



**We Serve**

# District 18-D Bulletin

Gold



Standard

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

May 2009



District Governor Dick Smith

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

I ended my April comments by asking you to set aside dates to help form a new Lions club in District 18-D. The actually dates will be 19 – 21 May. The application to Lions Club International has been approved! The Winder Lions Club agreed to let us use their club house for the training and we received enough volunteers to handle the training, the recruitment of new Lions, etc. There will be a few more things we will need, but we have a good start. However, we have room for a few more Lions, so if you would like to help the district recruit some new Lions, then please contact me and I’ll add your name to the list. I assure you that you will learn some things that will prove useful.

For many reasons, May is an extremely important month. The key results of your April club elections are required to be submitted to LCI in the form of a PU-101 by 15 May 2009. That is, the names of your president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chair need to be sent to LCI; with a copy sent to me! Failure to submit these names means that these club officers will not get

password access to the LCI web site and your club officers may not appear in our district directory. Also, by the end of May, LCI and the district expect you to have paid all of your club bills.

For most clubs, May brings to an end your fundraising and you will be cutting checks to the Lions charities we support. Further, by the end of the month, your Applications for State Awards must be in the hands of Lion Bryson Tanner. Both of these actions are very noteworthy. What you are doing is taking action that fully reveals what your club has done this year. Yes, you are patting yourself on the back when you submit your state award applications and cut your checks. However, these acts tell all of the Lions in District 18-D how important your actions have been to your local communities and to the district. They are important recognition actions to make!

Clearly, May begins to make it clear that this Lions year is nearing its end. What will be your club’s history for the year? Among the things I want you to carefully look at is your membership. At the end of March our district net growth and loss for the year was zero. We were back to where we started the year. We still have April results to see, but May is the key last month for you to have a positive net membership gain for the year. You still have time to bring in a few new members and May is the month you need to make certain that June isn’t going to be your month of dropping club members. May is the month you need to ensure that all your Lions are actively involved in your club. Everyone needs to be celebrating the end of this year and looking forward to next year!

Yours in “Miracles through Service,”

Dick



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May is Recycle for Sight Month

May is also Lions Family Month

19 May = 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Clayton Lions Club



## Fests Halle in Helen, 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.....*

*Mark 3 May 2009 on your calendar*

We will return to having a "pot luck" picnic luncheon. Here is the division for the food:

- Region I - salads or vegetable dishes
- Region II - meat or casserole dishes
- Region III - desserts or breads

I will provide sweet and non-sweet tea. Please bring your own table ware, i.e., plates, cups, silverware, and napkins.



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.

# Planning Ahead

## President/Secretary/Treasurer Training By Region



Region I – Sat., 13 June at 9:30am  
Colbert Lions Clubhouse

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

Region III - Sat., 23 May at 9:30am  
Loganville Baptist Church

### Check out page 9



June – Installation of Club Officers

1 June – Helen Keller Day

12 June = 75<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**88<sup>th</sup> 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!**



**USA/CANADA**  
**LIONS**  
**LEADERSHIP FORUM**

**33rd Annual**  
**USA/Canada Lions**

Leadership Forum  
September 24-26, 2009  
Memphis, Tennessee

The February/March 2009 Forum Newsletter can be found in PDF format at the following link:  
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/februarymarchedition.pdf>

For all the information on the Forum, go to:  
<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>



**Move to Grow - Lions Leading Through Service**



**READY GEORGIA**

Great website for evaluating your preparedness for an emergency. Lots of good information. This will also let you know about the current swine flu status.

<http://ready.ga.gov/>

Also find it on your web site under  
**GA LIONS ALERT**



## 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](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/exec_summary_mar_09.pdf)



### **Family Cub Program Coming Soon and How You Can Help**

The new Family Cub Program, in connection with the Family Membership Program, is being introduced at the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis. Formulated especially to encourage families to volunteer together, children under the age of 12 will have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping those in need. Cubs will be distinguished with age-specific patches and Lions clubs will be equipped with a guide full of age-appropriate activities.

Now here is where we need your help! Cubs will be divided into three age categories: under age 3, ages 4-7 and ages 8-12. Lions Clubs International is looking for a series of names to give to each of the three age categories. Submit your Cub name ideas at the

Extension & Membership Booth at the Minneapolis convention or to the [Membership Programs and New Clubs Marketing Department](#). Look for more information on the Family Cub Program coming in July.



### **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](#).



### **New LCIF Volunteer Structure**

In order to strengthen LCIF and build on the momentum of Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF has established a new enhanced volunteer structure to provide consistently trained and longer-serving LCIF Coordinators in every

district and multiple districts worldwide. These volunteer coordinators will serve as ambassadors of LCIF in all regards. They are being appointed and trained during this Lions year (2008-2009) for a four-year term (allowing for some variation to address local needs). The new LCIF MD and District Coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. Therefore, the former LCIF Chairperson position will no longer exist beginning in July 2009. This new structure will be effective following international convention in Lions year 2009-2010. The list of LCIF MD Coordinators is available [online](#). Please give these leaders your best advice and full support as they prepare to support our Lions Clubs International Foundation. Working together, Lions have the opportunity to build a stronger foundation and create a better world.



### **New Lions Quest Video**

A new Lions Quest video is available free of charge from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The DVD is available in all official Lions languages. It spotlights successful Lions Quest programs around the world. Lions Quest is the life-skills program for kindergarten through 12th grade. View the video online or [contact Lions Quest](#) to learn more.



### **DVD for Lions Community Health Events**

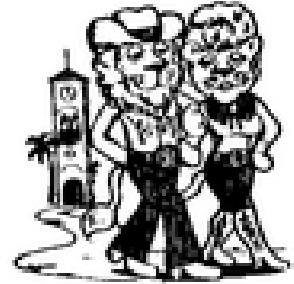
Lions Clubs International is pleased to offer an outstanding 12-minute film, "Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam"

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# New Parade Shirt Proposed

Pictured above is a proposed Parade Shirt for the Lions of Georgia. If approved this will replace the current white golf shirt that we have used since 2003. The proposed shirt is a "Camp" style shirt made by Port Authority. The shirt color is Celery and is available in ladies and men's sizes. Men's sizes are XS- 4XL and has a Patch Pocket. Ladies sizes are XS-XXL, Plus 1X, Plus 2X. Gently contoured silhouette, no patch pocket, front and back darts. Each shirt includes a embroidered emblem on the left front of the shirt.

If approved by the delegates, this shirt will be the official Parade shirt in Minneapolis. Orders for the shirt will be taken during the Lions of Georgia State Convention on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday June 7. Shirts ordered during the state convention will be transported to the International Convention for use in the International Parade. Cost for the shirt is \$35.00 for sizes XS-Large, \$38.00 for XL and larger.



## Greetings from Sam's Club®!

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL is excited to announce an exclusive Membership offer. Members will receive a \$10 Gift Card when they sign up for a new Sam's Club Membership or renew an existing Membership by June 6, 2009.

## Sam's Club Advantage Members enjoy terrific savings on merchandise, services and more!

- Advantage Membership includes two annual Membership cards – Annual Membership is \$40, which includes one Membership for you and one for a household member over 18 years of age.
- Full shopping privileges at more than 590 Sam's Club locations nationwide – Each Club is stocked with quality name-brand products such as jewelry, housewares, books, pet supplies, tires, seasonal merchandise and more. For the Club nearest you, visit [samsclub.com](http://samsclub.com) or call 1.800.881.9180.
- Hours of Operation
 

<b>M - F</b>	<b>10 am - 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9 am - 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10 am - 6 pm</b>
- 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed on Merchandise and Membership – We stand behind our merchandise and Membership completely. If you are ever dissatisfied, we'll give you a full refund.

To become a Member, bring this offer along with proof of employment or membership to the Member Services Desk of your local Club. Upon payment, you will receive a

**\$10 Sam's Club Gift Card.**

Sam's Club® Membership

*Certificate*

Enjoy the value of Membership!  
Receive a \$10 Gift Card when you join or renew.



**This certificate is valid for employees and members of LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
Offer valid through June 6, 2009 only.**

\*A \$40 (plus tax in some places) primary Advantage Membership includes one primary card and one spouse (or other household member over the age of 18) card. Primary Memberships are valid for one year from the date of issue. The certificate may be redeemed for a new or renewal of an existing Membership. The Gift Card with this offer cannot be used toward Membership fees. Certificates and special promotions are not valid on [samsclub.com](http://samsclub.com) or by mail. Offer not to be used for Group Membership. Applies only to first year of Membership. Primary Advantage Membership fee (\$40, plus tax in some places) will apply at the time of renewal. To view our privacy policy, visit [samsclub.com](http://samsclub.com).



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## NEWS

**Dear Executive Officers, International Directors, Board Appointees, Past International Presidents and Past International Directors, Multiple District and District Officers and Multiple District and District LCIF Coordinators:**



LCIF is thankful for the generosity of our many benefactors at the individual, club, district and multiple district levels that send donations to LCIF via Wire Transfer. An important banking change has occurred. We are asking your assistance in distributing the information regarding this banking change to your fellow Lions. Wire transfer donations should no longer be directed to Northern Trust. This bank account will no longer accept donations for LCIF via wire transfer in a couple of months.

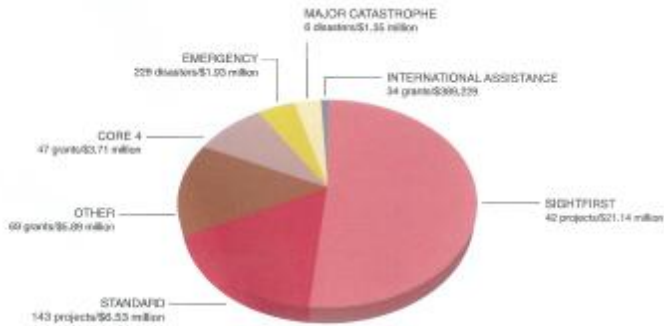
JP Morgan Chase is now processing the banking of payments sent via wire transfer for LCIF and LCI. Donation payments and club administrative payments are directed to different accounts. It is important that donations are directed to the LCIF account and not the LCI account. The link below provides specific information and account numbers for the LCIF wire transfers account only and should be used for donations.

<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/supporting-our-work/make-a-donation/lions-lcif-donatewire.php>

Be it a newsletter or online meeting, please activate the communication tools used to “get the word out” in your regions and assist LCIF by including the information in this e-mail. Thank you for your kind assistance. Questions regarding the change can be directed to [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org).



## 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:

### *Children*

**“Lionism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century depends upon our commitment to our children of today – for today’s children will be our future Lions of tomorrow.”**

Now what do you think can happen within your community and/or District?

What have you done to get children involved within your community?

Just imagine if you were able to get children started while they were in elementary school. How do you ask – hmmm:

Leader Dogs for the Blind has a program that combines educating children on Leader Dog and visual impairment with raising funds to "Help Send a Leader Dog to School."

They have materials to accompany the program such as posters, container labels for coin collection, certificates of generosity, etc. If you give any presentations to youth groups (schools, scouts, etc.) that participate in this program, they will forward required materials to you or directly to the group.

Contact the Kids N' Coins (KNC) program coordinator Kathleen Breen at 888-777-5332 ext. 2052 or at [kbreen@leaderdog.org](mailto:kbreen@leaderdog.org) to receive a KNC Speakers Packet.

Now, once they graduate and go into Middle School, they might be looking for something to do – hmmm. Have we ever heard of something called a LEO CLUB. Gee, what a great idea. Also, there is something called a PEACE POSTER CONTEST that just so happens every year. They can continue to do the Kids N' Coins and also try other different ideas that will help YOUR Lions Club to generate money for needed projects.

In fact, one smart idea is to raise money in order to buy 3rd graders Dictionaries. Just imagine the Middle School helping the children in Elementary School.

Guess what – now they will have graduated into High School. Hmmm – a LEO CLUB there also?

Gee, will wonders never cease. Here again, we are getting young teens involved. There are so many programs that Lions have at their fingertips – it is just amazing.

**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 LEO's 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
- Georgia Lions All-State Band

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

This could even be carried on to something called a New Century Lions Club. A Flexible Club Format Designed for Young Adults - New Century Lions clubs give adults, age of majority through age 35, the ability to create a Lions club that fits their lifestyle and need for flexibility.

So now – what do you think? Can we start teaching our children something of the benefits of what we were taught?

***A new Lion year is coming – start thinking of our future***



**“Opportunity lies within Lions.” Unknown**





**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.** The Council after receiving the report decided to table the proposal for this term.
2. **HOT!!! Constitution and By-Laws.** Please find a letter and proposed revision of the Lions of Georgia, MD 18 Constitution and By-Laws on the web site [www.edmclion.com](http://www.edmclion.com) – find at bottom left side under State & District Forms. Please share this information with members of your Lions Club. Voting on the revision will take place during the First Business Session, Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Georgia Lions State Convention on Jekyll Island .



Dear Officers, Congratulations on being elected for the year 2009-2010. I am looking forward to working with all of you. District Governor Dick Smith has asked that you send him a copy of your PU-101 if you have not done so already.

I wanted to get in touch with you to let you know about our Officer Training sessions that have been planned for you. If your other officers do not have email, please share this information with them. Here is the schedule:

**Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m., Clermont-North Hall Lions Community Center, 200 Spring St., Clermont, GA.**

This session is for Region II (Clarkesville, Clayton, Cornelia, Towns County, Union County, Clermont-North Hall, Dahlonega, Dawsonville, Forsyth County, Gainesville)

**Saturday, May 23, 9:30 a.m., Loganville Baptist Church, 680 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA.**

This session is for Region III (Auburn-Carl, Jefferson, West Jackson, Winder, Winder Noon, Atlanta India, Buford, Lawrenceville, Loganville, Norcross, Snellville)

**Saturday, June 13, 9:30 a.m., Colbert Lions, Old Colbert School, 60 First Avenue, Colbert, GA.**

This session is for Region I (Carnesville, Elberton, Hartwell, Lavonia, Martin, Royston-Franklin Springs, Toccoa, Athens, Athens Classic City, Athens Heritage, Colbert, Comer, Commerce, Oconee, Winterville)

Even though this is Officer Training, it is open to any Lion. We strongly encourage your President, Secretary, and Treasurer to attend. We also suggest your Vice-Presidents, Directors, and Membership Chair attend. This training will be led by Past Council Chair Dan Stuart. If your President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer cannot attend the session planned for your Region, you are welcome to attend either of the other sessions. If possible, will you let me know at [graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net) how many people from your club will be attending which session?

I hope you are enthusiastic about our upcoming Lions year. I look forward to working with you. I believe, working together, we can make a difference in our District. I look forward to seeing you at one of the training sessions.

District Governor Elect Grace Clower



**Club Secretaries** ---- April, as you know, was 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.”

Did you do your Club Elections and fill out your PU-101 forms??? **PU-101 Online - To submit your 2009-2010 Club Officers (PU101) ONLINE.** Clubs should receive the 2009-10 Lions Clubs Officer Reporting Form (PU-101) by mail in early April. Or, you can download a PDF of the PU-101 on line Or you can report on line.

**Passwords By Email - If you are a current club or district officer, your password can be sent to you by email. You must have a current email address on file with headquarters. See the "Need your password" link on this page. Then enter your member ID number and click "Submit." Your password will be sent to you shortly via an automatic e-mail response.**



**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 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](http://www.lionsclubs.org)**

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
TO**

**GEORGIA LIONS  
LIGHTHOUSE  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

TERM 2004-2005  
 NEW  
 REAPPOINTED

(Please print)

Club Name:

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Member Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Phone:

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Fax:

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Please return this form to:

Georgia Lions Lighthouse  
Foundation, Inc.  
15 Clairmont Road  
Atlanta, GA 30633-4005

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
TO**

**GEORGIA LIONS CAMP  
FOR THE BLIND, INC.**

TERM 2004-2005  
 NEW  
 REAPPOINTED

(Please print)

Club Name:

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Member Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Phone:

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Please return this form to:

Georgia Lions Camp for the  
Blind, Inc.  
5626 Laura Walker Road  
Waycross, GA 31503

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
TO**

**RECORDING FOR THE  
BLIND & DYSLEXIC –  
GEORGIA UNIT**

TERM 2004-2005  
 NEW  
 REAPPOINTED

(Please print)

Club Name:

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Member Name:

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Address:

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Phone:

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Please return this form to:

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



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<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.



Dear Lion,

One of my favorite American football coaches, Lou Holtz, was never too concerned if his team was trailing at halftime. He said this:

"How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game, whether you are a winner or a loser."

For Holtz, halftime played a special role in his game plan. He saw it as a time to take note of what worked and what didn't work in the first half. It was an opportunity to restore his team's confidence. By making the proper adjustments they could still win the game.

We are now in the second half of our leadership year and, if you haven't done so already, this is the time to review your goals, take a close look at what is working and to make whatever changes are needed to end this year as a winner.

The first half is history. It is what we do now that determines how we've done this year. We have three months left in which to write the legacy of our leadership. Will your legacy be one that you will be proud to pass on to your successor? Will you have left Lions Clubs International better than you found it? Only you can answer that question.

Sincerely,

President Al

**Global Membership Success.** It is vitally important that no part of the Lions world be left behind and that ALL constitutional areas celebrate a net gain in membership in 2008-2009. I will do everything possible to ensure that all Lion leaders emerge from this year as winners.

**Member Retention.** We must keep good and dedicated Lions active and involved with our clubs. When good people stop coming to meetings or let their membership lapse, the fault is not theirs but lies with the association and the club. We Lion leaders must pledge ourselves to serving not only our communities but also our members, first and foremost. This may mean doing things differently than they have always been done, but it is up to us to ensure that our clubs [create meaningful and satisfying service projects](#) that will allow all Lions to act on their desire to serve.

### Membership Updates

Lions, Leos and now Lion Cubs. The Lions family keeps growing! At it's March meeting in New York, the membership development committee of the international board of directors approved the Lion Cub program. This will enable family-oriented clubs to include children under the age of 12 in their activities.

The committee also approved extending the entrance fee waiver from six to 12 months for transfer and reinstated members who resigned in good standing.



# RETENTION!

## Ideas Clubs Use To Get And Keep Members Involved

**Strike up a friendly rivalry with another service club on a community service project. One club does this by seeing which club can raise the most money ringing the Salvation Army bell. They even have a song to motivate the members to participate and a joint meeting to share in the fun.**

**Invite Children to participate in fund raising and community service projects AND TO CLUB MEETINGS. Market the club as a family oriented group. Have a Leo or a scout care for the children at meetings.**

**Let newer members (1-5 years) come up with a project and let them run it.**

**Have an occasional joint meeting with another service club. This helps with networking and lets Lions know they are not an island unto themselves.**

**Hold a family outing. Be sure to include the kids – including grandchildren. Make it fun with maybe just hot dogs and burgers. Have fun games for both kids and adults.**

**Set aside one meeting to brainstorm new ideas for community service and/or fund raising projects. Have a newer member act as a facilitator and an experienced Lion as scribe.**

**MD18 Retention Chair  
DG Kenneth Moore Jr.**



***“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

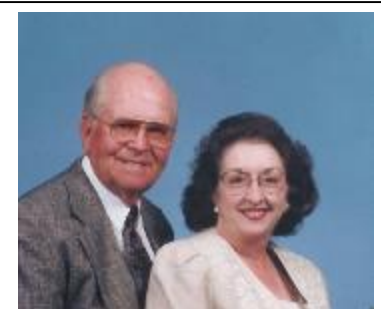


This is another way of getting Lions in your club, new members and prospective members interested in doing something new and different. Getting involved is another word for **WE SERVE**.



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.

**Clarksville Lions Club** = There is an old song that says “Little things mean a Lot.” This has been especially true in the life of Conny and Beverly Shirley, when the Clarksville Lions Club asked them to be Grand Marshalls in the Mt. Laurel Festival Parade this year. This may seem like a “little thing” to some but to be recognized by your peers is very special. Both have held relatively all the club positions from tail twister to president and won all the awards given locally – Lion of the Year, Tom Bingham, Order of the Golden Chain, Hall of Fame. They both are Melvin Jones Fellows. They have been dedicated in their Lionistic work also throughout the District and State, winning numerous awards and several Certificates of Appreciation from International Presidents. Conny became District Governor in 1982-83 and Beverly in 2005-06. Lion Beverly is proud of being the first lady in the Clarksville Lions Club, first lady president, and first lady District Governor in 18-D. Also, during her year as DG she earned a significant recognition being One of 13 Governors in the US to receive a 5 Star Award to acknowledge outstanding achievement in membership growth. Lion Conny, set his sights on working with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse “Sight conservation is very dear to Conny’s heart as he knows the devastation blindness bring to a family.”



Grand Marshalls of Mt. Laurel Parade on 16

**Commerce Lions Club** = High points from Dec08 thru Mar09 joined one new member. Gave \$150.00 to Banks County Family Services for Christmas assistance. Had float in Commerce Christmas Parade, Gave \$150.00 to assist Commerce UMC church members in constructing wheelchair ramp for disabled veteran. Paid for 10 more eyeglasses for a total of 30 for the Lion year. Sponsored a diabetic teenager to attend Camp Kudzu. Turned in 321 pairs of used eyeglasses, 7 cell phones and 1 hearing aid.

**Dahlonega Lions Club** = Thanks to all the Lions who worked Saturday, April 4th to make “White Cane” a success. Over a thousand dollars collected. Mark you calendars for May 13, 2009. This is the next screening date at the Community Helping Place. Plan now to work one of these events. Its hard to determine who gets the most out of these events. Those doing the screening or those being screened. This year through March 29, 2009, a total of **1257 items** (used glasses, Cell phones, hearing aids) have been contributed to the Ga. Lions Lighthouse. **EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES:** Lion year 2008 -2009 (3/31/2009): **27**

**Dawsonville Lions Club** =



The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia has issued a resolution recognizing and commending the Reading and Education Association of Dawson County (READ Inc.) for its efforts to date to become a Certified Literate Community of Georgia. Dawsonville Lions have been very supportive of the READ program and such resolution was presented to Lion Joe Hirsch, PDG.

**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:** 67 eye exams and glasses provided so far this year. **Collections:** eyeglasses –28, lenses – 4, sun glasses -1, cell phones – 7, chargers - 3. **Fundraiser:** White Cane Day was held and so far \$2,222.85 was collected. Checks are still being received. **Regular Meeting April 13=** Roxanne Ross from the Humane Society told the club about the many services offered by that organization. Ross also outlined the ways that club members could become involved in helping animals in Jackson County. **Regular meeting April 27 =** A regular business meeting was held with no speaker. First Vice President Jimmy Mock thanked Lions Bill and Alice Rosenberg for the outstanding job they did as chairs for White Cane Day.

**Norcross Lions Club** = White Cane collection - Completed Wal-Mart application for donation to GA Lions Lighthouse. We hosted the Norcross High School Student of the Month and her mother to dinner and honored her with a gift card to any Simon mall and a framable certificate. Lion President Warren Anderson recognized all the Students of the Month for this school year at the Norcross High School Awards Ceremony. We continue to work on plans for recruiting new members through invitations and advertisements to an Open House at our Clubhouse in May. We continue to work on the Norcross Art Fest to be held in October. Lion Warren Anderson attended Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute. Youth Exchange report: A student sponsored by the Clayton Lions Club has been successfully placed in Italy this summer.

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

*We had a very successful White Cane day with 8 members volunteering. We dropped 1 member, John Markway.*

*rs have been voted on and UP 10.*

*Eyeglasses collected*

*Lenses*

*Hearing Aids*

*Volunteer Hours*



*4/15/09*

**Royston Franklin Springs Lions Club** = Were having a Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the city's Heritage (Founders) Day Celebration on Saturday, 16 May between 8 to 10 am at the Royston First Methodist Church in Downtown Royston. **Tickets: \$4.00 and kids under 5 are FREE.**

**P.S.** Our Health Fair is from 19 thru 21 May at the Ty Cobb Hospital and the Lions are offering the Health Profile and Screening Services at the Gables Senior Center from 7 to 10 am. Last year we helped process over 140 citizens. Great community project.



**Snellville Lions Club = Fund Raiser:** April 5<sup>th</sup>. Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Briscoe Park, very successful. **Guest Speaker:** Ann Cunningham of the University of Georgia Environmental Sciences, her topic tonight was on The Natural Gas Education Program. April 16<sup>th</sup>. Investigator Michael Graham Atlanta Police Department topic for tonight Burglary. Computer Crimes, Identity Theft, a very interesting program. **Service Projects:** The Following items was turn into the Georgia Lions Lighthouse 1533 used eye glasses 119 prs. Loose lens 79 cell phones 5 Hearing Aids. Hearing and Sight Service Report Aptil1, 2008 to April 1, 2009. Eye Exams Club Paid for 11. Eye Glasses Purchased 20. Lion David Buice donated and installed 3 ceiling fan at the Camp for the Blind on the work week end this month value of fans \$300.00. Lion John Homolak and Nick Brigham work at the Camp for the Blind on the work end this month Lion Elmer Moon work at the Camp early this month. **Training:** Lion Marlene Gillman attended the Southeast Leadership Training School. **Associate Directors:** Three Associate Directors were selected for this coming Lions Year 2009-2010. Lighthouse Norm Masters Camp Nick Brigham RFB&D Marlene Gillman Copies sent to Dist. Governor, Dist. Governor Elect Lighthouse, Camp and RFB&D. **White Cane Day:** Club members collected funds for White Cane at various locations, total funds collected not known at this time as more to be collected. **Non Lions Volunteer Hours:** 97 hours



**Towns County Lions Club** = Saturday, May 2; 6:00 to 9:00 PM GOSPEL SING for Scholarship Fund McConnell Memorial Baptist Church Worship Center. Last year we raised over \$2400. for the Lions sponsored scholarship given to local students. This has been an annual event for a number of years and EVERYONE is urged to come and bring a friend. A free-will offering will be taken for the scholarships. ALL the singers donate their time and effort. Scheduled to sing are: The Cheerful Sounds, Hogsed Trio, Looking Up Trio, Hiawassee Opera Quartet, Masters Peace Quartet, Pianist Wayne Hundley and Special Guest soloists.

**Georgia Mountain Roots & Music Festival June 5 & 6, 2009** Come listen to 2-days of traditional and contemporary Bluegrass, Americana and Folk music in the Anderson Music Hall.

**2009 4th of July Independence Day Fireworks Celebration** 9:45 P.M. Gather your friends and family this summer and celebrate Independence Day at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds with a Fireworks Extravaganza! In participation with United Community Bank, the Fairgrounds will shoot off thousands of pyrotechnics. This is sure to be a show that will light up the mountain sky and end your 4th of July with a bang.



Five New members were inducted April 14



*Toccoa Lions l-r: PDG MC Stowe, PDG Loyd Prewett, James Black, Forrest Connelly, Jr. and Forrest Connelly collecting donations.*



*Lions work bee, preparing white canes for White Cane Days. Toccoa Lions, l-r; Welton Carpenter, PDG Loyd Prewett, James Black, Claud Smith and PDG MC Stowe.*



*Greeting people at Wal-Mart while collecting donations for White Cane Days are PDG, Ruth Payton, Lion Donna Murray and daughter*

**Toccoa Lions Club =** Sight Conservation Report: Lion Nick reported there are services being provided at the Senior Center and there has been a request from the county jail. He continues to receive calls for glasses monthly. Lion Steve reported that our date has been set for April 17th and 18th. Our coverage area will depend on the number of volunteers signing-up to assist. Lion Jim will obtain commitments from members at our Thursday, April 9th meeting. Lion Steve advised that this will be an information meeting, letting the membership know what the Board is doing. White Cane is nearing on April 17th and 18th, we are assembling the canes and tags while Lion Steve passed on the information. The Activity and Administrative funds are in good shape at this time. It appears Lion Mary Ann has done a great job keeping us up to date paying our dues. Lion Steve advised us of the success of our fundraisers thus far. He also advised us about five new members who will be joining our club in the next month. We also got a chance to tour our new meeting room on the campus.

Lion Steve advised us of changes in two of our fundraisers. The Chilly Open and the Children's Film Festival will be put on hold this lion year due to scheduling problems. We hope to put those together next year 2009-2010 lion year. Lion 1st VP Bryan gave a nomination committee report. Next Lion Bill Graham gave a report on his meeting with both the City and County Commissioners concerning SCOTT Transportation project for Stephen County.. Next PDG Lion Ruth told us about a dinner the Open Arms Clinic is having on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Cheek Hall at First United Methodist. The cost per ticket will be \$15.00 and that gets you a dinner and entrance to an auction. The last note for the day was that the Tail Twister took in \$12.98.

**Union County Lions Club = Sight Conservation:** Two applications for eye glasses and exams approved.  
**Lion Mints:** 121 rolls placed. **Thanks:** There was even a compliment to this club as related by Lion Lisa Little, from a member of Lighthouse, how well the 'stuffed envelopes' were returned and Lion Lisa reminded the person that mentally challenged adults under supervision of Lion Mary Arnold stuffed half of the 2,000 envelopes with the other 1,000 being done by our own Lion Rosa Mandon who is in her 80's! It was a very great evening!! **\$4,133.59 has been sent to Lighthouse for White Cane**  
**Lion and friends and family volunteer hours: 492 |**



Lion Louise Little presents Peace Poster Certificates to two winners of the Peace Poster Contest in Union County



Time for visitation – Union County Lions pay visit with the Blue Ridge Lions in District 18-A and Towns County Lions



New Lions



Lions participate through 10 rounds of Spelling Bee



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

**Did you submit yours?**  
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 Go on-line = [www.edmclion.com/](http://www.edmclion.com/) or



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](mailto: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](mailto: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@](mailto: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  
[mhpdg@windstream.net](mailto:mhpdg@windstream.net)

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**  
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

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?

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**Register for Lighthouse 60th Birthday Party!**  
**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.

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

RSVP by calling the Lighthouse or visiting [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org).

**Also don't Forget to Apply for**  
**End of the Year State Lighthouse Awards!**  
**Call the Lighthouse with Questions at 404-325-3630.**

The **Children's Eye Care Center at Emory University** was started by the Lions of GA in 1995. It has become one of the top Centers in the United States in the field of Pediatric ophthalmology. The Children's Eye Center provides a team of Specialists for the care of our children's vision. It is hard to get such Quality Care anywhere else in the Southeast. At the present time there are 3 research projects underway that will have direct effect on the health of children's eyes.

FIRST is the Infant Aphakia Treatment Study. This is a significant national study that is headed by Dr. Scott Lambert, who runs the Eye Center's pediatric section. There are 11 patients at Emory and 125 nationwide. Babies born with cataracts have to have them removed. In this study, they are randomized to either intra-ocular lenses or contact lenses. They will be followed until 5 years of age and the visual outcomes between the two groups will be compared.

SECOND is Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group. In this study it is comparing the corneal thickness in children with their intraocular pressure, a key indication for glaucoma. This will be wrapping up soon.

THIRD is study with this group involves children who need a procedure for tear duct obstruction. They are randomized to an immediate in office procedure versus delaying treatment for 6 months, then it in the operating room (The goal will be to avoid those OR visits if we can). Dr Phoebe Lenhart, the fellow in pediatrics, will be presenting a research project on vision screening at the annual Academy of Pediatric Ophthalmologists meeting.

These are important steps on helping the young babies overcome vision problems. If your Club has not contributed to the Lions Children's Eye Care Center I encourage you to do so. Make the Check to the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation and mark on the check for the Children's Eye Care Center. Also place the name of your club on the check where your club will get credit for the donation.

Thanks to all that supported this project.

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## **Lighthouse Mobile Eye Clinic Program Aims to Prevent Serious Eye Disease**

The Lighthouse Foundation partners with 10 nonprofit clinics and community centers throughout the state to provide eye exams and eyeglasses on a monthly and bi-monthly basis with their Mobile Vision Clinic.



Clinic locations include Albany, Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, Brunswick, Decatur, Macon, Savannah, Tifton, and Waycross. The emphasis of this mobile eye clinic is to serve areas with high populations of diabetic and hypertension patients and provide treatment before eye conditions worsen.

With the clinic program approaching its two year anniversary, the Lighthouse has more than met it's goal of increasing services and access for patients who could not otherwise afford these preventative exams. Eddie Smith is one such patient.



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
VP Ken Thurmond  
[eyebank@alltel.net](mailto:eyebank@alltel.net)



**From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:**

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

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

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

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

### **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.

### **Game Table Sponsors**

\$ 300 – slots, Cards, Roulettes

\$350 –Craps Table Each Side



#### ***Make Checks Payable to Georgia Lions Camp***

Send to Ed Ressler  
3935 Admiral Drive  
Atlanta, Ga. 30341

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.



Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall  
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## Alumni Spotlight

### *Gail Kilbourn Keeps Her Household Moving*

[Listen to Article](#)

Imagine a household of three boys, a German exchange student, and two dogs – seems like a busy place, but it works just fine for Gail Kilbourn. “It’s nice having to care for my family every day,” says Gail with a laugh, “sometimes they run me ragged, but someone has to do it.” Gail is often surprised when people are amazed that she can raise three boys with her visual impairment. Blind since birth, Gail is just living her life the way she knows how - for her, not seeing is normal.

Gail received her first Leader Dog in 1990 and has been working with dog guides ever since. Her sons (Joshua – 8, Jacob – 7, and Matthew – 1) are used to having Gail’s current Leader Dog “Mya” go everywhere with them. “I don’t need to explain to people that they can’t pet Mya when she is working,” she says. “The boys do it for me. When told to, Mya will even follow Joshua through stores and restaurants. She won’t follow Jacob yet, I guess she thinks he’s still too small.”

Even though Gail and Mya have only been working together since October of 2008, they have developed an unspoken understanding of how fast to walk in different situations. “I’ve noticed that Mya is extra careful and walks slower if I’m carrying the baby or have the older boys with me. When it’s just her and I, we both take advantage of the fact that we can walk at a faster pace.”



It’s hard to get Gail’s entire family in the picture and sitting still all at once. Front row: Matthew, Gail, Mya, Jacob, Skye and Joshua; Back row: Pnina-Maria and Roger Kilbourn, Gail’s husband. Pnina (pronounced “Pa-nee-nah”) is the first exchange student placed with a blind person by the Youth for Understanding program.



“I think having Skye (her retired Leader Dog) and Mya in our family adds as much to my husband and sons’ lives as it does to mine. They really are a part of your life in a way that most family pets aren’t.”



## 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?



## A Poem for My Leader Dog “Garnet”

My life used be cheery and bright,  
 but four years ago today I lost my sight.  
 But it’s really not that bleak  
 ‘cause it’s for what you make of it after that and what you seek.  
 And lately there has been a lot fewer sighs  
 for now I have a Leader Dog for my eyes.  
 ‘Cause in her I have so much pride,  
 she is always by my side.  
 So no more the dark I fear,  
 ‘cause I know that my Leader Dog is here.  
 Now with her guiding me, I can go down the sidewalks  
 and across any street.  
 She protects me and keeps me from harm and it’s really neat.  
 All she ever expects is a pat on the head, “good girl,” or a treat.  
 Ken Clark



"When you have to retire your dog, you find out how much they did for you. I don't go many places when I am without a dog. It is easier to get around in crowded areas or when there are choices to be made - when having eyes helps."—Debra Brooks and her 3rd Leader Dog "Mollie"



**LDB is currently on track to impact more lives in 2009 than we have in the past five years. Our combined programs – dog guides, accelerated mobility, Trekker and youth camp – are doing well and filling up.**

GEORGIA	New	Replacement	Domiciliary	AMP
18-A	2	2	1	1
18-B		1		1
18-D	1			1
18-E	2			
18-F				1



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig [lion.swampthing@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), a national nonprofit, volunteer organization, has been the leading accessible

audiobook library for students with disabilities such as visual impairment or dyslexia that make reading standard print difficult or impossible for the last 60 years. With titles available in every subject area and grade level, RFB&D's digitally recorded audio textbooks on CD and downloadable audio textbooks help students challenged by the printed page.

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## Terry And Ron



**Terry Staggs lost his eyesight while clearing a building in Kuwa it City during Desert Storm.**

He regained his mobility three years later when he obtained his first guide dog from a guide dog school up north.

But eight years ago, he suffered a setback when a stroke landed him in a wheelchair. Fortunately, that too had a solution, and Terry learned how to navigate again, this time with a specially trained wheelchair guide dog.

In 2007, his first wheelchair guide dog retired unexpectedly – but this time, the successor dog didn't work out. For eight months, he says, "I couldn't go anywhere unless someone went with me."

Then the veteran learned about Southeastern Guide Dogs, and on March 12, 2009, he graduated with a beautiful, loyal and highly skilled Labrador named Ron. The two make a perfect match. With Ron, Terry says, **"I can go where I want when I want; with a great sense of security."**

Terry and his wife, Sun, have been married 32 years and live in the rolling hills of Tennessee.



**Judy Stamsen CCI Chair**  
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**Unwavering discipline.  
 Steadfast loyalty.  
 Elite training .... And  
 A cold wet nose.**

## 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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 Diabetes Awareness Chair  
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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

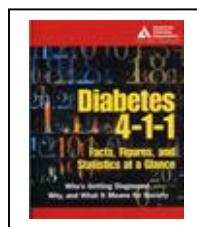
- About 186,300 people younger than 20 years have diabetes (type 1 or type 2). This represents 0.2% of all people in this age group. Estimates of undiagnosed diabetes are unavailable for this age group.

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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#](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!

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In Service,  
Steve



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

- \* Donate funds for needy children to participate in sports, band, school, or arts programs.
- \* Make a wish come true for needy children.
- \* Always purchase goods and services that children are selling for a fund raising project.
- \* Spend time laughing with children. Laughter is a great healer.
- \* Volunteer to provide and mentor academic and vocational training through the schools.
- \* Provide supplies to public assistance agencies.
- \* Establish "Toy Dens" from Lions 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.  
CONSTITUTION**



## GLASB Mission

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



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

*Youth Becoming  
Music Ambassadors  
To The World*

**Georgia Lions All-State Band 2009**

**Application for membership**

**Go to [www.edmclion.com](http://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](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

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