year. White Cane donations equal about 1/3 of the Georgia Lions contributions to the Lighthouse. The goal for White Cane 2011 has been set for \$167,500. Over the last 3 years White Cane donations have averaged over \$144 thousand dollars per year.

As everyone knows, prices have been on the rise and the services offered by the Lighthouse are no exception. The present economy is creating additional needs at the Lighthouse to help those who have lost their jobs and subsequently, their health insurance. The money collected through White Cane is instrumental in changing people's lives. While it is usually no problem for a local club to purchase a pair of eyeglasses for a needy person, it would be literally impossible for a club to provide eye surgery needed to restore someone's sight. The money raised throughout the state for White Cane can be combined to offer services to people who, without the Lions of Georgia, might have no hope. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help them help others. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. One hundred percent of all money collected for White Cane goes directly to sight services. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2011 the best ever. Lions get an excellent return on their investment in the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is now able to get \$5 in services for every dollar.

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

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

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Night of Spectacles Coming April 30

Each year the Lions Lighthouse receives over 100,000 eyeglasses and lenses to be recycled, and a portion of these glasses are scratched or broken beyond repair. Rather than throw out the glasses, they are given to local design schools and artists and turned into wearable dresses. The artists show off their work and compete for a scholarship at our annual Night of Spectacles. The evening includes a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar.

For more information about Night of Spectacles, please visit www.nightofspectacles.org.



ATLANTA (MyFOX ATLANTA) - Located on the backside of the Georgia's Lion's Club Lighthouse Foundation on Clairmont Road Wednesday was a free eye clinic.

Carolyn Allen hasn't had her eyes examined for three or four years, and on her visit Wednesday, they were bothering her.

"They were running a whole lot, and the reading glasses I was buying in the store weren't working," said Allen. The 54-year-old Atlanta woman received a full eye exam she said she couldn't have afforded without the free clinic.

"It's expensive, getting your eye exam and getting your glasses, and in my case, it helps a lot," Allen said.

"The majority of our patients are the working poor, they have jobs, or they're looking for work," said Christina Lennon.

On a typical day, volunteer optometrists like Dr. Kelly Spetlnisk and her colleagues will examine dozens of patients. "We're seeing more and more people coming in. They're almost apologetic for why they're here, 'I've never had to use these services before. I've been out of a job for a year, I've lost my glasses.' It's a different story that you hear nowadays, a broader range of people that are coming in here now," said Dr. Spetlnisk.

Demand for the Lighthouse Foundation's clinics is up 30 percent this year, because of the number of Georgians without health insurance. "Vision care is very difficult because even if you have insurance, you don't always have vision insurance, even people with Medicaid. Medicaid doesn't cover glasses in most cases," said Lennon.

The Lighthouse Foundation holds 17 clinics every month across Georgia and for a lot of the clients they serve, there is more at stake than just trying on and finding the right pair of glasses. About 30 percent of the clinics clients have diabetes, and about half have high blood pressure. Both are leading causes of blindness that can be prevented with regular care. "So if we can see changes in your eyes, those changes are going on throughout your body, so we may pick up things patients aren't even aware of," said Dr. Spetlnisk.

Chairpersons, please share this important message with the clubs in your area.

What is “Diabetes Alert Day”?

It is a one-day wake-up call to inform the American public about the seriousness of diabetes.

By participating in Diabetes Alert Day, Lions can help many people.

In America , diabetes affects **25.8 million people:**

- **Diagnosed: 18.8 million**
- **Undiagnosed: 7.0 million**

Diabetes is a serious disease, particularly when it is left undiagnosed or untreated -- it is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults in the US .

How can Lions participate in “Diabetes Alert Day”?

- Utilize information, resources and suggested activities at [NDEP Diabetes Alert Day 2011](#), including:
 - o Diabetes Risk Test
 - o News Release (customizable)
 - o Feature article (add to your newsletter or Web site)
- Reduce new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy! Select and send an [e-card](#)
- **Join the nationwide effort!**

LCI is interested to know about YOUR Diabetes Alert Day

We ask that Lions let us know how they participated in Diabetes Alert Day 2011. Please have your club secretary report via the [Lions Club Service Activity Report](#). We will appreciate receiving your reply on or before Friday, April 8th.

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Flo Gordon and Shelia Rousey, Toccoa Lions, examine one of the garments on display at the new Lighthouse building, from the Night of Spectacles design competition. The Savannah School of Art and Design students has several of their garment designs mounted on manikins throughout the new Lighthouse building.



Lucy Zhou, Americor volunteer, and Toccoa Lion Bill Graham. His handle "Bill the Blind Lion"



Sarah Epling and Laura Griffin at open house with Christina Lennon and John Rudert in background.



Both Gary Vaughters and Mark Miller addressed the gathered crowd in the waiting room at the new Lighthouse building in Chamblee. This was after everybody had toured the building and gathered for a little party with refreshments.



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To Our Fellow Lions:



“It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.”
 Sir Winston Churchill

Dear Friends of the Camp,

I have spent time with my administrative staff for this upcoming summer already and we have planned all sorts of new things for the summer of 2011. I have interviewed 3 potential summer staffers. On Wednesday of this week I have a meet, greet, and eat event with more potential staffers up at Mercer University.

We have successfully, tearfully, and deliberately undertaken a MAJOR renovation.

We have transitioned from Ms. Carolyn to our wonderful new addition,

And last but certainly not least we have Work Weekends coming up. . There is still a ton of work that needs to be done! No, really a ton! Will you please join us for at least one of these great weekends, if not both? The reservation form is in this newsletter. Please let us know if you are planning on coming, so that we can ensure that we have enough food. We promise

Kristen

Dear Georgia Lions,

Things around here have been sort of hectic but progressing at a rapid rate. Everything is starting to come together. I am still in training, so please remember that when you send money to the camp notate your District and Club information and category where the money needs to be applied. I will certainly appreciate it so much.

Just a Few Important Reminders:

- **DEADLINE APRIL, 30TH: All donations to be considered for Awards at the State Convention in Duluth June 10-12, 2011 must be postmarked by April 30, 2011.**
- **SEND-A-KID-TO-CAMP: Will is still accepting donations along with sponsorships for summer campers. If you sponsored a camper last year please continue to do so.**
- **GRAND TOUR OF GEORGIA: This event begins April 1st, 2011. The application can be found on the Website.**

Thanks to all of you for the support as I know I have big shoes to fill. Carolyn still comes by to check on us and we love seeing her smiling face. If there's anything you need from us, please call or email me at glcblindsec@accessatc.net.

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary

Dates to Remember:

April 29-May 1, 2011 – Work Weekend at the Camp.

Pre Camp June 3-12, 2011

State Convention/Board Meeting June 10-12, 2011

Family Camp June 13-18, 2011

Pre-Teen Camp June 20-25, 2011

Older Adult Camp June 27-July 3, 2011

Young Adults Camp July 9-15, 2011

Teenage Camp July 18-29, 2011

Lions Day July 23, 2011 – Lion Day at the Camp, 35th Anniversary Celebration!

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I hope this letter finds you doing well on all fronts and ready to finish out our Lion's Year with a sprint to the finish line. This time of year always seems like a sprint to me as every weekend for the next two months I'm on the road representing our Camp at one function or another. It is a tiring process but at the same time it is a very exciting time.

That sprint started last weekend at our Annual Winter Board of Directors Meeting. It was great seeing my Lion Friends there in support of our Camp and the Council of Governors. We are always honored to host the Council at this Meeting. A lot of work was accomplished this last weekend and we had a lot of FUN as well. Isn't that what Lionism is all about – helping others while enjoying each other's fellowship? Some key things that took place last weekend were:

Work on the Constitution and By-Laws and we made some changes. These will be voted on at the Annual Board Meeting at the State Convention.

The 2011-2012 Budget was presented to the Executive Committee and will be voted on at the Annual Board Meeting at the State Convention as well.

A great job by many Standing Committees.

Once again the Centerville Lions and Lioness Clubs hosted us with an outstanding Steak Dinner on Saturday night. They have been doing this for years and we thank them and love them for all they do for our Camp

We also got to say thank you to our Camp's Secretary Carolyn Taylor-Music who just retired. But as Kristen so well put it "Carolyn is like a bad check – she just keeps coming back"; well we just love that. Carolyn will be a fixture at our Camp for years to come as a great volunteer. I think we could not keep her away. She loves our Camp and as she says - "It is Hallowed Ground"!

We introduced our new Building and Grounds Manager Mike Wilson and his beautiful wife Gail. We also met our new Camp Secretary, Merri Blount. They are all a great addition to our Team!

You have heard about the \$419,500.00 donation for Capital Improvements to our Camp; well, we are not sitting on that money at all. We currently have five Contractors on site doing lots of great work.

Here are some of the things being done:

New metal roofs on all buildings.

New energy efficient windows on all buildings.

Vinyl siding on all the wood framed buildings.

Upgrade of the pool.

Reconstruct the interior of the dorm to meet ADA Standards.

And much, much more.....

So as you can see, we are very busy at your Camp. Mike is doing a fantastic job in overseeing all this activity. We are so lucky to have Mike there on site.

I'll see you soon at your individual District Cabinet Meetings. As always, I look forward to seeing my friends in Lionism and making new ones.

Take Care and God Bless!

Frank

ARE YOU READY?!!

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND WILL BE THE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT OF THE NIGHT!

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011

ATLANTA DREAM VS SAN ANTONIO SILVER STARS

PHILIPS ARENA

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND AND THE ATLANTA LIONS CLUB.....AND ENJOY A GREAT GAME AT THE SAME TIME!

50% OF ALL TICKET SALES PURCHASED THROUGH THE SPECIAL LINK BELOW WILL BE DONATED TO THE LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND!



CLICK ON THE LOGO ABOVE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE GAME!

PROMO CODE: Leader Dogs

YOUR \$20 PURCHASE INCLUDES A TICKET TO THE ATLANTA DREAM VS SAN ANTONIO MATCHUP AT PHILIPS ARENA

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BE SURE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND SPREAD THE WORD!

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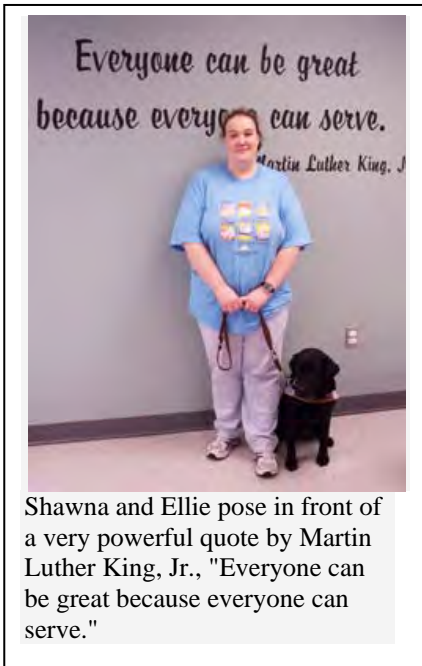


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Thank you for everything you do to support our mission to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.



A Leader Dog Graduate Giving Back
Shawna Carothers Shows Her Support for Leader Dog



Many of the people who come to Leader Dog to receive a guide dog end up as donors and supporters. That is the case for Shawna Carothers, a 2009 graduate.

Shawna Carothers believes that raising money for Leader Dog is a natural fit for her. "They helped me by giving me wonderful guide dog, Ellie, who is my best friend. She is worth more than any amount of money, but, of course, Leader Dog needs money to be able to provide these wonderful dogs. This is why it is important for others to get out there and make donations and raise funds."

Shawna enlisted the help of BraVo! (which stands for Building Relationships and Volunteer Opportunities), a group of individuals with disabilities that works together to give back to the community. Each quarter, BraVo! selects a different charity to support.

To raise money for Leader Dog, BraVo! hosted a pulled pork luncheon at United Disability Services in Akron, Ohio. To bring in the "dog" aspect of Leader Dog, the group also sold homemade dog treats.

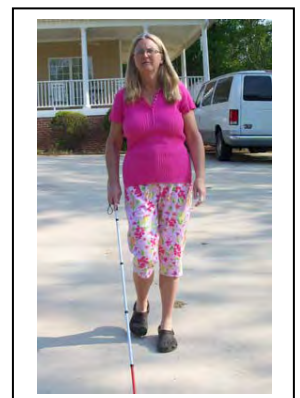
We would like to thank Shawna and BraVo! for their support.



Orientation and Mobility Training
Where Am I and How Do I Get Where I Need to Go?

"After years of slowly losing my vision due to retinitis pigmentosa, I finally got to the point where I needed some cane training. I looked for resources, but didn't find anything available until I learned about Leader Dog. Leader Dog's orientation and mobility program taught me how to travel independently with a cane and how to survive. I felt very empowered when I came home after completing training." Susan Calhoun of Oxford, Georgia

For Susan, and millions of other people who have lost their sight, getting a guide dog was not the first step in regaining her ability to travel independently. The first step was to learn how to use a white cane and how to understand where she is in the environment—she needed orientation and mobility skills.



What is Orientation and Mobility (O&M)?



During AMP training, clients learn to use their arm to protect their face from protruding objects. In this case, the side view mirror of a truck.

Every time you leave your home, whether you are blind or sighted, you use orientation and mobility skills to get where you need to go. Orientation is knowing where you are in your environment and how to get back on track if you get lost. When you are visually impaired, you lose the ability to maintain your orientation by using visual signs and landmarks. You must be taught how to use common patterns in society like how grass often appears between the sidewalk and a street, and how traffic sounds will be on your right or left side as you travel down a sidewalk, to maintain your orientation.

Mobility is the ability to physically get to where you need to go. Often, travel aids are used such as a car or bike. For a person who is blind, travel aids usually consist of a white cane or a guide dog.

Leader Dog's accelerated mobility program (AMP), like all O&M courses, has the ultimate goal of teaching a person how to travel safely and independently with a white cane.

Why Use a White Cane?

One important function of a white cane is to identify the person using it as being visually impaired. This is helpful when the person is crossing the street or needs to ask for assistance. Cane users receive tactile feedback about their immediate surroundings through the cane. When their cane touches a soft surface the user may interpret that they are near grass, or if the cane contacts a hard surface, the user may interpret that they are next to a wall.

People using a cane can quickly identify elevation changes such as curbs and stairs as well as obstructions like fire hydrants and benches in their travel path. These obstacles can help them determine their location on a street or in a building.

Developing excellent O&M skills and being able to use a cane to travel independently are prerequisites to getting a Leader Dog. Because people often walk much faster with a guide dog and because they do not receive the tactile feedback that a cane provides, they can also get lost faster if they lack good orientation skills.

Cane Before Leader Dog

Leader Dog was motivated to develop our accelerated mobility program because many of our potential guide dog clients lacked the required O&M skills. In order to prepare these people for guide dog training, we decided to teach them the skills needed to succeed. To date, over 200 people have completed our O&M program with over 50% of them returning to Leader Dog to train with a guide dog.

History of Orientation and Mobility at Leader Dog

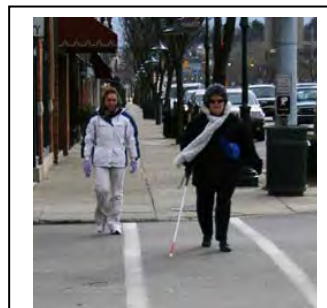
"It was all about getting people to move." – Rod Haneline, Chief Operating Officer

1991: Rod Haneline, an experienced Leader Dog instructor, took classes at Western Michigan University and received his Master's Degree in Orientation & Mobility

Early 90s: Accelerated Mobility Program (AMP) designed to condense training time and focus on: awareness of the environment, awareness of traffic, and increasing travel speed

1995–96: First Accelerated Mobility Program clients receive O&M training

2002: First AMP class designed with the dual purpose of training AMP clients and university students studying to be O&M instructors



Learning to maintain a straight street crossing is an important part of O&M training. Clients learn that listening to the flow of traffic next to them can help them continue in a straight line to walk safely to the opposite curb.

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On the Web

The U.S. Department of Justice—Civil Rights Division has a document called “Commonly Asked Questions About Service Animals in Places of Business” available on their website at www.ada.gov/qasrvc.htm.

The American Foundation for the Blind has launched a Job Seeker’s Toolkit on their website. This is a free resource for people who want to learn about the diversity of jobs performed by adults who are blind or visually impaired throughout the U.S. and Canada. The toolkit is a self-paced online course that allows job seekers to travel through the employment process while being guided by specific lessons. Go to www.afb.org, click on “Career Connect,” then “For Job Seekers,” then “The Job Seeker’s Toolkit,” or just search for “Job Seeker’s Toolkit” from the home page.



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Welcome
PLEXTALK:
National Studios Sponsor
of Record-A-Thon 2011

We are gearing up to kick off RFB&D's annual volunteer Record-A-Thon from February 28th through March 5th, where we raise funds, raise awareness and try to keep the recording booths 100% full. This year we join hands with national Read Across America Day and are pleased to announce our national studios sponsor, PLEXTALK.

Help us reach more students in need by supporting the different ways students read and learn. Visit our [easy giving site](#) and support Record-A-Thon's Different Ways to Read Across America today!



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Making a Difference One Gift at a Time



Miracle Makers contribute a fixed amount of money each month to Canine Companions - providing important funding for such things as training, puppy care, and follow-up visits with our graduate teams.

Please consider becoming a Miracle Maker. For as little as \$10 a month you can partner with Canine Companions for Independence and make a difference for adults and children living with disabilities. Please visit cci.org/donate to learn more.



Don't Miss Out 2011 Tales & Tails Gala Saturday, November 12, 2011

The Tales & Tails Gala celebrates Canine Companions' work and mission and is the largest fundraising event for the Southeast Region.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 12th at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our work as you hear courageous stories from our graduates. You will also have the chance to bid on fantastic auction items, enjoy a delicious dinner and be entertained with "animal surprises."

We hope to see you at the 2011 Tales & Tails Gala, the event you PAWS-ively don't want to miss!



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Explore the most comprehensive array of diabetes-related products, services and information available under one roof.

Did you know? If present trends continue, one in three Americans born today will develop diabetes in the lifetime – one in two if African American or Latino.

Since 1987, the death rate due to diabetes has increased by 45%, while the death rates due to heart disease, stroke and cancer have declined.

Each year, diabetes kills nearly 300,000 people in the U.S. – that's more than AIDS and breast cancer combined.

Diabetes can be a devastating disease. If it's not properly managed, it can lead to amputations, kidney failure, blindness, heart disease and stroke.

Together we can Stop Diabetes, read on to learn more.

Share in the EXPO experience!

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

Make Healthy Food Choices

- Cooking demonstrations
- Healthy food sampling
- Tasty and healthful recipes

Free Health Screenings

While supplies last take advantage of free health screenings. EXPO offers:

- A1C (measure of estimated avg. blood glucose)
- Hearing Screening
- Blood Pressure
- Foot Screenings
- Diabetes Risk Assessment
- Eye Screenings
- BMI



**"Vision of Peace"
2010-11 Grand
Prize Winner**

Raj Phairembam, a
11-year-old boy from
Moirang, Manipur,
India.

**"Children Know Peace"
Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest – "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies.



LEO

I am pleased to be able to report that most of 18-D's LEO Clubs are active and engaged in service and raising funds for those who need their help!

We have chartered two (2) new LEO Clubs (Kings Bridge Middle School in Jefferson and Loganville Middle School in Loganville). I want to thank Lions Mack Cates (Jefferson) and Wayne White (Loganville) for being involved Advisors and the clubs for their interest in forming young lives!

I want to encourage every 18-D LEO Club to attend the Georgia Lions State Convention.

CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL: Partnering with Clarke Central High School did a Toys for Tots drive in December and collected enough toys, etc., to fill 2 vans, then filled a classroom and had needy families come and select. Have helped with Brooklyn Cemetery project. Have partnered with BikeAthens to restore children and adult bicycles. We have finished 2 and are working on 3 now.

KINGS BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL: We did receive the member's pins and membership books. The president's name is Hope. The club is going good. We have some projects in the

works and will elect officers for the next year at the April meeting.

LOGANVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL: Have ongoing recycled glasses donation box at school office, have sent first batch of toiletries collected for service men and will sponsor "cap day" (students donate \$1.00 for pass to wear hats that are otherwise not allowed) proceeds will be for White Cane contributions. Currently have 12 members and ongoing recruiting is taking place. Students are already in a count-down to end of school/with 7 Mondays remaining; we expect efforts begun this year will pay off next year since we can begin on day one this year compared to late start this year.

NORTH OCONEE HIGH SCHOOL: This year have worked with Homeless Shelter, conducted Shoe Drive, sold cotton candy to raise money for Relay for Life, and helped Oconee Lions with Hearing Clinic at this year's Fall Festival. 18-20 active members with 6-8 Seniors active in leadership roles guiding the club.

RABUN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL: We collected clothing for Sharing and Caring and the FAITH Thrift Store before Christmas. We were able to donate 32 shirts, 17 pants and 8 coats to these organization. We manned a booth at Spirit Fest day. One officer was able to participate in the local Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner. We have collected four pairs of glasses to donate to the Lions. We are currently planning a "RCMS can make a Change" campaign to raise money for the Northeast GA Food Bank. This will run through May. The students are in planning stages, getting principals permission, etc.



FOR EVERY LEO WHO HAS EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A TEACHER: CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT TEACHER

- You've trained yourself to go to the bathroom at two distinct times of the day: lunch and planning period.
- You start saving other people's trash, because most likely, you can use that toilet paper tube or plastic butter tub for something in the classroom.
- You insist that the break room (now a supply and bookroom) be equipped with power drinks.



Lions Quest

Why is Lions Quest Important?



* Lions Quest (LQ) is a social and emotional learning (SEL) program. SEL teaches self awareness, social awareness, responsible decision making, self management and relationship management.

* Research has shown that when students’ emotional needs are addressed, children do better academically. Statistics have shown that SEL programs can improve academic performance by at least 11 percent!*

* LQ positively impacts the rate of drug abuse, the violence rate, and the dropout rate and problem behavior.

*LQ teaches 21st century workforce skills such as:

- Cultural literacy and global awareness
- Complex thinking and reasoning
- Real world application of planning and management

* LQ supports character education – teaching values-based skills such as ethical decision making and social consciousness. LQ meets the Character Education Partnership’s Eleven Principles of Effective Character Development.

*LQ uses civic engagement and service learning as a hands-on tool to teach these character and SEL skills.



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- Leo Zone - lionsclubs.org click: Member Center/Planning Projects/ Youth/ Leo Zone



Youth Exchange & Youth Camp—

Two applications from Finland students desiring a family to host them have arrived...

Another application from France is on the way. Italy has asked for four families. At the present time, there are two Lions who are considering the girls from Finland.

Solutions and Comments - I plan to run an article in the local paper with information about our Lions Youth Exchange program. If this generates interest, it will be for outgoing students to other countries. We will still have the problem of needing families for incoming students.

I have solicited the District Governors to place emphasis on this invaluable program.



SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs, YOUTH, and CHILDREN (and these will help adults as well) * Components of Service-Learning: Authentic Community Needs—Local community members or service recipients are involved in determining the significance and depth of the service activities involved. Assessment—Well structured assessment instruments with constructive feedback through reflection provide valuable information regarding the positive ‘reciprocal learning’ and service outcomes. (Check back each month for the 411.)**



Dates to Remember

April – Leo Awareness Month

April 15 – Suggested election date for next year's Leo club officers



Volunteer Initiatives

Throughout our 14 years teaching young Americans about the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, Liberty Day has partnered with a number of service clubs and organizations to recruit Americans across the country to visit 5th and 6th grade classes and teach the kids about the contents of the Constitution.



The beauty of Liberty Day's Volunteer Initiatives lies in the fact that these students do not typically experience visits from outside speakers. By an attorney, elected official, service club member, or anyone else taking the time to talk to the kids, it spices things up for their learning experience and really underscores for the kids the importance of the documents they're learning about.



Here it's not just their teachers telling them about something from 230 years ago—it's someone else who cares enough to come in and engage them in the learning process. Want to open up the hearts and minds of young people to what it means to be an American? This is how you do it.



Improving Local Communities and the World



19F Zone 1's service project for the past two years has been collecting pop tabs for the Spokane Ronald McDonald House. On May 15th, Lion Cindy accompanied the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court on a visit to the House. They presented Spokane Ronald McDonald House with all the tabs Ellensburg Lions Club had collected, and the Royalty made cookies with the children staying at the house.



The Manheim Township Lions Club will hold its annual All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, May 21 at the Neffsville Community Fire Company, 200 East Oregon Road, Neffsville, PA. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 for advanced tickets or \$5.50 at the door. Children six and under eat free.

It's Cow Drop Time Again For Mary Stewart Lions Club

The Mary Stewart Lions Club has started selling tickets for its 13th annual Cow Drop Fundraiser which will be held April 9. Rain date is April 16. Two hundred tickets are sold for the event. During the Cow Drop, 200 3-by-3 squares are placed on the ground, a fence is put up around the squares, then a cow is let into the fence. Wherever the cow 'drops,' the person who has that square wins \$2,000. The first ticket pulled wins \$250, then every 50th ticket wins \$100. So there are five chances to win. To purchase a ticket, stop by

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2011 MD 18 STATE CONVENTION
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUNE 10 – 11 – 12, 2011**

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Hospitality Book	Melvin Jones	Stone Mtn Night	LION	LEO	Guest	Dietary Restrictions

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

**Hospitality Book includes two district breakfasts and District Governors' Banquet Saturday Night.
Cost of Hospitality Book \$95.00 through April 30, 2011; After April 30, 2011 Cost is \$120.00.
New LIONS joining after May 31, 2011: Cost \$85.00**

Hospitality Books	#	@	/each	Total Amt. \$
Melvin Jones Luncheon	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
Night Out at Stone Mountain – Thursday Night June 9 th w/ International President Sid Scruggs Dinner, Laser Show, Transportation	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
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Included is a reservation web-link for your June conference for those who prefer to make their guestroom reservations online. The below website will take you to the Marriott Reservations website with your conference dates, group code and rate already entered. The dates can then be modified to fit the individual's needs.

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