



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

Major Service Project of the Georgia Lions Clubs

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The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1949 as a major service project of the Lions of Georgia. The mission of the Lighthouse is to foster sight conservation and restoration, and hearing conservation, with a particular emphasis on youth. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse provides vision and hearing care to legal Georgia residents in extreme financial need. We also provide basic information and referrals for people who have vision and hearing difficulties. The Lighthouse provides eye surgeries, artificial eyes, eye glasses and hearing aids for those who qualify for our services. More than 300 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs provide financial support and volunteer support for the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse Foundation is a 501© 3 tax exempt organization.

LIGHTHOUSE AWARD PROGRAM

Please check the Lighthouse Website or Directory for detailed criteria for the Service Awards.

The deadline for Awards is April 30th.

The Club awards are based on Club size so that Clubs will have an equal opportunity to receive recognition for their efforts. There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the various awards. The awards are given based on the following Club membership numbers:

LIONS CLUBS: Small Clubs: 24 members and below, Medium Clubs: 49 members and below, Large Clubs: above 50 members

LIONESS CLUBS: Small Clubs: 24 members and below, Large Clubs: 25 members and above

LEO CLUBS No size categories specified for Leo Clubs.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

District Governor's Award: Presented annually, at the discretion of the Lighthouse President to the District Governor who demonstrates the best overall support to the Lighthouse during the District Governor's term of office. Please see the Lighthouse Directory or website for specific criteria. This award is a medal.

The Mildred Bingham Award: The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize an individual Lion who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the Georgia Lion Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. This award is presented annually, at the discretion of the Lighthouse President, at the State Convention. Recipients may be past Lighthouse Presidents, past District Governors, past Executive Committee members or other Lions who have made a significant contribution to the Lighthouse, outside of their normal Lighthouse duties. This award is a medal.

Outstanding Lighthouse Vice President Award: This award is presented to those Lighthouse Vice Presidents that complete at least 5 out of 10 specific requirements. Vice Presidents can receive this award two years in a row, and all or none of the Vice Presidents may be eligible for this award in a given year. Please see the Lighthouse Directory or website for specific criteria. This award is a medal.

Lighthouse Leo of the Year Award: The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize an individual Leo who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc, and who has demonstrated outstanding Leadership in a particular area of Lighthouse activities. This award is presented annually, at the discretion of the Lighthouse President, at the State Convention. Recipients may be any active Leo in good standing in the state. The nomination for this award must be made by the Leo Club sponsor or by the appropriate Lighthouse Vice President. Please see the Lighthouse Directory or website for specific criteria. This award is a medal.

CLUB AWARDS *These awards are calculated annually by the Lighthouse*

Presidents Award: Awards are presented annually to those Lion, Lioness and Leo clubs making the highest total dollar contributions to the Lighthouse. This award is based on the total of all contributions the Club made during the year, excluding bequests. The award is the Lighthouse banner patch. There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Lions and Lioness Clubs, and a 1st place for Leo Clubs.

White Cane Award: Awards are presented annually to those Lion, Lioness and Leo Clubs who made the largest dollar contribution to the Lighthouse through funds collected during White Cane. The award is the Lighthouse banner patch. There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Lions Clubs, and 1st and 2nd place for Lioness Clubs and a 1st place for Leo Clubs.

Monthly contribution award: This award is given to the Lion, Lioness or Leo Club that makes the highest monthly, regular contributions to the Lighthouse. The award is the Lighthouse banner patch. There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Lions Clubs, and 1st and 2nd place for Lioness Clubs and a 1st place for Leo Clubs.

Increased Contribution award: This award is presented to the Lion or Lioness Club that makes the highest increase in total giving over the previous year. The award is the Lighthouse banner patch for the Club banner.

SERVICE AWARDS *These awards need to be applied for by the Clubs*

The Hearing Award: This award is presented annually to that Lion or Lioness Club that provides outstanding support of the Hearing program at the Lighthouse Foundation. This award goes to the Club that collects the most hearing aids for the Lighthouse Hearing program. Clubs must provide documentation of hearing aids collected. The award is a Lighthouse banner patch for the Club banner.

The Ken Massingale Award: This award is presented annually to that Club that provides outstanding support to the Recycled glasses program at the Lighthouse Foundation. This award goes to the Club that collects the most eye glasses for the recycled program. Clubs must provide documentation of eye glasses collected. The award is a Lighthouse banner patch for the Club banner.

The Best Lighthouse Project Award: This award is presented to the Lion or Lioness Club that plans and implements the best project benefiting the Lighthouse. The award is based on, but not solely, the following criteria:

- * Most creative
- * Raising awareness of Lighthouse activities, or needs of the population we serve
- * Promoting collection of eye glasses and/or hearing aids or collection of
- * Dollars raised
- * Recruiting Lighthouse Volunteers / Doctors/ Increasing Membership
- * Publicity

Documentation of activities conducted, including newspaper articles, must be submitted along with the application. A narrative of the project should also be included, and how it impacted the community. The award is a patch for the Club banner.

The Lighthouse Publicity Award: This award is presented to the Lion or Lioness or Leo Club that best promotes the Lighthouse Foundation, and the services we provide. Suggestions for this award include, but are not limited to, activities in the community or local schools that raise awareness of sight and hearing issues, getting articles on Lighthouse services and Club activities that support the Lighthouse into the local papers, radio, internet, or billboard. Documentation of activities, including copies of articles, posters, etc. should be submitted along with the application. The award is a patch for the Club banner.

Best New Leo Project Award: This award is presented to the Leo Club that plans and implements the best project benefiting the Lighthouse. The award is based on, but not solely, the following criteria:

- * Most creative
- * Raising awareness of Lighthouse activities, or needs of the population we serve
- * Promoting collection of eye glasses and/or hearing aids or collection of
- * Dollars raised
- * Recruiting Lighthouse Volunteers / Doctors/ Increasing Membership
- * Publicity

The Clubs sponsor OR the appropriate Lighthouse Vice President OR the appropriate District Governor should help the Club with the application. Documentation of activities, including copies of newspaper articles, should be submitted along with a narrative of what the project was and how it impacted the community. The award is a patch for the Club banner.

Ten Million Dollar Club Award: This award is presented to that individual or Club that makes the highest dollar contribution to the Ten Million Dollar Club in that year. This award is a framed certificate that is presented to the individual or Club at their District breakfast.

Ten Million Dollar Club: The Ten Million Dollar Club was established at the February 1987 board meeting. Any Lion, Lioness, or non-Lion making a contribution of \$100 or more to the Trust Fund will receive a special numbered certificate and vest patch. All donations to the club will be placed in the Trust Fund with the goal reaching a value of \$10 million. Ten Million Dollar contributions are placed in the “other” category on the Lighthouse District Contribution Report and are thereby included in the President’s Awards Category.

Progressive Ten Million Dollar Club: Individuals who have already purchased or received a Ten Million Dollar Club membership can elect to continue their contributions of \$100 yearly for ten years or longer. A Lighthouse statuette with medallions for each year contributions are made will be given to those who indicate that they wish to become a member of the Progressive Ten Million Dollar Club. Yearly reminders will be sent to these individuals.

Tom Bingham Fellow Awards: The purpose of the Tom Bingham Fellow Award is to honor and recognize the highest achievement in support of the work of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Individuals must be nominated by a Lion or Lioness Club and may be a Lion, Lioness, or non-Lion. By giving a Tom Bingham Fellow Award, funds go directly into the services operational account. Recipients are given a beautiful acrylic statuette of Tom Bingham and his guide dog, Cita. Recipients also receive a lapel pin.

Criteria for a Non-Lion Nominee:

- 1). Must have made significant and measurable contributions to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.
- 2). Must be nominated by a Georgia Lion or Lioness Club.

Criteria for a Lion or Lioness Nominee:

- 1). Must be sponsored by a Georgia Lion or Lioness Club.
- 2). Must be an active participant in Lighthouse support at either the club, district or state level.
- 3) The home club of the nominee must have made regular contributions to the Lighthouse during the same year

General Rules:

- 1). Sponsoring Lion or Lioness Clubs must pay \$500 to the Georgia Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.
- 2). The \$500 received by the Lighthouse will not be considered as a regular club contribution, but will be included in the “other” category of contributions received and thereby included in the President’s Awards Category.
- 3). The \$500, less the cost of the award, will be placed in the general operating account.
- 4) The \$500 must be accompanied by a brief narrative explaining the nominee’s contributions to the Lighthouse

Luminary Society: The Luminary Society was started in the fall of 2006. It is a way for Lions to personally contribute to the work of the Lighthouse. There are a variety of ways to give, and you have the option of making a pledge and paying it off throughout the year. You can also work your way up to the \$1,000 level by making gifts over several years.

The Lighthouse will say thank you with a special Luminary Society pin featuring the Sapelo Island Lighthouse. For every additional gift of \$1,000, we will enhance your pin with a precious stone, with different stones marking each \$5,000 of cumulative giving.

You also have the option of designating your gift to the trust fund or sending up to 20% of your gift to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.