



We Serve

District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

October 2007



District Governor Ruth Payton

Fellow Lions:

There is a VERY important week-end coming up that you can't afford to miss! I urge every club to send at least one member to participate in the events. Letters have been sent out to club presidents and secretaries but it does not need to stop there. Please let your membership know of the upcoming Rally which is fast approaching.

There are many definitions according to Webster, but the one I like best that describes what this week-end is about is: "to acquire fresh strength, vigor, to come together for common action". Why deny yourself that "shot in the arm" or further insight into what Lionism is all about?

All the events will take place at the Gainesville Civic Center starting Friday evening, Nov. 9th with a Hall of Fame dinner and entertainment. There will be an induction of new Hall of Fame members. Cost is \$20.00 each - Please send check to DG Ruth Payton.

Saturday morning will start with Dynamic Club Workshop (9am-12noon). This will be conducted by PCC Mark Miller from 18-A and is free to all! All Lions are invited and urged to make this a priority. Lunch will be on your own.

At 2 pm there will be a short Cabinet Meeting with written reports taken followed by a question and answer session with ID Joseph Gaffigan that will give an opportunity to learn more about the workings of different aspects of Lionism.

At 6 pm there will be a banquet (\$20.00 each) at which time ID Joseph Gaffigan from Silver Springs, MD will be our keynote speaker. Reservations need to be made through the club secretaries and sent to Lion Herman Jones as per letter that has been sent out. It will be on "first come first serve" basis as is the policy for table seating.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there! Don't miss this opportunity to do yourself a favor!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Exemplifying "We Serve"- Lions World Sight Day 2007

Each year hundreds of Lions clubs around the world hold vision screenings, community education programs, eyeglass collections and other special projects to mark Lions World Sight Day, which is October 11 in 2007. Partnering with local eye care professionals or organizations to conduct vision, glaucoma and cataract screenings



- Offering to work with local schools or preschools on vision screenings or providing information about eye health to students
- Conducting a diabetes screening and awareness program in conjunction with a local
- Distributing Lions Eye Health Program material at a health fair, library or community center
- Launching or expanding a community-wide eyeglass recycling program

Now is the time to plan your club's activities for **Lions World Sight Day 2007**. There are a number of resources that will help. For suggestions about what your club can do to mark Lions World Sight Day, download The Lions World Sight Day [Activity Guide](#).



GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.: Fall Meeting: **October 20-21, 2007** – Macon State College MACON STATE COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION BUILDING. Meeting of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation – see below =



Plan for Sight Night 2007 = What do we do?

Organize a Sight Night Collection of Used Eyeglasses and Cell Phones

Decide who is going to organize and collect eyeglasses for your Sight Night activity. Consider partnering with

your Leo Club, Boy or Girl Scouts, Children Church Groups, schools, etc. Confirm the date for trick-or-treat in your community.



What a challenge.....

Work with kids.....

Give the Gift of Sight – is another way of letting the community know who and what you are. Just imagine having a kid walk up to your door on Halloween with two bags and saying “Trick or treat – Thank you – By the way, do you have any old glasses, hearing aids or cell phones

Have you partnered with any group?



Region 2 = 19 November, Dawsonville

Region 3 = 6:30, 30 October, Snellville Senior Center, in Snellville, GA



Planning Ahead



GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC. Fall Meeting: November 3-4, 2007 – Warner Robins, GA.

November – Annual LCIF Contributing Member Month.

18-D District Rally

10 November – Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming District Rally. Inform all of your members to mark their calendars for this day. This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Saturday can be an all day event. In the morning Dynamic Work Shop is planned. The Rally starts at 6:30 p.m. and cost will be \$20.00 per person. Come one, come all... **Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis for \$160.00.** ID Joseph Gaffigan will be our guest speaker from Silver Springs, Maryland. He is currently a sector coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II and chairperson of Lions Clubs International's Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

Check your mail box

For more info will come – stay tuned.

November - Recognize World Diabetes Day
World Diabetes Day, November 14, aims to highlight the rising prevalence of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes in children and adolescents. It is estimated that 70,000 children under age 15 develop type 1 diabetes each year (almost 200 children a day). Begin organizing your diabetes awareness event now. Check out the September issue of the Bulletin – look under Where in the World on 3 pages for more information – Strides Walk or DVD on Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam plus much more.

Peace Poster Contest Judging Deadlines.

Lions clubs sponsoring the 2007-08 **"Peace Around the World"** must mail posters advancing to district judging by 15 November. Be sure the sticker (PPC-4) included in each Peace Poster Contest kit is affixed to the back of the poster.



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** 📄?

Hadley – A Valuable Resource for Lions to Share:

Lions can offer an important life-enhancing resource to people who are blind or visually impaired, their family members, and professionals working with the blind. The **Hadley School for the Blind** is an international organization offering distance education and tuition-free courses for people age 14+ who are; blind or visually impaired; a sighted relative of a blind or visually impaired child; a sighted relative of a blind or visually impaired adult; or professionals in the blindness field.

Lions are encouraged to visit the **Hadley Web site** or inquire via **e-mail**. An attractive award pin, **"Touching Lives,"** is available to Lions, free of charge. It features the Lions logo and is given to a Lion who refers a student to enroll in Hadley courses.

Lions Assist with Pandemic Influenza Preparedness:

Lions Clubs International is working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to disseminate information about large-scale (pandemic) influenza (flu) preparedness. LCIF Chairperson Jimmy Ross participated in a HHS photo shoot and will appear on a "toolkit" of pandemic flu resources to be distributed throughout U.S. communities. In addition, 18 U.S. Lions will participate in local meetings with HHS representatives to develop methods of distributing pandemic flu information. **Read further** about this addition to the Lions ALERT emergency

preparedness program. The association is open to working with health agencies in other countries to provide similar life-saving information.

Lions Service for Children Program:

How can you provide assistance to the children and young adolescents in your area who are living in adverse circumstances? The Lions Services for Children [Community Needs Assessment](#) will help your club or district to determine the services that will most benefit these children. It will also help to identify opportunities to collaborate with health care professionals, educators and local organizations concerned with meeting the health and education needs of children. [E-mail](#) the Health and Children's Service Department for more information.



What is CSFII?

**Gifts of US\$1,000+ are eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
All gifts of US\$100+ are eligible for Campaign SightFirst II recognition.**

Total Gift	Annually	Monthly	Daily
US\$10,000	US\$2,000	US\$166.67	US\$5.48
US\$5,000	US\$1,000	US\$83.33	US\$2.74
US\$2,500	US\$833.33	US\$69.44	US\$2.28
US\$1,000	US\$333.33	US\$27.78	US\$.91
US\$500	US\$166.67	US\$13.89	US\$.46
US\$400	US\$133.33	US\$11.11	US\$.37

*Pledges of US\$5,000+ may be fulfilled over five years.
Pledges of US\$4,999 and below may be fulfilled over three years.*

**Why Not make your own PERSONAL contribution of \$200 or
why not become a Melvin Jones Fellow - \$100.00 down and \$300.00 a year for 3 years.
(Don't forget - this is TAX Deductible)**

It takes more than hospitals, screenings and medicines to save sight it takes Lions.

For Lions, saving sight and service for CSFII are intimately tied. What Lions do in the next several months will ensure that a lifetime of sight reaches individuals around the world.

Through CSFII, Lions are working to ensure that SightFirst is not simply a shining moment in Lions' history, but a lasting, global legacy. What will your club do to help?

Club presidents will begin receiving these materials by mail within the next few weeks. The materials being sent to the clubs include:

- Five Steps to Success in Your Club
- "The Year of CSFII and Your Club" DVD
- USA Brochure
- Donor Cards
- Record of Contribution Form
- Return envelopes



Editor's Note



Dear Lion Officer:

Volunteerism – Hmmmmm

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

~Mahatma Gandhi

Who can get this fever?

Small children, teens and adults of all ages.

Churches, businesses, schools, social and civic organizations.

Disabled adults and youth.

No one is immune unless they choose to be!

Faith-Based Organizations =

Faith based organizations are filled with members who have the faith and strength to change the world. They stand ready and willing to come to the call for help whenever help is needed. From the Mission teams to Sunday school classes, these organizations and their members provide the community with thousands of caring volunteers.



Members give their love and assistance unconditionally to help friends, neighbors and others in need. The fellowship that occurs and the smiles on their faces tell a story of the joy and fulfillment that they realize from giving of themselves.

Youth Volunteers =

By getting youth involved at an early age, we instill positive values, compassion and a sense of responsibility. When youth take part in helping throughout the community, they are less likely to participate in high risk behavior resulting in a win-win situation for everyone. Research shows that children, who begin participating in their community at a young age, tend to carry this commitment into adulthood. It also show that students

who volunteer are more likely to stay in school, stay off drugs and stay out of trouble.



It is vital that students understand the importance of volunteering and the positive results associated with helping others. By enabling youth to help, we inform and empower them with the knowledge that their actions and choices can have a positive effect on the world.

Children learn what they live and are lead by example. Teaching youth to help others can have a lifelong impact. It allows them to see themselves as problemsolvers and gain self-confidence ultimately helping them to gain maturity and empathy for others.

What can you do???? Just ASK maybe.....

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

It is up to you.....

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**For those who missed this one =====**

### The Clark Howard Show = ASK CLARK:

**Cheap prescription eyeglasses** - ZenniOptical.com is a website where you can get a simple **pair of prescription glasses for \$8**. It is going to cost you a decent amount more if you have special requirements for your glasses but you can get glasses in a fairly short amount of time at a great price. If you look at reviews online you will see that most of the people that have used the website are pretty happy with the service and product that they have received. So check out ZenniOptical.com, type in your prescription, and get your glasses on the cheap.

### Web sites/phone numbers mentioned:

- [zenniOptical.com](http://zenniOptical.com) - \$8 eyeglasses



The **KEY WORD** to all of this is **ASK**  
 Any further questions – just ask!

Dear Club Officer,

Are you ready for October?

September has traditionally been a key month for Lions Clubs. In many parts of the world it is when activity resumes, in the northern hemisphere it is with renewed intensity after a summer hiatus and in the southern hemisphere it is the revival of spring. And almost everywhere, it is when new club officers begin to have a real impact on the club's direction.

That makes it an excellent time to invite new members to share in your service to the community. The October Membership Growth Award recognizes the importance of this time by presenting a banner patch award to the three clubs in each district that are most successful in adding new members.

Please remember that your club's ability to attract new members depends largely on the public face it presents to the community – and as such, it is a vital part of my program to "re-brand" Lions Clubs International. Please take the time to view the [Best Practices for Inviting New Members click here](#). It contains new and innovative ideas as well as tried-and-true methods for bringing quality individuals in your community into your club.

To help prepare for new members, you might also ask yourself and your fellow Lions:

Are your service activities fun for members as well as being important for the community?

Do your meetings move quickly and efficiently enough to take care of all business without wasting your members' time?

Is there anything you can do to make them more interesting to your members?

Can you offer members opportunities for meaningful hands-on service?

If your club is planning on recruiting families, is your club ready?

Are you ready to bring new members into the mainstream of club activities?

Are your members vital and engaged in many aspects of community life? (Please remember that an important goal this year is to increase the number of women and members under-40 years of age in our clubs.)

I believe that there are two international activities, unique to Lions Clubs International that will be especially effective in capturing the imagination of vital young people who want to make a difference in our world.

One is our worldwide leadership in the effort to reduce and eliminate preventable blindness as exemplified by Campaign SightFirst II. CSFII is the fulfillment of our commitment to be Knights of the Blind. More than US\$112 million has already been raised but in this final Year of Campaign Sight First II, an intense effort by all Lions is needed so that we may celebrate reaching our US\$150 million goal at the international convention in Bangkok. Your club's successful participation in this extraordinary effort will do nothing less than change the world – an inspiring fact to share with prospective members. For full details on the campaign, please see <http://www.lions-csfii.org>.

The other is Lions' International Peace Poster Contest which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. This beloved program demonstrates Lions' longstanding commitment to international cooperation and to the well-being of children throughout the world – both important issues for people concerned about the world we will leave to our children. [Please see the LCI web site to learn more about what your club can do.](#)

These unique programs are extraordinary opportunities to engage the interest and participation of your community. I believe that you owe it to the future of your club – and the future of our world – to do your best in promoting both. These efforts, combined with a thorough and sincere reevaluation of your club's projects and procedures will go a long way to ensuring the vitality of your club for years to come.

I look forward to hearing of your success in October membership growth. As always, you have my thanks for all you do for your fellow Lions and the people of our world.

Sincerely,  
Mahendra Amarasuriya  
President  
International Association of Lions Clubs



D. G. Ruth Payton installs 3 new members in Towns County Lions Club.

**Have you gone to Membership Development and New Club Formation** on Lions International web site – you should have seen the following and then searched more for information:

**Family Volunteer Activities** – it even has a view the Family Activity List.

**Student Member Program** – You could learn more when you check out the Student Member Program.

**Boomers Outreach Campaign** – Did you view the Boomers Campaign Web page?

**Women in Lions** – Have you checked out information on Women in Lionism.



*“I am your opportunity.”*

Helen Keller

**“Opportunity lies within Lions.”**

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# RETENTION!

Let's think about it.....and ask, what have I done to close the backdoor?

**How is your Retention Program – are you keeping GOOD LIONS???** Let's try something different – let me go down under with some new thoughts.



“Membership Retention – Routine Maintenance, Not Rocket Science”

*The TEN COMMANDMENTS for a good retention program =*

## The TEN Commandments

1. Meetings = Punctuality and Control.
2. Allocate Lions tasks that they will want to do.
3. Show all members you care about them.
4. Keep in touch with members and their families.
5. Don't have an overkill of fines sessions & jokes.
6. Involve all your members.
7. Bond the club together through social activities.
8. Be interested in people – acknowledge achievements.
9. Give thanks and praise when and where due.
10. Deal promptly with any conflicts or disagreements.

I will deal with each of these retention factors in future monthly Bulletins.

# 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**.

Look around:



**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.**



**Logan's Roadhouse – could be new location for Athens. Mr. James Tuttle, Faculty Advisor of Clarke Middle School Leo Club**



**Lighthouse Vision Clinic at Athens at Mercy Health Clinic**

## **Clermont/North Hall Lions Club**

**September 2007 Activities**

At our meeting this month Maureen Story, the Diabetes Education Program Manager for the Northeast Georgia Medical System, gave us an overview of the disease and pointers to avoid or manage it. We left the meeting with an array of diet and exercise hints.

Our members were instrumental in Clermont's festival. Our president chaired the town's committee which put together "Clermont Days." In addition our club members provided and ran a train which provided rides around the festival grounds for both kids and adults. At the same time we sold brooms and mops and also provided vision screenings.

During the month we also parked cars for an event at the Mountain Center. Our members volunteered a total of 195 hours this month.

**Cornelia Lions are making plans for their Children's Film Festival", usually in early December. The Cornelia lions also have mops and brooms for sale at various times thru out the year. If you want to buy a broom or mop contact any Lions Club Member and we'll gladly make arrangements to get them to you!**



## Forsyth County Lions Club

Be ready to give up 11 days for the Cumming Fair October 4th - 14th. Please schedule lots of time to work at this biggest fundraiser we have.

Busy! Busy! Busy! Food Fundraisers and a Health Fair have kept the Forsyth County Lions Club members very busy this summer.



Aerial view of the Jefferson Annual Classic Auto Show



Jefferson Lions Club Annual Classic Auto Show winners



The Jefferson Lions Club recently hosted as guests and speakers at an August meeting, members of the Soldiers Connection, a program begun by the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 233 in Loganville, GA. Dedicated to identifying and helping to fill the unique needs of service men and women serving in the front lines of the War, Soldiers Connection has grown to be nationwide in scope. Through the efforts of volunteers across America thousands of care type boxes filled with hard-to-get specialty items have been shipped to units in Afghanistan and Iraq. Items particularly requested by the troops include toiletries (e.g., LOTS of baby wipes, eye drops, chap stick, sun block, etc.), mosquito netting, nutritious snack foods, phone cards, DVDs, CDs, books & magazines, etc., etc. This most worthwhile project has been commended by Governor Perdue and leaders from both branches of the GA Legislature. Contributing local participants include Jefferson's American Legion Albert Gordon Post 56, the Jefferson Lions Club, the VFW in Athens, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 92. Persons desiring additional information may contact Soldiers Connection Chairperson, Jean Adcock (770) 787-9085, American Legion Post 56 Commander, Harvie Lance, (706) 654-1274, visit [www.soldiers-connection.com](http://www.soldiers-connection.com) or E-mail: [soldiersconnect@bellsouth.net](mailto:soldiersconnect@bellsouth.net) AmLeg Cdr Harvie Lance, who is also a Jefferson Lion, recently arranged for a visit and briefing by several ladies representing Soldiers Connection. This group of volunteers dedicated to supporting our armed forces in the Middle East, has already been featured in *The Jackson Herald*.



JLC President, Mark Bradley is presenting DG Ruth with a Jefferson Bicentennial afghan. Region Chair Grace Clower (at right) had been presented with a Jefferson Bicentennial pillow.

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = Our annual Gold Tournament will be held on 3 October. We had 13 guests present for our membership drive with guest speaker VDG Dick Smith. 5 October has been set for the upcoming eye screening at the Senior Center. A fund raiser will be held at Harmony Grove Elementary School. Collected 178 used eye glasses and 1 hearing aid. 63 volunteer hours reported.

**Norcross Lions Club** = Preparing for the Annual Norcross Art Fest. Check out the web site at <http://www.norcrossartfest.com> we might have something you are interested in.

**Snellville Lions Club** = During the month of September, we celebrated our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Chartered 1952). Turn out for the Car Show in Loganville was good along with sales. 36 members received perfect attendance pins. Had a terrific program on 6 September – Yasmin Assar, a senior at Parkwood High School was invited to tell us his reason on why he took on a special project of collecting used eye glasses for many years as his own personal project. Collected 146 eye glasses, 19 pair of lenses and 7 cell phones. Come one – come all for the Snellville Lions Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on 13 October from 5pm to 7:30pm at the Snellville Methodist Church in the Wesley Hall on Main Street in Snellville. Adults \$7.00 and Children under for \$4.00.



New members installed in the Winder Noon Lions Club.

### **Union County Lions Club**

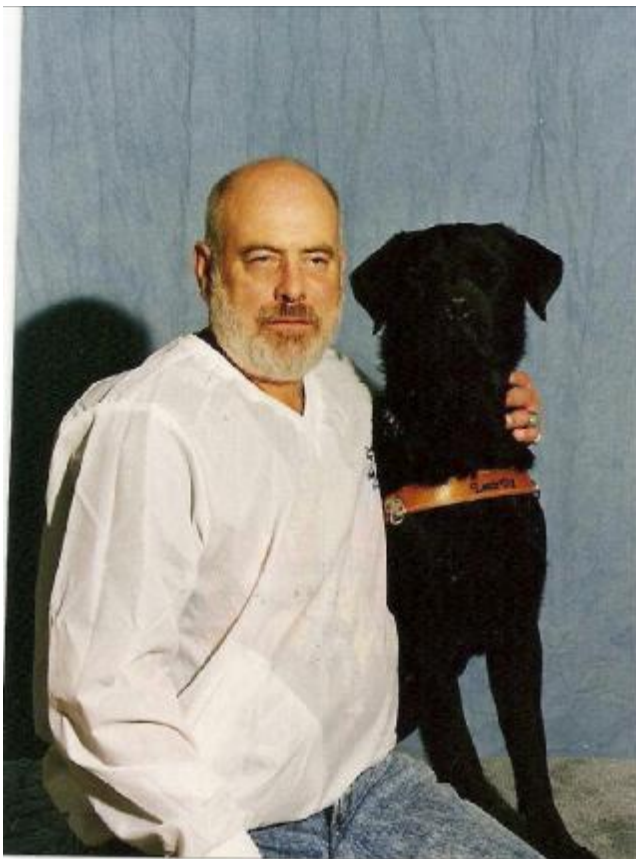
Three applications for glasses & exams were approved. Dispensed 314 rolls of Lion Mints and sold 58 brooms and mops. Approved two new members sponsored by Lion Fran Kirkland and Lion Jean Hamburger. Lion Mary Arnold was able to fill 185 slots for up coming Sorgham Festival with 40 Lion members and 18 volunteers of family and friends. Accumulated 250 volunteer hours with Sorgham Festival, work with Meals on Wheels, dispensing Mints, spent time at the Ga. Mtn. Health Center, helped at the American Legion Auxiliary, community food give away, library and Historical Society, submitted articles to local newspapers. It was an honor to have District Governor Ruth Payton of District 18D as guest speaker during our regular meeting of the Lions Club. Ms Payton was joined by her husband, Dr. John Pavton. The District

Governor gave an inspirational talk to our club and updated us on what the district is doing for each of the programs that we sponsor and support. She encouraged us to continue being diligent in seeking new members and stressed the need for more frequent eye screenings in the community. The meeting featured special appreciation to many volunteers that are not Lions but frequently helped with our projects. Without these loyal friends it would be more difficult meeting the demands of our many projects.

**Winder Noon Lions Club** = Held a Board of Directors meeting at Lion Gwen Hill's house to plan ways to serve, set up committees and activities for the 2007/08 Lion Year.



Turned in 128 lenses, 326 glasses, 108 cases, 1 watch and 1 cell phone to the Lighthouse. Lion Carol has brooms, mops and flavoring for sale. We have had numerous programs from the Winder Police Department which has proved to be worth while in getting information about our community and where some of the needs are.



*Toccoa Lion Nick Thomas with his third leader dog named Berk.*



*Mahendra Amarasuriya, International President with Dave Stancil Toccoa Lions Club President at forum. This is Lion Dave's first at a USA/Canada Forum*

**Sight & Hearing Conservation Committee Report**

For the twelve months ending June 30, 2007, the Toccoa Lions Club provided the following service to clients in Stephens County.

- 88 people received services
- 83 people received exams & glasses
- 13 people received medical treatment
- .....through Open Arms Clinic
- 23 pending applicants
- \$5,856.00 spent for glasses

LIONS have discovered that the INTERNET is a useful TOOL for conducting club and district BUSINESS.

Please encourage the Lions in your club to check out the WEB site that Lions International has.

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

They have been trying to update their site to not only help Lions, but also provide information to non-Lions. How many Lions have checked out the Lions WEB site and/or your own District WEB site.

[www.edmclion.com](http://www.edmclion.com)

We have something new - [Delectable-Lions-in-Action](#) and check out things under [18-D Bulletin and Hot Topics](#) – look under the Hot Topics section.

You might learn something NEW.....



**Did you submit yours?**

E-mail = [edmclionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmclionh@bellsouth.net) or

Go on-line = [www.edmclion.com/](http://www.edmclion.com/) or

We're Waiting = have you ASKed?



I am available for programs to Lions clubs concerning Pin Trading activities and history of Pin Trading. I am putting together a hand book for clubs are guides on how to order, quantity and the legal aspects of producing trading pins.

As a member of the Board of Directors (2007-2009) of the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) we will have raffle tickets for a quilt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000.00 and third prize \$500.00. All the proceeds from all the Pin Trader Clubs will jointly be presented to LCI in Minneapolis. The goal is \$60,000.00. Each Pin Trader club will have their own fund raiser. At the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PTCGA will finalize a fund raiser.

I am working on a Pin Trader program to be presented at the Georgia State Convention in Marietta.

Contact me at Lion E. Don Wagner, 5853 Frank Gailey Road, Clermont, GA 30527-2038, PHONE 770-983-0984, CELL 678-614-0984 or email [wagner5853@bellsouth.net](mailto:wagner5853@bellsouth.net) for a program and update.

Thanks!

Don



**GA. Lions Lighthouse  
VP Bill Mundy  
[billmund@alltel.net](mailto:billmund@alltel.net)**

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

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

Fellow Lions,

We, the Lighthouse Board of Directors, are mandated to transition to our new Constitution by June 30, 2008. The Board is working diligently to complete its tasking, plus keep our Lighthouse programs going. As can be imagined, this is a most challenging process for all concerned.

The Board utilized the new Constitution transition as an opportunity to review our committee structure. We approached the review from a "zero based budgeting" *aspect* and are establishing only those committees which are essential for this year. Our new Constitution establishes five Board Committees; Governance, Sight Services, Hearing Services, Funding, and Finance, The Constitution also defines the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. The Board has approved the following Board sub-committees: Luminary Society, Planned Giving, Marketing, and Children's Eye Care Center.

Further, the Board has established District Committees for White Cane, Vision Screenings, Recycling, Eye Clinics, and Referrals, These committees are to be formed by the Lighthouse District Directors (formerly Lighthouse District Vice Presidents) and are to meet within the District as a group, District Directors are currently recruiting members and are to provide initial training. Training also will be provided at the October 20-21, 2007 meeting. We envision these committee members meeting at our Fall and Spring Meetings to exchange ideas and learn of updates to their particular program.

The Lighthouse Fall Meeting will be a time of educating our Lions about the constitution, committees and programs.

Sincerely,  
Dan Stuart

#### HOTEL ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

The Ramada Inn Macon West is located at 4755 Chambers Road in Macon. Guests of the Lighthouse have been given a special room rate of \$63 a night plus tax, this includes a complimentary hot breakfast in the adjoining restaurant. Reservations for this rate must be made by October 12th and you must indicate you are with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse to receive this discount. (This is a better discount than AAA or AARP) For reservations please call the Ramada Inn directly at (478) 788-0120.

#### MEETING LOCATION

Our regular Saturday meetings and our Sunday Board Meeting will be held at Macon State College in the Learning Support Building. Macon State is located at 1-475 and Highway 80. When you enter the Macon Campus turn left and follow the road to the second parking lot. The Learning Support building is in the SE corner of the parking lot.

#### SATURDAY EVENING

Join us for

“Mystery in the Fifties”

A mystery dinner where you can guess which of your favorite Lions “done it”

Dust off your poodle skirts and penny loafers, and join us!

Dinner is \$15.00

We’ll have great prizes,

Silent Auction,

Classic Cars and great food!

RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup> by contacting Alice Mallory [galions@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:galions@lionslighthouse.org) or 404-325-3630

Saturday, October 20th  
 MACON STATE COLLEGE  
 Learning Support Building

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>8:00 - 10:00</b>                  | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                 | <b>102</b>  |
| <b>9:00 - 5:00</b>                   | <b>Council of Governor's</b>                         | <b>106</b>  |
| <b>10:00 - 10:45</b>                 | <b>Lighthouse 101</b>                                | <b>102</b>  |
| <b>10:00 - 10:45</b>                 | <b>Hearing Program</b>                               | <b>104</b>  |
| <b>10:00 - 10:45</b>                 | <b>Eyeglass /Clinic Program</b>                      | <b>105</b>  |
| <b>10:00 - 10:45</b>                 | <b>Trustees</b>                                      | <b>107</b>  |
| <b>10:45 - 11:30</b>                 | <b>Vision Screening</b>                              | <b>102</b>  |
| <b>10:45 - 11:30</b>                 | <b>Recycling Program</b>                             | <b>104</b>  |
| <b>10:45 - 11:30</b>                 | <b>White Cane</b>                                    | <b>105</b>  |
| <b>10:45 - 11:30</b>                 | <b>Estate Planning/<br/>Planned Giving</b>           | <b>107</b>  |
| <b>11:30-12:30 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b> |                                                      |             |
| <b>12:40 - 1:40</b>                  | <b>Message from Dan Stuart<br/>Auditorium (Aud.)</b> |             |
| <b>1:40 - 2:30</b>                   | <b>Luminary</b>                                      | <b>102</b>  |
| <b>1:40 - 2:30</b>                   | <b>Marketing</b>                                     | <b>107</b>  |
| <b>1:40 - 2:30</b>                   | <b>Emory Eye Center</b>                              | <b>104</b>  |
| <b>1:40 - 2:30</b>                   | <b>Eyeglass /Clinic Program</b>                      | <b>105</b>  |
| <b>2:30- 4:00</b>                    | <b>District A Work Group</b>                         | <b>Aud.</b> |
| <b>2:30- 4:00</b>                    | <b>District B Work Group</b>                         | <b>105</b>  |
| <b>2:30- 4:00</b>                    | <b>District C Work Group</b>                         | <b>104</b>  |
| <b>2:30- 4:00</b>                    | <b>District D Work Group</b>                         | <b>102</b>  |
| <b>2:30- 4:00</b>                    | <b>District E Work Group</b>                         | <b>107</b>  |
| <b>2:30- 4:00</b>                    | <b>District F Work Group</b>                         | <b>207</b>  |
| <b>4:00-5:00</b>                     | <b>PDG Meeting</b>                                   | <b>Aud.</b> |
| <b>9:00- 4:00</b>                    | <b>Lion Tamers</b>                                   | <b>108</b>  |



The Lighthouse Foundation has changed email addresses. Our email now matches our website. The beginning of the address will be the same (septing, amitchell, clenon, etc.), but it will end with: [@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:@lionslighthouse.org). This email will be more reliable as you try to communicate with us and we with you.

Please start using the new email address instead of the address ending in @ga-lions-lighthouse.org.

Sunday, October 21st  
 MACON STATE COLLEGE  
 Learning Support Building

|                     |                                                     |            |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>9:00 - 10:00</b> | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                | <b>102</b> |
| <b>9:00 - 10:00</b> | <b>Lighthouse 101</b>                               | <b>104</b> |
| <b>9:00 - 10:00</b> | <b>Ways to Volunteer</b>                            | <b>105</b> |
| <b>9:00 - 10:00</b> | <b>Hearing Program</b>                              | <b>106</b> |
| <b>9:00 - 10:00</b> | <b>Fundraising at the<br/>Lighthouse</b>            | <b>108</b> |
| <b>10:00 -10:30</b> | <b>Refreshments</b>                                 | <b>Aud</b> |
| <b>10:30- Noon</b>  | <b>Board of Directors Meeting<br/>(Auditorium))</b> |            |

*Please note: All Saturday Lighthouse meetings and the Sunday Board of Directors meeting will be held at Macon State College in the Learning Support building. Please double check at the Lighthouse Display table to verify your meeting location.*

**Since 1964 Lions Club International has been observing October as National White Cane Month. Below is an opportunity to help share in a White Cane Awareness Day through the Center for the Visually Impaired in Atlanta.**

**Who: Center for the Visually Impaired in Atlanta**

**What: White Cane Awareness / Safety Day**

**When: October 12, 2007 from 11:00 – 1:00**

**Where: Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Cyprus Street in Midtown**

**For further information about events and directions contact [kglass@cviatlanta.org](mailto:kglass@cviatlanta.org)**

**Thanks,  
 Yours in Lionism  
 J.C. Coefield Jr.**



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**VP Ken Thurmond**  
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**From the desk of Vice-President of the Camp for the Blind**



**Dormitory**



**Inside of Dorm**



**Arts & Crafts Building**



**Activity Center Outside**

**Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind 2007 Winter Programs**

The camp is pleased to announce two off season programs available for our summer participants and families. It is our hope that this will provide an opportunity to share time with friends and staff, missed during the canceled 2007 summer programs. These programs are open to all age groups with family members optional for both weekends, based on space availability.

**Fall Festival**

This event will begin October 12, with check-in in Macon at Noon and Waycross at 5:00 pm. Campers and staff will enjoy activities designed to celebrate the fall season. Checkout will be between Noon and 1:00 pm for both Macon and Waycross on October 14.

**Christmas Camp**

Campers may begin to check-in on December 14 at Noon in Macon and 5:00 pm in Waycross. This time is designed to share the holiday season with special friends from the summer. Campers should plan to checkout at Noon on December 16 in both locations.

**Fees**

Campers who waived the refund option for last summer need only contact the office to register for either or both the Fall Festival and Christmas Camp. In the event, the remaining funds will be deducted from the 2008 summer program. The fee for both the Fall Festival and Christmas Camp is \$50 and a \$25 transportation fee for campers who will ride the camp van from Macon, and \$25 for each additional family member, who attends with the camper. T-shirts are \$5 each. All health information and documentation completed for the 2007 summer will be applied to both weekends.

As always, you may feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at (888) 297-1775 or (912) 283-4320. We are always looking for new ways to improve the services that we provide to our campers. e-mail [glblind@accessatc.net](mailto:glblind@accessatc.net)

There are a few projects at the camp that need attention and we are looking for volunteers that can help. PDG Steve Humphrey and I were just down there and started some patches to the walls in the Activity Center. They need sanding, second and/or third coat of mud and then primer. We have a camp on the weekend of the 12th and a large rental on the weekend of the 19th. I'm sure that we will need mowing by then so if anyone can help it would be appreciated. Kim could also use volunteers for the camp the weekend of Oct 12th. If you are able to help with any of the above, contact Kim and schedule with her.



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PDG M.C. Stowe  
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## Work Counts Initiative

Partnering with business to develop exciting internship opportunities

Unemployment is a topic most of us would rather talk about than experience first hand. So, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when facing a 70% unemployment rate among working age adults who are blind. Will more training create more opportunities? Can better technology make an impact? How can employers be convinced visually impaired workers will add value? Can anyone make a difference?

Leader Dog has tackled these questions and engineered a way to make a difference. Through our "Work Counts" initiative we will begin offering career track internship opportunities for our technology program participants.

A Leader Dog internship is a dynamic, two phase experience. It begins with a four week stay at Leader Dog for a course in advanced computer study focused on building a strong knowledge of Microsoft Office products. Additional activities include professional coaching in the "essentials," including building a business wardrobe, presentation skills, and how to negotiate for success.

During the second phase, qualified students will intern at companies committed to workforce diversity. Stephen Polk, CEO of R.L. Polk & Co., has joined us to launch our first internship opportunity. R.L. Polk is the leading global provider of advanced information for the automotive industry. This internship is made possible, in part, by a grant from The Bretzlaff Foundation.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic, flexible career seekers and business executives to participate in a "Work Counts" internship. Eligible applicants must be legally blind, have strong travel skills, and demonstrate career readiness by participation in a course of study or the completion of an academic degree. Most critically, we are seeking game changing executives and decision makers ready to explore a new recruitment opportunity.

There are several additional programs in the "Work Counts" initiative. Our basic week long computer course is designed to help new computer users gain essential skills and the confidence to begin enjoying computers. And keep watching for details on our 2008 Summit Camp, a technology challenge experience for teenagers who are blind along with their teachers.





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

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This report summarizes several recent research initiatives and case studies commissioned by RFB&D, as well as secondary source findings to support the benefits of our Learning Through Listening Program.

To learn more about RFB&D go to: [www.rfbd.org/Units/Georgia\\_Unit.htm](http://www.rfbd.org/Units/Georgia_Unit.htm)



Lion Grace Clower  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

### LIONS DIABETES EDUCATION MONTH

November is Lions Diabetes Education Month. The World Health Organization and the International Diabetes Federation has declared November 14 as World Diabetes Day. The mission statement of the Lions Diabetes Awareness Program is: To conduct and support local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention, and research.

As Lions, we can help educate the public about the warning signs of diabetes. We can provide help for people who have diabetes, and we can support diabetes research. In our local communities, we can evaluate our community needs. We can then partner with local diabetes organizations or hospitals. We can also sponsor diabetes screenings in our communities.

We ask for support for Camp Kudzu, but we should also be concerned about diabetes in our local communities. Another great way to help in our communities is to participate in the Library Program. This would involve donating books about diabetes to our local libraries. Lions can purchase a set of 10 books through the American Diabetes Association.

Diabetes Awareness is a Lions program just as Camp for the Blind and Lions Lighthouse here in Georgia. Please make this an important part of your Lions Club's help for your community. If you need help to develop this program or would like for me to present a program to your club, please contact me at [graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net)

Lion Grace Clower  
Diabetes Awareness Chair





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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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# Welcome to the Leo Zone



Every Leo club is sponsored by a Lions club. Sponsoring Lions clubs maintain close rapport with Leo clubs.

## LEO CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD - 2006-2007

**Clarke Middle School LEO Club** has been awarded the Lions International LEO Club Excellence award. The Clarke Middle School LEO's are one of 40 clubs recognized worldwide this year. The International award is based on community and school activities, projects and services, leadership, skills building, and children's services. Club President Brianna Thompson and Faculty Advisor Jamie Tuttle ably led the club and met the required criteria  
**CONGRATULATIONS.**



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH A CHILD (OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER):

- \_ BE FASCINATED MORE THAN YOU ARE FRUSTRATED
- \_ "WALK THE WALK" MORE THAN YOU "TALK THE TALK."
- \_ HELP NOT HINDER.

**"We serve"**

PDG Chris Sumner, MD-18 Youth & Children Projects Chair.

## DUES STRUCTURE 2007-2008:

### DUES TWICE PER YEAR

(July—December = January—June)

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| International: \$19.50 | \$39.00 for year     |
| State: \$4.80          | 9.60 for year        |
| District: \$1.20       |                      |
| + Discretionary \$1.50 | <u>5.40</u> for year |
| Total per year:        | \$54.00              |

Please review State and International websites for the different types of membership.

Dear U.S. Club officers,

It was great to see many of you at the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We were able to speak with countless numbers of Lions who were interested in the new member benefit program we established with CT. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has developed a successful relationship with CT, the industry leader in legal services. CT currently provides Registered Agent and other services for LCI.

This new member benefit program was designed to assist clubs and districts with incorporation filings, the formation of new Lions foundations as well as providing Registered Agent and compliance services. As we discussed with many of you, there are several advantages to why you would want to incorporate your club or form a foundation.

Assistance with incorporating your club or the formation of a new Lions foundation is as simple as a phone call to CT at 1-866-331-2303. All forms and necessary steps have been reviewed and approved by the LCI Legal Division.

We are excited to team up with CT in bringing this new member benefit program to you. We encourage you to take advantage of the industry's leading service at a substantial cost savings. Included is a brief overview of the services offered.

Very Truly Yours,  
Amy J. Peña  
Attorney, Legal Division  
Lions Clubs International

### Registered Agent Services

As many of you are aware, a delay in delivery of critical legal and compliance documents can be costly. These documents are typically delivered to the

Registered Agent of record. The Registered Agent of record in some instances has been a former officer or member who has moved or no longer has ties to the Lions club, district and/or foundation. This has resulted in missed responses to legal action or compliance matters. CT is able to provide delivery and tracking of these critical documents.

### Formation (Incorporation) Services

CT will provide all the services to incorporate your Non-Profit Lions club, district and/or foundation with the Secretary of State and put you in contact with The Foundation Group to assist your foundation with all its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status needs.

### Annual Report Services

CT can assist in filing Annual Reports, which are required to maintain your Lions club, district and/or foundation in "good standing" with the Secretary of State. These filings are required in the jurisdictions in which the entity is registered. CT can handle the preparation and filing of these reports for Lions clubs, district and/or foundations.

### All it takes is one phone call

All you need to do is call CT at **1-866-331-2303** to change your Registered Agent to CT or to form a new Non-Profit, incorporated entity or foundation. If you prefer email, CT can be reached at [LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com](mailto:LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com).

### **Used Eye Glasses/Hearing Aids/Cell Phones**

**Attention ALL club Sight Chairs  
and/or Secretaries**

**As the District Recycling Committee Chair I would like to request that you report all used eyeglasses, lenses, hearing aids and cell phones that you collect on a monthly basis to me.**

**You can still get them to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in the same manner you do now. I just need the numbers so we can keep track of them annually. I will be sending information to each club president in the near future.  
Thank you for your assistance.**

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