



**We Serve**

# District 18-D Bulletin

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

July 2008



District Governor Dick Smith

Dear “Gold Standard” Lions of 18-D,

On Friday, 27 June 2008, I stood with my five fellow DGE Lions from MD-18 and over 725 other Lions in a very large Bangkok, Thailand, convention center as International President Al Brandel inducted us as his world wide District Governors for the year 2008 – 2009. Later that night my wife and I boarded a bus to start our return trip to Georgia. Thailand was interesting, but I am glad to be home. I am eagerly looking forward to working with you and for International President Al during the next Lions year!

Between my week of District Governor’s training and then a week of the Lions Clubs International Convention, I had several opportunities to see and listen to International President Al Brandel speak. Most of his greetings begin with, “How you doin’?” which comes out in a strong New Yorker accent. In spite of his accent, I was very impressed with what he had to say. As the year progresses, you will have an opportunity to learn more about International President Al’s Lion back ground and his accomplishments. I think you will also

be impressed. Accordingly, what I would like to do is briefly focus on is his International Theme: “Miracles through Service.”

One of the main things International President Al clearly identified were the most important Lions in our world wide organization: YOU! In fact, the way he recognizes you is to refer to you as “Every Day Heroes.” The point International President Al is making is that the service you perform in your local community and in the world is considered a miracle by the people who receive it. Closely related to his recognition of your “Miracles through Service” is his focus on membership growth. Yes, he is interested in seeing our clubs increase in size and the formation of new clubs, but he repeatedly indicated that it isn’t a matter of numbers. Rather, it takes the “hands of Lions” to perform the service we do. It is only by adding the hands of new members to our clubs that we can increase the number of miracles we bring about.

As I already said, I am impressed with International President Al Brandel. No doubt the fact that Lion Al’s points of emphasis are extremely close to mine is one of the key reasons I am impressed. As you check out our district web site and hear me speak to you over the next year, you will find several parallels between his emphasis on service and my question: “If not the Lions, then who?” Who will perform the service we do as Lions, if we aren’t around? As for membership, if we don’t add new members to our clubs in District 18-D, how will we continue to serve our communities and the world? Fortunately, with your support, I believe we will become a “Gold Standard” district this year! As you increase your membership and become gold standard clubs, you will continue to be “Every Day Heroes” performing “Miracles through Service.”

Yours in “Miracles through Service,”

Dick



**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual USA/Canada  
Lions Leadership Forum**



**18-20 September 2008  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada**

We hope that all of you will invite a first timer to attend the Columbus Forum. Those of you who do invite a new attendee will receive a special Forum Pin, stating the year 2008 and the words FORUM MENTOR.

We feel that the real growth of the Forum will come by getting new people to attend. We are targeting all Lions, Lioness and Leos, although most of the seminars will be geared to Lions. They don't have to be current or past officers, as we want everyone to come discover a new world of leadership and service.

To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

Thank you for helping us reach new people. Together we can make the Columbus Forum the best Forum ever!

**Discover a New World of Leadership & Service**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**19 July – Lions Day at  
Camp for the Blind**

If you have not been in the past; you can mark your calendar now. Please let them know how many is in your group. This also can be used as a regular Club meeting event.



**Planning Ahead**



**20 July 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting**

**New Officer Training will be held at 1:00pm  
Cabinet Meeting to start at 2:30pm. Location  
at Winder Lions Club House in Winder.**



**Lion Edna Briggs (past Jefferson Secretary) conducted the secretaries training session. Lion Ken Brand, Jefferson Treasurer conducted the treasurers segment, and DG Dick Smith took charge of presidents training.**

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and it's up to you to spread the word**



## 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 📄?

## Peace Begins With Me

Lions clubs are encouraged to reach out to schools or organized youth groups to sponsor the 2008-09 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, "Peace Begins With Me." A [kit](#) (available from Club Supplies) is needed for each contest sponsored by a club. [Learn more](#) about the contest, and view the 2007-08 grand prize and merit award posters online. Also, international convention attendees can meet the 2007-08 and 2002-03 grand prize winners on [June 25](#) at the Impact Center (near the Peace Poster exhibit) where they will be signing poster reproductions.

## Are you ready for October Membership Growth?

Are you preparing for the [2008 October Membership Growth Award Program](#)? Clubs qualify for a banner patch and Web site recognition in two steps. First, by adding members in October and then by reporting those members on their MMR or WMMR later on in October. Decide now to be involved in membership recruiting for October.

## Lions and Diabetes Awareness

Diabetic retinopathy is one of the leading causes of irreversible blindness worldwide today. The primary objective of the Lions Diabetes Awareness Program is to reduce the number of cases of blindness caused by diabetes through diabetes education, early detection and treatment, and support of research. Lions are especially encouraged to conduct awareness activities and diabetes screenings in their communities throughout the year. Work with your club members, other clubs, or your district to plan a

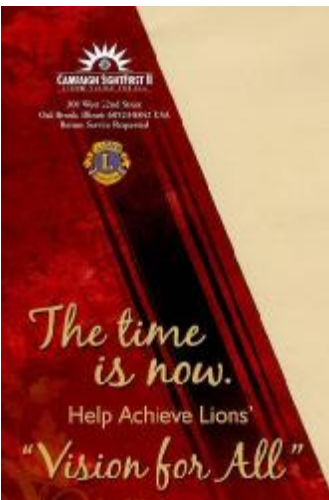
[Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) community event. It's a great way to involve Lions and residents in an enjoyable, low-impact event and boost your club's visibility. The Strides Information Kit contains helpful guidelines for you to plan a successful event. For more diabetes news, visit the [National Diabetes Education Program's](#) Web site for downloadable publications and brochures on diabetes education, prevention and control.

## Miracles Through Service –2008-09 International Program

Watch the International Program video, "[Everyday Heroes](#)," online. The video brings to life 2008-09 International President Al Brandel's program "Miracles Through Service" illustrating the everyday acts of Lions that make them everyday heroes. It is an excellent resource to share with your club members. The DVD is available to purchase from Club Supplies in all official languages. For additional information, [read the written program](#).



**Each year you will get a statement and envelope – please mail back as soon as you are able (Don't forget - this is TAX Deductible)**



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Now when have you gone to your web site [www.edmclion.com](http://www.edmclion.com) and checked out the following items?  
 It should be somewhat easy – but if you have not – just try. Other items of interest are the other  
 Web sites you might wish to visit and find out more about Lionism and our other projects.  
 If you have an idea to pass on please contact me at [edmclionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmclionh@bellsouth.net) and I will try to add.

District Officers

Cabinet Members  
 Plus where to mail  
 Checks to

Dates to Remember  
 has your 2009 State  
 Convention Registration  
 Get it now while its cheap \$70.00

List of Speakers

Do you have a  
 Business Card?

<a href="#">District Officers and District Goals</a>	<a href="#">Dates To Remember</a>	<a href="#">Cabinet Members</a>	<a href="#">PastIntlDir&amp;DistGov.html</a>
<a href="#">18-D Club Directory</a>	<a href="#">District Governor Visit Schedule 2007 and Protocol</a>	<a href="#">List of Suggested Speakers for Club Meeting</a>	<a href="#">District Governor's Contest</a>
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Your Club Directory

Pictures of LEOs and  
 Club members

District Governors Contest

Your District Bulletins  
 Plus Convention pictures

Also – information concerning the MMR: **June 12, 2008 --- 2008-2009 Officers** Congratulations on being elected a 2008-2009 officer (Club President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, District Governor, Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Council Chairperson, Council Secretary). We are currently mailing letters to the incoming officers (that have been entered into the LCI membership/officer system) providing them with their id/password for accessing the WMMR site. Please note however, that these codes cannot be used to access the website and reports until the official start of the new Lion year which begins July 1, 2008.



## Editor's Note



### Fellow Lions:

OK – Here we go again. Are you ready? Now I will only do this once this time, so PLEASE pay as much attention as you can. This information might help only if you wish to do something about it. It is free and you can't go wrong – it just takes some time. It is up to you and your club on what action they might take.

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We are the greatest secret in the world and it's up to you to spread the word.

It is up to you.....



## Dear Club Officers:

### 2008-2009 International President Knows Who the Heroes Are

New International President Al Brandel is down to earth. But his life has been cinematic. As a police officer, he rushed to help a child run over by a car. Years later, he played a part in responding to the September 11 attacks.

Turn the lens on his childhood, and a Frank Capra movie breaks out. Brandel spent his boyhood in a green-lawned neighborhood, with a hardworking World War II vet father, a mother always ready with dinner, and four siblings. And he was the slugger on a baseball team enshrined in the Little League Hall of Fame.

Movies are an apt reference for Brandel. His presidential year will contain drama, heroes, and miracles. And by the final reel, he wants Lions to understand that they are the real stars of the show.

**Membership Has its Rewards:** Brandel's highlights as a Lion include the time he and his wife Maureen worked on a Lions-Habitat for Humanity home. A young girl who was to live in the house showed them her new room. "It was very emotional," he says. "It's not just writing a check that makes you a Lion. It's when you're painting the walls in a house you've just built. And you see the people – that it will be their house."

Brandel joined the West Hempstead Lions Club in 1975 while he was a police officer for Nassau County. A friend, Frank Anzalone, was a hemophiliac. Anzalone was a Lion, and the club put together a blood drive. "The first year Frank asked me to give blood at the drive, and I did," says Brandel. "The second year he asked me to work on the blood drive, and I did. The third year he asked me to work on the blood drive, and to become a Lion."

Brandel helped revive the club as its president in 1977. His goal was to launch a signature project – and the club agreed to provide a "jaws of life" rescue tool for the community. Lions members loaned the club \$5,400 to pay for it. Brandel figured it would take three or four years to raise funds to repay members. But it only took one year. "My most rewarding year as a Lion was when I was club president," he says. "You see the immediate effect of what you do."

**Raised to Serve:** Volunteering ran in Brandel's family. Despite working two jobs, his father "had time for the community," says Brandel. In college, a friend convinced Brandel to take a test for the police department. He did well on the test, and the job. He put in 35 years before retiring. And learned how to handle his emotions. "I understood I had to react in a certain way to be effective," he says.

The events of September 11, 2001 put his ability to handle tough situations to the test. Brandel took reports for many of the 400 missing Nassau County residents, and worked with Lions' leaders from New York and elsewhere to coordinate recovery support efforts. Later, he volunteered for a bereavement retreat. And trudged to doorsteps to notify families when victims' remains were found.

By then, Brandel was a detective with the police department's Juvenile Aid Bureau. He investigated missing children, child abuse, and juvenile crime. "I really understood I could make somebody's life a little better," he says.

**Meeting Maureen:** On their first date, Brandel told his future wife Maureen that he was "a little involved with the Lions." "What's a Lion?" she asked. "I was really impressed that a 40-year-old man who could spend his time doing whatever he wanted chose to spend that free time in a volunteer organization."

Brandel became an international director the year they married, and she traveled the world with him. Maureen joined the Melville Lions Club in 1999, became its president, and then district leadership chairperson. Brandel joined her club as an associate member. "She serves as a role model to spouses that you can have your own career as a Lion."

**Heroes of Service:** As a Lion, Brandel has hand-delivered corneas for transplant, worked with UNICEF to ensure children in disaster areas could continue their education, and saw a Lions district in South Africa feed multitudes. "Lions don't understand the impact they have on the community," he says.

"The real modern-day heroes may never be on TV or have a book written about them," Brandel says. "But the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on somebody's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world – and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard."

Sincerely,

**Al Brandel**

International President

# RETENTION!



**“Membership Retention –  
Routine Maintenance,  
Not Rocket Science”**

## **New Information for You in Lions Year 2008-2009**

The Membership Operations Department will have at least three different resources for your club to use in 2008-2009. If you are interested in increasing your rate of retention, we will have an exit interview (also known as a Former Member Satisfaction Survey) for your use. We will also have two separate resources on recruiting within your community. Ensure that you receive these resources as well as other communication from the Extension & Membership Division by reporting e-mail addresses correctly.

To report updated email addresses, District Membership Chairs may write to [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) and District Retention Chairs may write to [retention@lionsclubs.org](mailto:retention@lionsclubs.org).

## **The Power to Print**

Your Lions club can print material directly from the Lions Clubs International Web site. By printing directly from the Web site, you can:

- introduce concepts to your members
- conduct a membership drive in a hurry
- offer Lions information without having to wait

Materials on membership development, new club formation and club management can be easily accessed from the right-hand side menu of the [Membership Development Web page](#). Printing on your own has never been easier!



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

## **WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!**

We Baby Boomers are a unique generation. We always have been.

We're individualistic, diverse and here in this world to make a difference.

Today, millions of men and women are doing just that in a way we might never have envisioned when we were young: as members of local Lions Clubs.

We're making it all happen with new kinds of clubs and new ways to volunteer. And we're providing our members with new opportunities to make a real and personal impact in key areas of community development, youth and health.

Today, we're a new generation of Lions and we're serving like never before.

## **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

Although we Lions are organized as clubs, we are not preoccupied with our own internal doings. On the contrary, when we talk about involvement, we're referring to the kind that looks outward and helps others.

Every day, all over the world, our members are out in their local communities working as advocates, fundraisers and hands-on volunteers.

We Baby Boomers know how much our communities have given to us over the years. Today, as Lions, we're giving back.

Some of our projects include:  
Food drives, temporary shelter, health clinics, schools, vision screenings, affordable housing and environmental preservation.



**“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.**

**Clermont/North Hall Lions Club**  
June 2008 Activities

At our first meeting Bimbo Brewer of the Hall County Sheriffs Office told us of the Victim Assistance Program of the department. The program provides assistance to victims of crime and helps them through the different stages of the justice system. We also worked at our parking project during the month.

**“We serve”**

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for 1 October at the Trophy Club in Dacula. Collected 403 used eyeglasses for past two months, 6 hearing aids and 4 cellphones. Lion Charlie Tuggle with the Melvin Jones Award. PDG Steve Hart inducting our new member Lion Doug Adams

**Norcross Lions Club - Leadership and Administrative:** Filed this MMR Reports and Addendums postmarked on 26 June. **Lions Programs:** Membership program by Lion Bill Heron from workshop held at GA Lions State Convention by PDG Lil Shurtleff. **Activities:** Collected 51 eyeglasses, 39 cases, 19 loose lenses and 6 cell phones. **Attendance:** Zone Chair to be Lion Bill Heron, incoming President Lion Warren Anderson, Treasurer Lion Ed Hashbarger and Secretary Lion Trudy Rudert attended the officer training in Winder on 10 June. **Activity Report:** Recognized at the 2 June Norcross City Council meeting regarding donation of landscaping at the Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center. Continue organizing for Norcross Art Fest. Preparing for the 3 July fireworks in Norcross. Discussing ways to increase the membership in our club. Planned outside work on clubhouse. CST Lion Trudy met with incoming CS Lion Angela Helwig and CT Lion Tom Williams regarding their duties.

**Frank and Virginia Bixby, co-chairs of our club's bake sale fund raiser as part of Jefferson's annual Freedom Festival.**



**Jefferson Lions Club = Community Service Projects:** Six members of the Jefferson Lions Club attended the new Officer's Training in Winder on June 10. Lion Greg Broussard worked three hours wiring the Lions Club's vendor trailer so it can be used at the June 28 Freedom Festival. Ten lions made baked goods for sale at the Jefferson Freedom Festival and 15 lions worked a total of 66 hours to prepare for the festival and man the booth. Six (6) club members continue to provide on-going donations to **SightFirstII**.



Loganville Lions Club Loganville Lions Club Loganville Lions Club

# LOGANVILLE LIONS CLUB FIRST ANNUAL

## Golf Classic

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Cedar Lake Golf Course in Loganville



Registration begins at 8:00 AM.  
Driving Range opens 9:00 AM.  
Shotgun start at 9:30 AM  
Prizes to be awarded!

Grand Prize 2008 Corvette for a "hole in one" offered by Maxie Price Chevrolet in Loganville.

All golfers welcome and acquire information or entry form by contacting Tournament Coordinator Ben Johnson (404) 550-6277, Brad Johnson (770) 466-3321, Wayne White (770) 896-2421, or Lion President Gene Knight (770) 466-3151.

\$80.00 per golfer or \$300 for a foursome. Limit 72 golfers for tournament. *Hurry & apply for a spot before they are filled!* In lieu of participation, cash donations gratefully accepted.

Leo Sponsor: \$1,000 \*

Lion Tamer: \$500 \*

\* includes entry fee for foursome.

Cub Sponsor: \$250



Lunch & awards following the tournament at 1:30 PM.

Loganville Lions Club Loganville Lions Club



Lawrenceville  
Lions Club

10<sup>th</sup>

Annual Charity  
Golf Tournament

Trophy Club of Apalachee

Dacula, GA

1008 Dacula Road

Wednesday

October 1, 2008

Entry Deadline September 26, 2008

No Raindate

If Rainout, Cash & Prizes will be awarded by drawing. Must be present to win.



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**Snellville Lions Club = Service**

**Projects: Patriotic Night Theme** – Put on your red, white, and blue clothing, flags, pins, hats, shoes....whatever you have and celebrate your pride in the United States of America for the club meeting.

## A Grand Lion Family affair =



**Toccoa Lions Club** = Last Saturday our club president Dave Stancil married the former Ashley Scott at First Baptist Church in Toccoa. Lion Jim Nelson, pastor of First Baptist Church performed the ceremony. The reception was held at the Gate Cottage Restaurant at Toccoa Falls College. Lion Dave and his bride Ashley flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon. They are having a second wedding reception in California on Tuesday, June 24th at Ashley's home church in Bakersfield. Many Lions were in attendance at the wedding and the reception including two District Governors and a cabinet secretary. District governor Kembra Smith 18-F and District Governor Ruth Payton 18-D attended as well as June Phillips 18-F cabinet secretary. Toccoa Lion Bryan Gordon served in the wedding party as an usher and made the wedding program. Lion Henry Fields was the master of ceremonies at the reception. Other Toccoa Lions present were Lions Welton Carpenter, Wayne Carpenter, Mary Ann Mojica, Loyd Prewett, Suzanne McDonald, Marvin Mauldin and Larry Earhart. Many spouses of Lions were also present. The president of our Lions club was married to a lovely young lady who came to Toccoa to attend college. Bryan and Florence are back to wearing Bermuda shorts and T shirts in Georgia. I have recruited and sponsored a new Lion named Ken Fewell, who is a year older than me. He is more of a go getter than I am. Ken is on our new board of directors and is chairman of a committee. We are also inducting a new member at our first meeting in July who is 24 years old. Our new member has three friends his age that are interested in the Lions. This is very good. We are lining up jobs for these new members. We are going to put them to work. At our board of directors meeting tonight we voted to hold a second pancake breakfast every year with all the proceeds to go to the support of our Open Arms Clinic. A free clinic started two years ago in Toccoa. Toccoa Lions gave \$4,000 in seed money to help start the clinic and now we are going to kick it up a notch. I also proposed a new fund raiser the first weekend in November in conjunction with the Toccoa Harvest Festival that was tentatively approved the board tonight. We are beginning to do more in Toccoa.



**Union County Lions Club = Sight / Hearing:** four applications for eye glasses and exams approved. **Lion Mints:** No report. **Brooms / Mops:** 60 items sold. Note: When current supply of brooms & mops are sold, Union County will no longer be having the fund raiser due to shipping cost. **Volunteer Hours:** 169



**Donations:** \$100.00 to local Meals on Wheels.  
**Activities:** Awards night featuring an Hawaiian Luau with 'cook out' and covered dish and everyone dressed 'Hawaiian style', even to some with grass skirts at the Senior picnic pavilion with 8 guests. President Lisa Little recognized each Lion member present with a personal gift and words of appreciation for each one's special talent and dedication to the Lions motto: "We Serve". Highlight of the evening was the Lion of the Year Award to Lion Mary Arnold.



Lion Ray McKee playing bag pipes and Lion Jeff Neal as auctioneer at annual "Auction day".



This is a group shot of Jefferson Lions relaxing for a few moments at the Freedom Festival Bake Sale just before the usual crowd of spectators and participants began to arrive.

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



**Did you submit yours?**

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

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Fellow Lions, **GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE: If you want to read the WHOLE Newsletter go to:** <http://www.lionslighthouse.org/ll/images/files/Beacon-June.pdf>

## Better Hearing Month Recap — A client's personal story

May was better hearing month and at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation we did our part to contribute to people hearing better in Georgia. In the month of May alone, the Lighthouse Hearing Program helped restore hearing to 61 people with 118 hearing aids. One of our hearing client's, Ms. Ria Lehman, spoke at the Lions State Convention this month and did such a wonderful job we wanted to feature her speech in this month's newsletter Ria lives in Marietta, GA where she is a freelance professional organizer and we hope that the hearing aids she received will help her to grow her business. Her hearing aids were provided with the help of Marietta Hearing Center and the kindness of Dr. Laurie Nelson.

Hello everyone! I thank you for inviting me to tell you a little about my experience with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse foundation. I'm the very pleased and happy recipient of a pair of hearing aids, something I was unable to afford by myself, More than thirty years ago I lost a lot of my hearing in one ear, and as it happened over a relatively long period of time, I wasn't really much aware of it.....the other ear at that time, was fine. However, it was brought home to me one morning; when I woke up and having slept on the good ear, realized that though I could hear that the radio was on, I was unable to distinguish any words that the news man was saying. Then it occurred to me that I was now using only the good ear when I talked on the phone. Amazing, isn't it, that we sometimes do things so automatically that they cease to invade our awareness?

Well, I found an excellent ear, nose and throat physician who diagnosed otosclerosis. So I had a stapes replacement, which restored my hearing to about 92 percent of normal, which is where it stayed for maybe 18 years or so. Then I began to notice some loss in both ears, and when I was tested, found that the loss pattern was the same, except it was more profound in one ear than in the other. I was also advised then that I was no longer a candidate for further surgery, but that I should look into hearing assistive devices. However, I was unable to pay anything like the costs then or later, due to a variety of personal circumstances. So I managed for quite a while, but finding myself asking 'WHAT???' more and more, which, of course, frustrated not only me but anyone with whom I happened to be speaking.

Earlier this year I came across an article in the AJC about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, and the fact that they provided hearing aids for needy people, if those per their criteria. I fit! And I was thrilled when I was accepted as a client. I now have, as I've said, a pair of hearing aids, and I can't thank the Lions Club and their Foundation enough for the positive change in my life that being able to hear again has made. The people with whom I've been in contact there have been most kind, caring and helpful, especially Sharifa Peart of the Foundation, as well as Laurie Nelson and her assistant Mary Reitz at Marietta Hearing Center, who did the actual testing and fitting of my new ears! Somehow the hearing aids have also restored my balance, something I've been keenly aware of, having danced most of my life.

Being able to hear well again is wonderful! I thank you all for making it possible



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**2008 Summer Schedule**  
 Session 3: Pre-Teens (ages 10-13) June 29- July 4  
 Session 4: Young Adults (ages 18-25) July 6-11  
 Session 5: Teens (ages 14-17) July 13-25

***19 July – Lions Day at Camp for the Blind***  
**Why Not Go See Your Camp?**

This week I had an amazing experience. I spent a day and half at the Camp—the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. I don't know how many of you have spent time there, especially when we have campers, but it was wonderful to see how much our Camp means to the campers and parents.

On Sunday, the campers arrived with luggage and some with parents. By campers, I mean the 6 to 9 year olds. These are the little folks. They arrived carrying their baby dolls, their blankets, and some with their white canes. Some were shy and some were ready to head out to a new adventure. One family arrived with three—three girls they adopted from India. All three had vision impairments. This is their second family. The mother stayed and the father left—probably for some well-deserved rest and probably was missing them as he drove out of the parking lot. Three different personalities were seen—one immediately started asking questions of the staff, one hung back and one reacted when her mother left the side of her stroller as she was unable to walk.. Then, just as we were sitting down to eat, the three boys arrived. There was no way one was ever going to leave his mother.

After dinner, the campers with staff help settled into the cabins. Rain moved our “campfire” inside but it didn't dampen the spirits of the staff. The campers were still unsure of their surroundings.

Monday was a different story. On Monday I saw one of the campers who hadn't said a word that you could hear talk to her horse. I saw a camper who hung back touch an animal many, many times her size. She said the horse's ears were larger than hers then tried to put her little arms around the horse's necks and hug the horse. I saw a camper take the reins and with the help of a lead person, ride the horse around the corral. The little girl in the stroller sat on the back of a horse as it was walked and she was smiling. The little boy who would not leave his mother was swimming—by himself!

If 24 hours could make such a difference, just think what these campers will be like by Friday! This is what our Camp does for sight-impaired children. So often they lack self confidence but they find themselves at our Camp. They become children at play. Our Camp gives them the opportunity to forget that they cannot see or are considered “special” or someone has told them that they cannot do things. They have a whole new “world” in which sight or the lack of it is not a hindrance to them. For a week they become “normal” children.

When we Lions come to camp just that one day for Lions Day at the Camp, we do not see what I saw this week. Our Camp makes a difference in the lives of children—a huge difference. Without our Camp, where would these children be? Our Camp needs our support. Come and give your time and talents on a work day. Have a Send a Kid to Camp fund raiser. Do it just like the Lighthouse's White Cane. If the Lighthouse can raise \$100,000 in White Cane then we should be able to do the same with Send a Kid to Camp! Think of how many more children we can reach if we had the funds to complete remodeling our buildings. Think of how many more children can learn to be themselves and laugh and swim and hug a horse.





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## Honoring America's Veterans

Dear Lion,



There is a special pride in working at Leader Dogs for the Blind. We are proud to provide much needed services to people who are blind and visually impaired. We are proud that we provide these services free of charge. However, there is a heightened sense of pride, of honor, in providing these programs to men and women who have served our country in the military.

The history of the dog guide is strongly connected to war. The modern dog guide movement was initiated during WWI and the push for dog guides in the United States was accelerated during WWII. Between the attack on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941 to December, 1944 the Army Surgeon General's Office reported that 225 men had lost their vision during combat. During this same time period, the United States Congress passed a bill authorizing an initial appropriation of \$1 million to begin training dog guides for up to 1,000 veterans. By this time Leader Dog had already been in existence for 5 years and was well prepared to serve the students that arrived through the Veterans Administration.

The connection between the military and Leader Dog goes even deeper. In our early years, and even today, many of our instructors received their canine experience while serving in the military as dog handlers where dogs are used for explosive and narcotic detection.

Through the many veterans that have graced our organization over the years, we have witnessed how far strength and determination can take a person in their life. We have taught you, we have learned from you, and we thank you.

Sincerely,

Gregory Grabowski, ("Lion Greg")  
President & CEO



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

### **Snellville Lions Club Partners with Gwinnett County Extension for RFB&D**

Think about this fact “currently there are about 6500 borrowers in Georgia that are using our materials, but there is the potential for 30,000 borrowers who could benefit from the recorded books.” These statistics are from Lion Fred Smith, Production Director for RFB&D in Georgia who is concerned that we need to stress “books to borrowers. The more audio books we can record for the students, the better it is for those who need this service.” By obtaining a membership with RFB&D, a borrower gains access to the database of over 500,000 circulating textbook titles. “Our biggest obstacle is trying to serve those that just don’t know about us,” says Fred Smith.

What is your club doing to support RFB&D? Have you appointed an Associate Director to lead your club? We, as Lions, should help spread the word about this wonderful opportunity that the visually handicapped have available to them. “The Georgia Studio (RFB&D located on the University of Georgia campus) reads books of many different grade levels and subject areas. While many of the volunteer readers are “General” readers, others read books in their specialty areas like mathematics, science, medicine, law, history and music. All volunteer readers are welcome and often can obtain books to match special reader skills (such as foreign languages).” The studio is the only one in Georgia, and one of 29 locations scattered across the country. To help promulgate this information, you may consider creating a poster, publishing a flyer, or spreading the information by word of mouth. Let your relatives, neighbors, and school teachers know about the RFB&D local website, <http://www.rfb.org/GA/index.html>, and what is available there to help them. You never know who may have a child in need. Find out more about what Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic is by visiting the website yourself so you may be more informed. Invite Fred Smith or one of his co-workers to a club meeting. They will be happy to share their knowledge with you.

Although the Georgia Recording Studio is in Athens, Georgia, by using the Lions Audio Book recorder software, [www.rfbga.org/LABR](http://www.rfbga.org/LABR), volunteers are able to use their home computers to record the audio books. The software is easy to learn and convenient to use at home. Be creative in the solicitation of people you recruit to read the audio books. Church groups, garden clubs, and book clubs may be interested in this project.

The Snellville Lions Club has worked for many months with Fred Smith to develop a niche group of volunteers to record books. It began when one of their members exchanged business cards with Fred at a club meeting where he presented the RFB&D program to the members. The Snellville member thought about where she worked and knew she was in an ideal situation to work a collaboration effort for RFB&D. By forming a partnership between the Snellville Lions Club and the Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension (UGA) where she works, this Lion now has Senior Council 4-H members and Gwinnett County Master Gardeners recording audio books both at home and in a make-shift lab at her office. Her director was completely in favor of the collaboration effort and wrote an article for the local newspaper. A 24 x 36 framed poster depicting the teens and Master Gardeners recording is now available for the Snellville Lions Club to display at all their events. From the information given in the newspaper article, several readers were led to call her office for more information and are now part of the widening circle of people recording for the blind and dyslexic under the Snellville Lions Club patronage.

It is heartening to see teenagers interested in recording audio books for fellow teens and children. This might be a good project for a Leo Club, a Scout group, or even a high school book club. Ask a teenager... you may be surprised at their response.

The Snellville Lions Club issues you a “Challenge to Change” the lives of others by contributing your time, your talent and your vision to RFB&D.

[Check this out =](#)

**IMAGINE WHAT YOU MIGHT LEARN BY CHECKING OUT RFB&D's WEBSITE**



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## Diabetes Prevention

There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States who have diabetes. Unfortunately, there are 6.2 million people who don't know they have diabetes. The total economic cost of diabetes in 2007 was estimated to be \$174 billion. As these statistics from the American Diabetes Association show, diabetes is a very devastating disease.

As Lions, we should be very aware of this serious disease that is reaching epidemic proportions. We should be doing all we can to prevent diabetes for ourselves and those we love. A recently completed Diabetes Prevention Program study showed that people with pre-diabetes can prevent the development of type 2 diabetes by making changes in their diet and increasing their level of physical activity. In some cases, blood glucose levels can be reduced to normal levels. Just 30 minutes a day of moderate physical activity, coupled with a 5-10% reduction in body weight, produced a 58% reduction in diabetes.

Exercise is anything that gets you moving. Maybe you have never exercised before, or maybe you used to, but stopped. Walking is a great way to get fit. It improves circulation and mobility, promotes weight loss and even helps reduce stress. The second part of this prevention program is nutrition. For help in both these areas, go to the American Diabetes Association website at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). There is no better time to get started than NOW!

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Visit us at <http://diabetes.org>  
 Or Call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383)



## The Latest News:

Canine Companions for Independence has provided many assistance dogs to US war veterans across the country. With the increase in wounded veterans who could benefit from an assistance dog, we want to do more.

For a veteran making a new start putting their life back together from an injury, an assistance dog can provide the help they need to regain independence. [Read stories](#) of veterans with CCI assistance dogs.



**Are you ready for an assistance dog?** Here are some traits of current veteran graduates:

- Disabled in combat
- Uses a manual wheelchair
- Paraplegic or amputee
- Full (or mostly full) mobility of both arms; good upper body strength
- Good cognitive ability and clear speech
- Stable home life to provide for a dog's basic needs
- Completely fenced yard
- Ready for the benefits of an assistance dog

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Please contact Jerry Dupree, 18D SE Guide Dog District Chairman, if you'd like him to present the SE Guide Dog program at one of your future club meetings.

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## Today, children need Lions more than ever.

MILLIONS of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, disease, and disabilities. Tragically, they often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their

Distress and give them hope for the future.

The *Lions Services for Children Program* was officially adopted in 2003, continuing Lions Clubs International's long tradition of helping the world's future generations. A district chairperson is officially approved and recommended for the program.

As a global organization with community roots, Lions Clubs International is in an ideal position to improve the lives of children through local initiatives and international cooperation. The problems children face vary in degree from country to country, but the need for health and education services is constant and universal. Lions clubs can help by developing projects with specific, attainable goals in these two areas.

Every Lions club can participate in this effort by assessing the needs of children in its particular community and coordinating resources to address those needs. Assistance to children and young adolescents ages nine months to 15 years is especially recommended.

Lions can determine the most serious needs of children and young adolescents by consulting with specialists such as administrators at hospitals, schools, and youth services organizations.



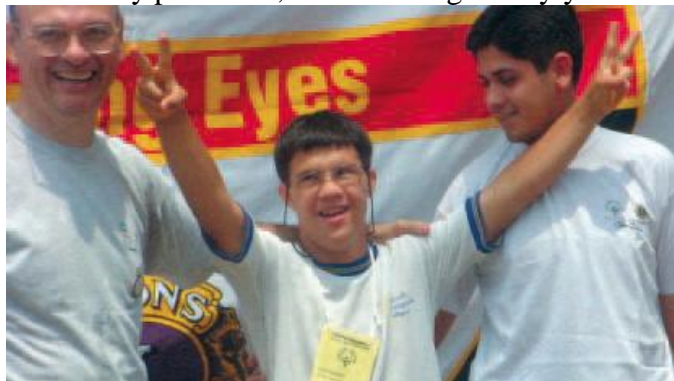
These needs may include:

- Food, shelter, or clothing
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Immunizations
- Assistance in coping with illnesses or disabilities
- Information about proper nutrition
- Drug and alcohol abuse education
- Literacy programs
- Vocational training

A **Lions Services for Children Community Needs Assessment** may help your club to identify the children's services that would be most necessary in your community. A special form is available free of charge from the *Lions Services for Children Program*

at International Headquarters.

Lions in Tennessee, recognized the need for children in their area to receive vision screenings. They collaborated with various schools and health centers and established a mobile sight unit, from which they provide 8,000 screenings every year.



**Here are two excellent ways Lions can address specific health and education needs of children.**

Each year, four billion cases of diarrhea result in 2.2 million deaths, mostly among children under the age of five. SODIS is a simple and inexpensive water disinfection method that can alleviate this problem. In 2004, Lions Clubs International signed a collaborative agreement with The Swiss Federal Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, which developed the method. Clubs and districts through cooperation with Lions in countries with high incidences of water-borne diseases like diarrhea, or through medical missions, can address the health needs of children by educating people about SODIS.

Worldwide, more than 120 million children lack the opportunity to attend school. Lions Clubs International is working with UNICEF to address the education needs of children where schooling has been disrupted by wars and other calamities. Lions, through a designated donation of US\$188 to LCIF, can provide a "School-in-a-Box" kit with essential school supplies for an instructor and up to 80 students.

**THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH A CHILD (OR ANY- ONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER):**

- \* **No matter the circumstance or setting, always be honest, fair, and trustworthy.**
- .. **Think of others and not yourself.**
- .. **Consider whether you are working for personal gain or the benefit of others.**
- .. **Don't talk behind another Lions' back.**



**As we head into this 4<sup>th</sup> of July we must remember:**



### **My Heart on the Line By Frank Schaeffer The Washington Post**

Before my son became a Marine, I never thought much about who was defending me. Now when I read of the war on terrorism or the coming conflict in Iraq , it cuts to my heart. When I see a picture of a member of our military who has been killed, I read his or her name very carefully. Sometimes I cry.

In 1999, when the barrel-chested Marine recruiter showed up in dress blues and bedazzled my son John, I did not stand in the way. John was headstrong, and he seemed to understand these stern, clean men with straight backs and flawless uniforms. I did not. I live in the Volvo-driving, higher education- worshipping North Shore of Boston. I write novels for a living. I have never served in the military.

It had been hard enough sending my two older children off to Georgetown and New York University . John's enlisting was unexpected, so deeply unsettling. I did not relish the prospect of answering the question, "So where is John going to college?" from the parents who were itching to tell me all about how their son or daughter was going to Harvard. At the private high school John attended, no other students were going into the military.

"But aren't the Marines terribly Southern?" asked one perplexed mother while standing next to me at the brunch following graduation. "What a waste, he was such a good student," said another parent. One parent (a professor at a nearby and rather famous university) spoke up at a school meeting and suggested that the school should "carefully evaluate what went wrong."

When John graduated from three months of boot camp on Parris Island, 3,000 parents and friends were on the parade deck stands. We parents and our Marines not only were of many races but also were representative of many economic classes. Many were poor. Some arrived crammed in the backs of pickups, others by bus. John told me that a lot of parents could not afford the trip.

We in the audience were white and Native American. We were Hispanic, Arab and African American and Asian. We were former Marines wearing the scars of battle, or at least baseball caps emblazoned with battles' names. We were Southern whites from Nashville and skinheads from New Jersey, black kids from Cleveland wearing ghetto rags and white ex-cons with ham-hock forearms defaced by jailhouse tattoos. We would not have been mistaken for the educated and well-heeled parents gathered on the lawns of John's private school a half-year before.

After graduation one new Marine told John, "Before I was a Marine, if I had ever seen you on my block I would've probably killed you just because you were standing there." This was a serious statement from one of John's good friends, an African American ex-gang member from Detroit who, as John said, "would die for me now, just like I'd die for him."

My son has connected me to my country in a way that I was too selfish and insular to experience before. I feel closer to the waitress at our local diner than to some of my oldest friends. She has two sons in the Corps. They are facing the same dangers as my boy. When the guy who fixes my car asks me how John is doing, I know he means it. His younger brother is in the Navy.

Why were I and the other parents at my son's private

school so surprised by his choice? During World War II, the sons and daughters of the most powerful and educated families did their bit. If the idea of the immorality of the Vietnam War was the only reason those lucky enough to go to college dodged the draft, why did we not encourage our children to volunteer for military service once that war was done?

Have we wealthy and educated Americans all become pacifists? Is the world a safe place? Or have we just gotten used to having somebody else defend us? What is the future of our democracy when the sons and daughters of the janitors at our elite universities are far more likely to be put in harm's way than are any of the students whose dorms their parents clean?

I feel shame because it took my son's joining the Marine Corps to make me take notice of who is defending me. I feel hope because perhaps my son is part of a future "greatest generation." As the storm clouds of war gather, at least I know that I can look the men and women in uniform in the eye. My son is one of them. He is the best I have to offer. He is my heart.

### [Pacifism is a Luxury Paid for by Warriors](#)





# NEWS FLASH

**Overview for those who did not get the word:** Beginning in April 2008, there will be a change in the submission dates for clubs to report their monthly membership reports (MMRs). These reporting changes will apply both to clubs that report their membership transactions online (through the online WMMR system) and for clubs that submit paper MMRs to international headquarters. As explained below, the overall goals are to (1) enable LCI to produce more timely cumulative monthly membership reports, and (2) provide more consistency and accuracy between the LCI cumulative monthly member report and Club Billing Statements and District Financial Recap reports.

**Q: Why were the changes necessary?** This will allow the association to report membership on a timely basis.

**Q: Will the due dates change for monthly membership reporting?**

**Yes, for clubs that report online through the WMMR system, transactions must now be entered by the last day of the current month.**

**And for clubs that file paper MMR reports, they must submit paper MMRs to LCI by the 20th of the current month.**

Transaction entered on the WMMR will be reported in the current month. For example, transactions entered on July 7<sup>th</sup> will be considered a “July” reporting.

**Mailed reports, must be received by the 20th of the month,** to be included in that month’s cumulative report. Reports, received after that date, will be recorded in the membership system with the current month; however will be included in the next month’s cumulative report. The following are the dates to submit each months’ report, effective beginning in April 2008:

<b>Month</b>	<b>MMR Reporting (mailed)</b>	<b>WMMR Reporting (online)</b>
July	July 1 - July 20	July 1 - July 31
August	August 1 - August 20	August 1 – August 31
September	September 1 - September 20	September 1 – September 30
October	October 1 - October 20	October 1 – October 31
November	November 1 - November 20	November 1 - November 30
December	December 1 - December 20	December 1 – December 31
January	January 1 - January 20	January 1 - January 31
February	February 1 - February 20	February 1 - February 28
March	March 1 - March 20	March 1 – March 31
April	April 1 - April 20	April 1 - April 30
May	May 1 - May 20	May 1 – May 31
June	June 1 - June 20	June 1 – June 30

**Q: Will this eliminate the LCI cumulative monthly membership reports being a month behind?** Yes, the reports will now contain current monthly data, rather than being a month behind.

**Q: Must club secretaries still report monthly?** Yes, to help LCI more accurately reflect membership numbers, clubs will still need to report monthly. Previous month’s reporting can no longer be submitted past the month’s cutoff date.

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