



**We Serve**

# District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

December 2007



Fellow Lions:

### Seasons Greetings!

Since I have met just about all the clubs, I can truly extend my heartfelt greetings for a blessed Christmas and wonderful, productive new year.

It is a time when Lion activities, except for parties and helping the needy, are put on the back burner to stay warm. It is a time for family, church programs, and meditating on the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to think ahead for the year 2008 and set goals, dream dreams and be refreshed by the possibilities of things that could be.

As your district governor, I would like you to reflect on:

\* **Membership.** What plan can go in effect in your club as to how to attract younger, new members?. What can be done to welcome women? Let us think about this.

District Governor Ruth Payton

\* **Extension:** Starting new clubs in the district where no club exists is a challenge which must be faced. LCI has a plan in place to help districts grow. We need a team of 8-12 Lions who would be able and willing to spend 3 days with the LCI representative to learn how to canvas communities and talk to community leaders. Let us think about this. Contact PDG John Rudert at [jrudert@comcast.net](mailto:jrudert@comcast.net) if you would like to be a part of this team.

\* **Retention:** What can be done to keep the members we have? Some might not be able to attend all the meetings, or keep up with their dues. Are your clubs willing to extend a helping hand and work through this problem? Are you letting them know that they are missed when they don't attend a meeting? Let us think about this

\* **Leadership:** There is always the need for leadership training as new officers are elected to serve their club. It is not too early to be thinking about the SE Leadership Institute which is held in the Spring of each year. Look for future info on this event. . Zone and region meetings and cabinet meetings is a great place to meet fellow Lions and exchange new ideas. Let us think about this.

Paper work is usually not a high priority or a fun thing to do. But it is essential to keep communication between the local club and Lions International flowing on a timely basis. Please submit your monthly membership report (MMR) by the 15 of the following month regardless of any changes. LCI will soon be asking for the second installment of your club dues. This will come in Dec. and hopefully will be paid promptly. Let us think about this.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or cabinet sec/treas Trudy Rudert. My email is: [paytonmd18@alltel](mailto:paytonmd18@alltel) and Trudy's is: [trudert@comcast.net](mailto:trudert@comcast.net).

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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



*“Christmas Day is Children’s Day”*

**During the Christmas season the minds of parents are especially occupied with their children. Everything that will make them happy is planned. What lovelier sight can be imagined than the family gathered ‘round the Christmas tree, the children’s faces aglow with eager interest, their hands full of glittering treasures, their voices, like bells, filling the house with joyous music! In a very real sense Christmas Day is Children’s Day.**

**On this day when man becomes as a child, and so prepared to enter into the Kingdom of God, examine your thoughts, from which your heart speaketh, and give your children only the thoughts that shall keep their lives sweet, sane and strong.**

*Helen Keller*



**Congratulations** to the new *Hall of Fame* recipients:



- Lion Bill Holley – Athens Heritage
- Lion Agness Ramsey – Clarksville
- Lion Charles Ramsey – Clarksville
- Lion Betty Gray – Cornelia
- Lion Johnny Gray – Cornelia - Posthumous
- Lion Ray Cox – Dahlonega
- Lion Jimmy Moore – Forsyth County - Posthumous
- Lion Woody Clower – Snellville - Posthumous



**Congratulations =**

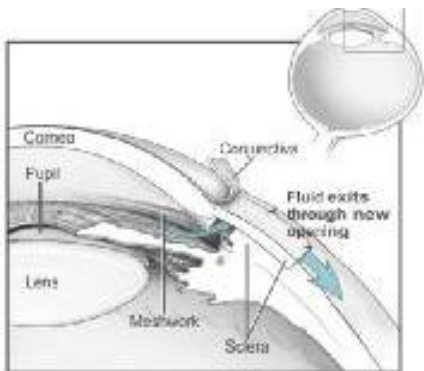
- Presidential Certificate of Appreciation**
- Lion Grace Clower – Snellville Lions
- Lion Ken Castle – Union County Lion
- Herman Jones – Gainesville Lions



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## January is Glaucoma Awareness Month.



To learn more check out this web site:

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

Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their eyesight to glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States. During Glaucoma Awareness Month in January, community leaders and health professionals are encouraged to provide sight saving information to those who are at higher risk. The National Eye Institute (NEI) offers a variety of resources and materials that Lions clubs can use to plan and conduct successful campaign activities.

[www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov) .

## 13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday



24 January: World Peace Day

# Planning Ahead



2-3 February – Camp for the Blind Winter Meeting, Warner Robins, GA.

16-17 February – Georgia Lions Lighthouse Winter Meeting, Macon State College

March – Prepare Club Elections and PU-101 forms  
**YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY.....**

**To: All Districts and Clubs subject to United States Tax Laws.**

**Re: Tax Information available on LCI Website**

Information regarding United States tax laws and filing instructions is available on the Lions Clubs International website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) (click “Resources”, “Forms”, “Legal”). You will find: Detailed information concerning the requirements for filing Form 990, 990-N (E-Postcard), 990-EZ; a sample Form 990-EZ, with explanations; a blank Form 990-EZ; guidelines for disclosures regarding non-deductibility of contributions or gifts to Lions districts and clubs; and a summary of provisions concerning possible tax liability for Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT). Additional information concerning United States tax laws may be obtained from the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) . Please review this information at your earliest convenience.

Legal Division, Lions Clubs International





## 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** 📄?

### **Plan for Glaucoma Awareness Month**

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness. It is not curable, vision loss cannot be regained and there are no warning signs. For this reason glaucoma is sometimes referred to as the “sneak thief of sight.” It is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. Join with other Lions during the month of January to spread the word about the importance of a comprehensive eye exam for early detection and treatment of glaucoma. Clubs or districts are encouraged to collaborate with local healthcare organizations or agencies to organize

[glaucoma screenings](#). Learn more about glaucoma from the [Lions Eye Health Program \(LEHP\)](#), the [National Eye Institute](#) or the [Glaucoma Research Foundation](#).

### **LCI Vision & Mission Statements**

The Board approved a new LCI vision statement and revised mission statement in October 2007.

#### Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

#### Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

#### **Volunteer Activities for Families**

Volunteering together allows families to share precious time with each other and to pass down values of giving back to the community from one generation to the next. To help your club get started thinking of ideas that include families, Lions Clubs International has put together a list of project ideas that include families.

Look over the [Family Activity List](#) and see what projects your club is already participating in that could include family members.

### **Enter the Lions Environmental Photo Contest**

Every Lion (from a club in good standing) can enter a photograph of his or her local surroundings within their club-level [Lions Environmental Photo Contest](#). Winning club-level photographs will advance to the district, then multiple district competitions. Only one winning multiple district photo can be submitted to International Headquarters by March 15, 2008 and will appear at the 91st Lions International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23-27, 2008. [Click here for contest rules](#).

**Available: 2008 Lions Environmental Photo Calendar**  
The [2008 Lions Environmental Photo Contest Calendar](#) is a great idea for club gifts and prizes. Calendars are available for US\$10 each; [order now](#).

## *Southeaster Lions Leadership Institute*

The Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute has been funded again and will be in full swing. The Institute is scheduled from the afternoon session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 27 March through the graduation luncheon on Sunday, 30 March 2008. Sign in and supply distribution will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 27 March. The Institute will be open to both new and senior Lions so long as the Lion has not attained the position of Vice District Governor.

The location for this Institute will be at the Tennessee Conference for United Methodist Church in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee. We have room for 60 participants. Cost will be \$110.00. Materials, including any notebooks and handouts used in the Institute activities will be furnished. The Institute will pay for your lodging on 27, 28, and 29 March; dinner on 27 March, breakfast, lunch and snacks on 28 and 29 March; and breakfast and lunch on 30 March. Topics include goal setting and meeting management, group dynamics and team building, personality and leadership styles, problem solving and conflict resolution, delegation and mobilization of volunteers, diversity and intercultural communication, protocol, Lion fundamentals, mentoring, and public speaking.

For more info contact MD-18 Leadership Chair Lion Beverly Roberts at 706-592-2982 or e-mail [pidbroberts@bellsouth.net](mailto:pidbroberts@bellsouth.net).



**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

**Eye Care and Education Programs**

**EyeCare America** offers multiple eye care programs for which individuals may qualify for services. The programs include Seniors, Glaucoma, Diabetes, Age-Related Macular Degeneration, and Children’s EyeCare. Callers will automatically be screened to determine the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services to meet their needs.

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

**MACULAR DEGENERATION** occurs with degeneration of the macula, the part of the retina responsible for sharp, central vision needed to read or operate an automobile. About 1.8 million Americans 40 years and older have advanced macular degeneration, and another 7.3 million people with macular degeneration are at risk of vision loss.

**DIABETIC RETINOPATHY** is caused by changes in the blood vessels of the retina that lead to changes in vision and vision loss. Individuals with diabetes are at high risk of the disease.

**GLAUCOMA** occurs when the pressure in the eye increases to dangerous levels and damages the optic nerve, resulting in decreased peripheral vision and, eventually, blindness. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization.

A **US\$2 million SightFirst grant** was awarded in the U.S. for further development of a pilot program to address uncorrected refractive error by providing new, customized eyeglasses to underprivileged men, women and children.

**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.**



## Editor's Note



**Fellow Lions: In memory of PDG Joe Molony**

### *Yes, Virginia, There Is a Human Lion*

*(The following article is a Lion's version of a letter written by Frank Church of the New York Globe to Virginia O'Hanlon, 8, in the early 1900's).*

Dear Editor:

I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no such thing as a human Lion. They say a lion is an animal. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Human Lion?

Virginia:

Your little friends are wrong. Just because the word "lion" generally refers to the king of beasts, Virginia, this doesn't mean that humans can't be Lions.

Virginia, there are 1.3 million Lions dedicated to stamping out treatable and reversible blindness in the world through their Sight First efforts. Throughout the world, 40 million people are blind. And this could double in 25 years. These people are going blind because of diseases caused by the lack of sanitation and a need for vitamin A.

Yes, Virginia, there are men and women called Lions. Their motto is "We Serve." These Lions represent something you cannot touch, something your friends may not understand because of their skepticism. But they represent felling – love, dedication, service. They give freely of themselves without compensation or recognition.

In short, these Lions are dedicated toward serving their fellow man. They are striving to live up to the challenges the noted deaf and blind Helen Keller gave in 1925 to be her Knights of the Blind in a crusade against darkness.

Virginia, these Lions surely are not animals. They are keeping the faith with their founder, Melvin Jones, who said: "I hope there will always be a land of the beyond for Lions, a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger and give more."

Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Lions! There would be no hope for the blind or the deaf. For you see, Virginia, since our beginning in 1917 we have been involved in such things as: sight conservation and work with the blind....hearing conservation and work with the deaf.....citizenship, educational, health, youth and social services.....drug education and prevention.....diabetes detection and research...and work for international cooperation and understanding.

Virginia, we became known as Lions because of the four outstanding qualities of the lion-courage, strength, agility and fidelity. The Lion symbol, a two-headed lion looking forward and behind, stands for loyalty to a friend, loyalty to a principle, loyalty to a duty, loyalty to a trust.

Not believe in Lionism? You might as well not believe in cataract surgery, glaucoma screenings, eye banks, corneal transplants, leader dogs, camps for the blind, lighthouses and a myriad of other services provided by the Lions.

Is a Lion human? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more human. This was proved when Lions joined with other humanitarian groups to stamp our treatable and reversible blindness through Sight First.

Thank God we have Lions, Virginia. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 time 10,000 years from now Lions will continue to make glad the hearts of mankind through their humanitarian service.



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It is up to you.....



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

Dear Club Officer,

Do you know what to expect when your club succeeds in recruiting more women and young people as members?

Experience shows that your club will gain:

- Energy
- Commitment
- Connections
- New ideas
- Enthusiasm and a spirit of fun, and
- Deep concern for the well-being of the community and a desire to make the world a better place for all.

Sound familiar? They should. These are attributes for which Lions Clubs International has been justly famous for more than 90 years. When we set a goal for increasing the [diversity of our clubs](#), we are simply looking for old virtues in new places. It is our way of holding fast to our fundamental ideals [while recognizing the ways in which society has changed](#) over the recent decades.

It is undeniable that women have empowered themselves and have become important participants in business, civic and cultural affairs. Their ever-growing numbers in Lions Clubs International has enriched our association and I am proud to say that women now make up 18.4 percent of our membership, up from 13.5 percent just four years ago.

Thanks largely to the technological revolution, the world no longer works on a “seniority system.” New ideas are more likely to be judged on their merits than by the age or experience of those who suggest them. Any organization that dismisses the contributions and wisdom of bright young people does so at great peril. Fortunately, Lions’

new student membership program provides your club with an unparalleled opportunity to include future leaders in your membership or to help form a student club at a nearby campus. Please see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu1.pdf> for more details about this exciting program. Another important way for your club to capture the future is by doing everything possible to bring active Leos into full Lions Club membership. To learn more about making the transition from Leo to Lion, please see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu6.pdf>.

I urge you to embrace today’s reality by doing your best to meet your club’s goals for recruiting new members. Remember, there are tried-and-true methods that will enable your club to successfully meet this challenge.

- Target groups of potential members not individuals.
- Give new members special assignments that are uniquely suited to their talents
- Make sure that new members’ voices are heard within the club.
- Groom newcomers to assume leadership positions by giving them special responsibilities as assistants or “interns” to current leaders.

You never know what might happen when you put these “best practices” into effect. In the suburbs of Toronto, Canada, the newly formed, Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club sponsored a video game tournament that involved parent-child teams from throughout the area. An event designed to bring families together was a natural project for the club which consists entirely of parents and their offspring. And it is not hard to imagine that the new club will add even more family groups because of the excitement generated by the tournament.

If we truly wish to live up to the motto, “We Serve,” we must serve our communities as they really are today, not as we might imagine them to be. Including more women and young people in our clubs is the best possible way to gain this insight and open up previously unimagined avenues of service.

As always I thank you for all you do for the members of your club, your community and all the people of our world.

Sincerely,  
 Mahendra Amarasuriya  
 International President

## Family Membership

Family Membership is an exciting opportunity for Lions to welcome and expand services to their community. With family members as the main focus, Lions Clubs International offers a reduced dues rate to its members and presents special programs, activities and opportunities for families.

View the [Frequently Asked Question page](#) for answers to billing, certification, program questions, the [printable certification form](#) and [online certification instructions](#).

### Club Family Participation Materials

[Family Membership Brochure](#) - Give this brochure to potential new Lions. The brochure explains how family can be involved in a Lions Club and how their family can make a difference in your community. Available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

[Family Friendly Lions Club Concept "How to Guide"](#) - Easy guidelines to creating a family friendly club

Volunteering together allows families to share precious time with each other and to pass down values of giving back to the community from one generation to the next. View the [Family Activity List](#) for project ideas that include families.

[Planning a Family Event](#) - Steps to plan a one-day event

[Participating in one-day events](#) - Benefits to the club

[Family Membership Pioneer Award](#) - A banner patch bestowed upon clubs adding 10 or more new family members during the fiscal year.

If you have questions regarding family membership e-mail [memberprog@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberprog@lionsclubs.org)



**"I am your opportunity."**

Helen Keller

**"Opportunity lies within Lions."**

Unknown

## 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"**

**"Involvement in Club Projects and Events"  
Create a Good Circle of Lionism**

When the members feel Friendship and *companionship* in their club the meetings become well *attended*.

When members participate in discussions more *ideas* are brought forward. The best ideas develop into new and *better Activities*.

The result of the new activities is *satisfaction*. The satisfied members get **more involved** and **more interested**.

Satisfied members and successful activities are noticed in the surrounding community and people ask about the Lions.

"What do you do, and why. How come that you seem so happy and satisfied with your life?"

And we recruit *new members*, who *get involved*.

And the circle turns into an ever-growing spiral of *involvement, companionship and satisfaction*.

It sounds easy – and it is easy. It is everyone's responsibility to contribute to the companionship and the involvement.

*More info – [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) CHECK IT OUT!*



# 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.**

## Clermont/North Hall Lions Club

### November 2007 Activities

**Our meetings this month were well attended. At our first meeting William Wright, Emergency Management Coordinator for Northeast Georgia, presented us steps to take to prepare for an emergency or natural disaster. At our second meeting Tim Thompson, writer for the local paper, *The Times*, presented us tips and suggestions to use in our shops and around the house.**

**We also parked cars for an event at the Mountain Center. Our members volunteered a total of 127 hours this month.**

The 40th Annual Fall Moonshine Festival was held in Dawsonville October 27 - 28, 2007. The Lions had an excellent weekend for one of their primary fundraisers of the year. The weather and crowds were excellent. Lions sold hot dogs, funnel cakes and soft drinks. We also held our annual raffle. This year's grand prize, a Cub Cadet Tractor/Mower and Trailer, was won by a Dawsonville resident.





**Elberton Lions Club** = Getting ready to serve at the annual Ham and EGG fund raiser is Lion Andri Konfino, the clubs oldest member (90 yrs) and the longest active member (47 yrs). Lion Konfino along with all the Elberton Lions would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors and supporters of our “5K-1Mi Ru for Sight”, “Ham and Egg Super”, and “Mop and Broom” fund raisers. Your generosity has made it possible for the Elberton Lions to give 3 college scholarships, help with the purchases of over 30 pairs of glasses, helped 2 families whose home was destroyed by fire, 1 family in medical need, and many other donations to Local, State and International charitable organizations this year.

**Forsyth County Lions Club** = The annual Cumming Steam and Small Engine Expedition held at the Cumming Fairgrounds in November helped the club use up the last of its food supplies in the food booth. Several Forsyth County residents own and maintain old steam engines and most are now housed year-round at the fairgrounds. They are brought out twice a year - for the Fourth of July parade and the Exhibition parade which also features restored tractors. Folks young and old enjoy the display of how small steam engines run water pumps and even churn homemade ice cream. Vendors and owners from around the country bring their machines and parts to show off and sell. For the club members - well, we just keep on cooking and feeding the hungry folks who come out to show their kids and grandkids a taste of yesterday.

**Jefferson Lions Club** = For the past three months we have collected 187 used eye glasses, 2 lenses, 8 sun glasses, 19 cell phones and 3 hearing aids.

Community Service Projects totaled 310 hours – this included pursuing, organizing and packing gifts for the Christmas Program in cooperation with the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department, the clubs scrapbook documenting the clubs service to the community, the Community Calendar which raised \$2,519, Adopt-A-Highway Program Clean-up. Public Relations – articles and pictures were in the Jackson County Herald – Recognition of our two Service Award winners, Lion Harvie Lance presenting a check to the representative from Soldier Connection. Leo Club Program with Lion Steve



Helwig and a Leader Dog for the Blind program given by Lion Bob Diebold the Chair person from District 18-F you can see the picture to the right and A Peace Poster winner was selected with an article submitted with the art teacher and principle. A program was presented on Foster Care in Jackson County and a check was presented for the Jackson County Foster Parent Association.



**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We had a good fundraiser at Harmony Grove School. We had 5 members volunteer at the Health & Wellness Fair in our county and performed 29 vision screenings. We met our District Governor’s monetary goals for 2007-08. We have started our Annual Pecan Sales as a fundraiser. EYEGGLASSES COLLECTED: 89 and HEARING AIDES COLLECTED: 1 and VOLUNTEER HOURS: MONTHLY: 179

**Norcross Lions Club =** Thanked neighborhood barber who has collected eyeglasses for us and provided him with a new box to collect glasses, hearing aids and cell phones. Held a Christmas Tree lighting and provided hot chocolate and cookies and Santa visited and had pictures taken with the children. Planned our annual Christmas party including donating canned goods for the local cooperative ministry pantry. Began organizing for next year's Norcross Art Fest

**Snellville Lions Club =** Fund Raisers - Last Car Show of the year was held in Loganville and sold discount coupons at Belk's in Snellville. During past two months – collected 518 used eye glasses, 56 lenses, 42 cell phones and 2 hearing aids. The club now has 35 eye glass collection sites. The Club Welfare Committee provided 4 eye exams and purchased 12 pairs of glasses for children. Thanks to Lion Tom Burgess – he sponsored a new member Lion Godfrey Stephens.

**Towns County Lions Club =**



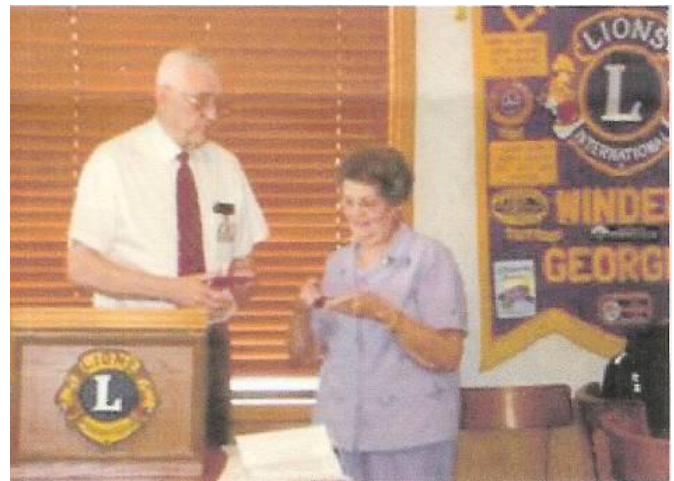
Georgia Mountain Fall Festival are serving up funnel cakes, they are Dick Fields, Winston Gregg, and Charlie Culverhouse.

Lion Jane Richards is cooking them. Lion Winston Gregg is waiting to serve them.



PID Myers Banister inducts two new members.

**Winder Noon Lions Club =**



Lion Dottie Reynolds was awarded a *Life Time Membership* by the Winder Noon Lions Club.

One new member Ranson Wilkinson, sponsored by PID Buddy Ouzts. **AHHHHH NUTS!!!** Pecans for sale \$7.00. Get pecans from any member of the Winder Noon Lions Club.



International President's Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Lion Elaine Summerour



## Union County Lions Club

Four applications for glasses & exams were approved. Donations were made to all of the District Governor's Goals for this Lion's year – other donations made to NEADS and the Masonic Lodge. Collected and turned in 86 used glasses with cases and 97 glasses without cases, 10 shade glasses, 89 loose lens, 6 hearing aids, 1 box phone and 50 cell phones. Volunteer's hours were 62 for month of November. Inducted two new members Lion Judy Hoyer sponsored by Lion President Lisa Little and Lion Charles Stubblefield sponsored by Lion Gene Little (not related to Lion President). President Lisa Little and Zone Chair Louise Little share student's entries to the membership for their vote on the Peace Poster winner.



### 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?



*When you meet non-Lions and people unfamiliar with Lions, how do you explain the association?  
What is your elevator speech?*

**Lions dedicate themselves to making the world a better place. Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world. There are almost 1.3 million Lions club members who hold health screenings, support environmental projects, fund scholarships, mentor youth and provide humanitarian aid in times of disaster. Most importantly, Lions are the world leaders in blindness prevention.**



**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/>

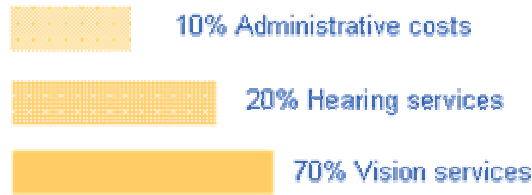
Fellow Lions,

## Give the Gift of Hope

**Imagine the impact your gift can make**

More than \$0.90 of every dollar given to the Lighthouse Foundation goes directly to program services. We work diligently to ensure that donations are used wisely and help as many people as possible. For every dollar donated the Lighthouse Foundation receives more than \$4 in medical services for clients.

### Lions Lighthouse fund distribution



## Operation Eye Care

This program was established to provide reconditioned, recycled eyeglasses to developing countries around the world. The Lighthouse sends approximately 100,000 pairs of glasses overseas each year.

**The Lighthouse collected and sent out 106,983 pairs of donated eyeglasses last year.**

## Cells for Sight

Cells For Sight is a cell phone-recycling program organized by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Donated cell phones are sold to an electronics recycling company. The proceeds help pay for sight saving surgeries for cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and detached retinas.

**So far this year, we have raised enough money from donated cell phones to pay for 3 SIGHT SAVING SURGERIES!**

## Hearing Aid Bank

The Hearing Aid Bank, organized in 1977, provides reconditioned hearing aids to Georgians in financial need. Lions Club members and the public donate used hearing aids. The hearing aids are reconditioned by a lab and modified for use. The Lions Lighthouse is the only nonprofit resource for low-cost hearing aids in the state of Georgia.



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



From the desk of Vice-President of the Camp for the Blind

***Days and Hours:***

1 to 2 week summer residential camping. Each camp session is geared toward a specific age group. The camp for ages 4 – 9 years is a family camp and the camper can bring a sibling (in same age group) or parent along.

***2008 Summer Schedule***

Session 1: Family Camp (age 6-9) June 15-20

Session 2: Adults (ages 26-50+) June 22-27

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

***Eligibility:***

A visual loss of 20/70 or greater in their best eye with correction; or be a sibling, age 6-9, of an eligible camper. They must also display independent skills in feeding, dressing and taking care of their personal hygiene.

***Location of Program:***

The Georgia Lions' Camp is located 12 miles southeast of Waycross, Georgia on GA Route 177, just off US 82. Click to use [MAPQUEST](#) to route your trip.

***Ages Served:***

Youth (4 – 17), Adults (18+)

***Fees:***

A non-refundable camper fee of \$150.00 per session for in-state residents and \$250.00 for non-Georgia residents is due at the time of the application.

Scholarship forms are available upon request from the Camp office.

A \$25.00 transportation fee is required for campers who use chartered Macon travel services.

Summer t-shirts may be purchased in advance or during check-in for \$5.00 per shirt.



Leader Dog Chair  
PDG M.C. Stowe  
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**An Unforgettable Experience** *Bill Hansen to Retire on December 31, 2007*

For 19 years, good fortune placed my wife, Carole, and me at Leader Dogs for the Blind to enjoy an unimaginably meaningful second career. With its distinctive mission, Leader Dog became an all-consuming passion for both of us. As we conclude our time here, I take this last opportunity to thank everyone for making this an unforgettable experience that we would not have wanted to miss.



Over the past 19 years Leader Dog has advanced dramatically with positive changes to its programs and facilities. I was privileged to witness the organization evolve into the most innovative and forward thinking non-profit of its kind. The selfless dedication and commitment of many people enabled this growth to occur and allows Leader Dog to profoundly influence the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.

A non-profit organization such as Leader Dog depends upon committed donors. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation for their dedication. Every penny donated is important, whether it is \$5.00 from a child's lemonade stand or a larger sum to support expanding our facilities; these donations represent both the desire of our donors to share with others and their trust in our organization.

Leader Dog has more than 500 active volunteers. We could not achieve our mission without these wonderful people who are so giving of their time, love and energy. Special to me are the many families that open their homes and their hearts to our dogs. Volunteers care for our breeding stock dogs, some are on their first litter, and one has housed more than 50 litters. Others care for our puppies during their first year of life; two have raised more than 40 puppies each. I express my gratitude to all of you for your selfless work to benefit the lives of others.

Every Chief Executive Officer has a unique leadership style. My style is to recognize the value of my staff in both my success and the organization's success. Each position at Leader Dog is critical to mission accomplishment. I was fortunate to lead a staff that is passionate about the mission, that is committed to the success of our students, and that consistently strives for excellence.

I had the opportunity to work with many dedicated and committed people who make up our Board of Trustees. This group of community leaders, Lions Club members and Leader Dog alumni, deserves special recognition. I wish to specifically acknowledge Past Chairman of the Board, Mickey Briggs, for contacting me on May 27, 1988 to come to Leader Dog, and Stephen Polk for the commitment that he and his family have made to Leader Dog for more than 60 years. I would like to remember Lion Al Jensen, my mentor, who passed away in 1995, for his insight and wisdom.

I pay special tribute to the members of the Lions Clubs. They founded Leader Dog in 1939 and have sustained their commitment for almost 70 years. Their dedication has touched me both personally and professionally and they will always hold a special place at Leader Dog.

My ability to successfully serve as CEO was enhanced by Carole, my wife of 45 years. She not only supported, but shared my commitment to Leader Dog. She eventually accrued more than 30,000 volunteer hours in combined Leader Dog activities that included spending over 250 weekends away from home. We enjoyed the privilege of serving this organization together and I thank Carole for her tenacity and her passion for the Leader Dog mission.

The Leader Dog mission is to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. During my tenure, over 4,500 people have improved their quality of life by participating in the Leader Dog experience. Each of them symbolizes courage, inspiration and a willingness to alter their lives for the better. They have left an indelible and lasting imprint that will always serve as an inspiration.

Carole and I have had a unique experience that will provide many memories. The most lasting will be that we had the opportunity to make a difference. Few are that fortunate.



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

**TALES FROM UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS —**  
PDG Chris Sumner

**Donnie and RFB&D** - Most of you know I work as a School Psychologist, but most don't know what I really do. (Sometimes I wonder the same thing~!) My job is to assess and to determine modifications including possible special education services for those students having significant learning and/or behavior concerns. Back when I lived in Cordele, I met a young third grader named Donnie. Donnie was struggling greatly with reading as he could not use phonetic skills to sound out words and was basically reading at a kindergarten level. During my assessment, I realized that Donnie could successfully comprehend reading passages—if these were read to him. We did find it appropriate for Donnie to begin utilizing special services for reading and I immediately placed Donnie on our system's **Recording For the Blind & Dyslexic** student list. Within two weeks, we had all the recorded books that Donnie needed to listen to and catch up with first and second grade work. Within a year or so, he was able to use RFB&D material complementary to that used by his classmates. Donnie continued to struggle with actual reading of printed words, but his listening comprehension skills continued to improve.

Donnie continued in our program making great progress each year with the help of his teachers and the use of RFB&D books on tape. (At that time, we still used the 4-track cassettes. All recordings are now in CD-ROM digital formats.) Donnie began playing football and was doing OK. In general discussion with the middle-school coaches one day, they said that Donnie was performing well but just did not seem to understand the football charts and diagrams. I suggested that they not only show Donnie but to "talk him through it" in the locker room and on the field. (I also spoke with Donnie.) The coaches were surprised with Donnie's immediate progress. Donnie continued to perform well in class and on the football field through his 11th grade.

As Donnie was approaching graduation, I completed a re-evaluation with Donnie to make sure he / we had everything he

needed to enter college. His reading achievement had progressed to about 7th grade but his listening comprehension level was now at the college-level thanks in-part to the RFB&D textbooks. He actually had a chance to receive a minor football scholarship. During our final meeting in the Spring of his Senior year, we discussed Donnie's options and made note of his possible scholarship but also what might happen if that did not come through. Donnie stopped everyone when he stated "Mr. Chris. It doesn't matter if I get the scholarship or not. I'm going to college. Ya'll and my parents have worked too hard on me. And you told me I can still get the books (RFB&D) at college. I'm going!" This from a shy, dejected children who once was in third grade and could not read words. This from a student who was given support and modifications so he could use his strengths in an assessable way RFB&D textbooks. This from a student who was proud of his accomplishments. This from a person who had self-motivation and good self-esteem.

While this story primarily centers around my work with Donnie as an educator, this is how RFB&D reaches the students they mainly serve—that of through the schools. But this story also connects us with a project that we as Lions help support—RFB&D. Our donations go to support the work of the Georgia Unit of RFB&D. With each donation, our monies go to serve the children, students, and adults of our state with learning disabilities, visual impairments, blindness, physical impairments, and developmental disabilities. Remember, we also serve our fellow Lions throughout the United States as the Georgia Unit is responsible for also recording The Lion magazine from International. Lions International also supports RFB&D in that the LCIF grant was approved at the recent Int'l Board of Directors meeting. This grant will be used to purchase at least 18 Lions Audio Book Recorders for use by Lions clubs throughout Georgia. These Units are mobile, portable recording studios that can be used in any quiet place by virtually anyone!

The user-friendly Units include a laptop computer, flash drives, headphones, software, and related materials necessary for recording textbooks. We know that there are over 39,000 Georgia students that can benefit from textbooks on CD but less than 4,500 currently receive services. These mobile recording studios will help us meet the increased demand for current textbooks as we reach out to help these deserving students, children, and adults.

To learn more about RFB&D go to:

[www.rfb.org/Units/Georgia\\_Unit.htm](http://www.rfb.org/Units/Georgia_Unit.htm)





Lion Grace Clower  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

## GOOD TO GO – Traveling with your Insulin

### Personal Planning – Six steps to smooth your way

1. Get a letter from your doctor explaining that you have diabetes and need the various medications and supplies you've packed. And take along extra prescriptions, in case you need them filled on the road. To find out about prescription laws in other countries, contact the International Diabetes Federation for a list of members, at IDF, Avenue Emile De Mot 19, B-1000, Brussels, Belgium, or [www.IDF.org](http://www.IDF.org).
2. Bring backup supplies. The rule of thumb is to pack twice the amount of medication and supplies that you will need.
3. Wear a medical ID bracelet at all times. In an emergency, you may not be able to speak the language – or talk at all. The tags are universally understood.
4. Always keep medication and supplies with you; never put them in checked luggage. You should have insulin and syringes; glucose testing supplies; oral medications; extra batteries for your glucose meter; and glucagons and other supplies for low-blood sugar.
5. Keep insulin at a moderate temperature – not too hot or too cold – or it will lose its effectiveness. Luggage checked into the baggage hold will get too cold.
6. If you are changing time zones, figure out an adjusted medication schedule with your doctor. Remember, the airplane's pressurized cabins can make it difficult to measure insulin accurately.

### Airport Security – That's screen, not scream!

The American Diabetes Association, in conjunction with the Transportation Security Administration, recently established guidelines for those who travel with diabetes-related supplies.

Tell the screener that you are carrying diabetes supplies and identify each item related to your medical care. On screened, the following supplies are allowed on board:

- A. Individual vials of insulin or a box of them, jet injectors, pens, infusers and preloaded syringes. You may also carry prescription medicines such as Symlin, Byetta or an emergency glucagons kit. Each medication must have a name on the prescription label that corresponds to the name of the passenger being screened.
- B. Blood glucose meters and test strips, continuous blood glucose monitors, lancets, alcohol swabs, meter-testing solutions and monitor supplies.
- C. An insulin pump and insulin pump supplies. Explain to the screener that the insulin pump is connected to a catheter inserted under your skin and cannot be removed.
- D. Urine ketone test strips.
- E. Essential nonprescription liquid medicines (such as regular insulin) should be labeled. Also, you need to identify for the security screeners any liquids or gels – for treating potential hypoglycemic events – that weigh more than three ounces.
- F. An unlimited number of unused syringes can be brought on board when accompanied by insulin or other injectable medication. So can an unlimited supply of unused syringes, as long as they are packed in a sharps container.

**If you would like for me to present a program to your club, please contact me at [graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net)**

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Canine Companions for Independence® is a national nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of children and adults with disabilities by providing highly-trained [assistance dogs](#) and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.



The foundation of every Southeastern program is respect and trust. Southeastern Guide Dogs is dedicated to the loving and humane training of dogs to become eyes for visually impaired individuals. Adaptability through flexible programs ensures Southeastern's guide dogs will always meet the everchanging needs of our applicants.

Southeastern Guide Dogs' mission is to offer free of charge, a unique opportunity to achieve independent travel with safety and dignity to blind men and women, through the use of professionally and humanely trained guide dogs.

**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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**Partnerships with other youth organizations**

**Lions Clubs International maintains official partnerships with the following youth organizations.**



**America's Promise**

Committed to helping youth, the association joined this consortium of 250 businesses, organizations and government agencies in 199

The concept of America's Promise has been replicated in the United Kingdom and Canada. Interest in creating a similar program exists in Germany, the Philippines, the Organization of American States and Taiwan. Visit

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

**Scouts** The association maintains a cooperative relationship with both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America. For more information about Boy Scouts of America, visit [www.scouts.org](http://www.scouts.org).

For more information about Girl Scouts, visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

**Youth Service America (YSA)** - More than three million volunteers in 26 countries participated in the first YSA Global Youth Service Day held on April 15, 2000. YSA is a resource center that partners with organizations committed to increasing the quality and quantity of volunteer opportunities for young people, ages five to 25, to serve locally, nationally, and globally. As a national affiliate, the International Association of Lions Clubs promotes (US) National Youth Service Day and Global Youth Service Day among Lions. Visit [www.ysa.org](http://www.ysa.org).



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- UNION COUNTY LIONS CLUB  
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**Now for an update on the Forsyth Lions Club Miracle Field**

These shots show the almost-completed Mondo coated baseball field that the Forsyth County Lions Club spearheaded for the Miracle League. Not only will our teams of special-ed and disabled students and young adults have a safe playing field, but the senior citizens will probably begin some programs, too. The field can also be used diagonally as a flag soccer and football field.



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