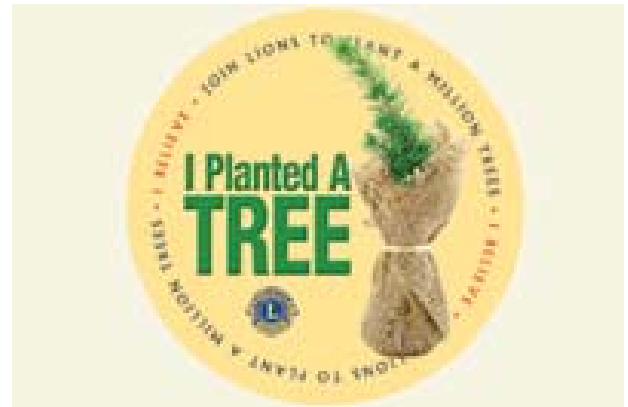


Lions of Georgia

Relieving the Hunger



Put the pieces together and see what it means –
what does this have to do with Membership –
check with your Membership Chair to get the
answer.



PLEASE – Presidents/Secretaries = send in the name of your Club and the Name and Email address only of all club members who have DSL so we can send the State Mag to each of those members. Send to edmcionh@bellsouth.net or lionga@bellsouth.net



State News



SE AREA GLT COORDINATOR, MD 18 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CHAIR AND MD 18 LONG RANGE PLANNING CHAIR – LION C. MARK MILLER, PCC:

Very specific changes will affect 2nd Vice District Governors. District Governor training next year will be totally different from anything done in the past. It will be a regionalized training. PCC Miller will be in charge of training all the District Governors Elect in the southeast. District Governors Elect will still go to International Convention but only about a day in advance and there will be some celebration and promotion but the training will be on an area basis, and the southeast area is seven states.

Lion Miller discussed the Forum. He pointed out that PID Beverly Roberts has been added to the Forum Committee for next year in charge of Seminars. Tampa is the site for next year's forum. He stated that he has been asked to talk with the Council and if it would be appropriate, they may need some help in host staffing at the event next year, 2012, and whether or not we could officially solicit people to sign up to be a part of the host team for Tampa. He asked for permission to use the state magazine to promote hosting opportunities in Tampa. DG Bethel, 18-A, made a motion to promote working with Tampa on hosting the Forum; motion seconded by DG Phillips, 18-F, and motion carried.

PCC Miller stated that President Tam's emphasis this quarter is on the family and treating Lions as family. Treat people like family. Be up front with each other; confront the conflict on the conflict not about the person. The focus should be on building positive futures. President Tam encourages Lions to Plant Trees – start with a seedling, plant it, nourish it, let it grow healthy and strong – this is the same in regards to membership. We are family.

In Other Business:

State Convention Bids – 2012 - Savannah
2013 – Augusta

2014 – Macon – Proposed
2015 – Tifton – Proposed
2016 – Possible bid from Columbus
2017 – Possible bid from Jekyll Island

New Lions State Song

It was voted on and approved that the Lions of Georgia have a State Song. Thanks to song writer Lion Diane Wall-O'Shields you can sing at club meetings, cabinet meetings and we look forward to hearing it at the State Convention in Savannah. Here it is –

LIONS OF GEORGIA

We are the Lions,
Lions of Georgia
Hardworking Volunteers;
Service is our game.

Helping the blind ones,
Uplifting others;
Working out our motto
“We Serve” is our aim.

Chorus:
Georgia Lions serve, Georgia Lions serve
Working all together,
Georgia Lions serve,
Repeat

Liberty, Intelligence
Our Nation's Safety;
Being Encouragers
Everywhere we go.

There are people everywhere
Thankful there are Lions there.
Building worldwide friendships
As we serve and grow.

(Tune – “Bringin in the Sheaves”)

REDISTRICTING APPROVED



Congratulations

International Web site Contest – Multiple District

Honorable Mention: MD 18, Georgia, USA

Lion Richard (Rick) Mizell, PDG



Certificate of Appreciation – as Council Chair Lion Grace Clower, PCC



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TANX LION BILL for the AMAZING Pictures
If you want to see more – go to his Facebook



See Now = Hear Now = Run Now
Lighthouse and Camp Meeting





18-A

Alan Bethel

South Cobb Lions Club

The South Cobb Lions Club is active throughout the year sponsoring and supporting LEO Clubs at South Cobb and Pebblebrook High Schools, Lions Annual PEACE POSTER contest through the area schools and helping the qualified residents of South Cobb County in financial need obtain hearing and/or eye-care in the local area or through the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Executive Director of Georgia Lions Lighthouse Christina Lennon accepting SOUTH COBB LIONS CLUB donation of \$7,000.00 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign from Lions Bob Thomas and Buddy Mann

South Cobb Lions Club donations now exceed \$20,000.00 and pledges exceed \$25,000.00 to be completed by June 2012, funds came from Lions Projects and contributions from Lions and Lion Friends and Corporations. South Cobb Lions President Sheldon Roush and all the Lion Members appreciate and thank you for the support given by Mableton, Austell and South Cobb area residents. Please keep in mind our fund raising annual BBQ at the MABLE HOUSE which will be held on October 22-23. South Cobb Lions RECYCLING PROJECTS: any and all old eyeglasses, hearing aids or cell-phones can be dropped off at following locations: South Cobb Eye Center, Tulman Eye, Wal-mart, Pearl Vision, Corley Eye Center, Marietta Eye Centers, Austell First Baptist or contact any Lion.

This is the story - IN PICTURES - unknown sources:

Lion captured by LIONS now being assured by Lion Reese Munch that the trip to new home is going to be o.k. Then who is this Lion in disguise - (Could it be the South Cobb TAIL TWISTER checking upon the story) - Members helping in the capture and removal to his new home were: Lions Gregg Ervin, Buddy Mann, Reese Munch and Armond Usher. Now he appears to be comfortably relocated and again on guard at the new home of Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, 5582 Peachtree Road Chamblee, Georgia 30341





18-B

Joe Bill Brannon

Savannah Port City Lions Club



Savannah Port City Lions Club is a small club within Lions District 18-B. Since its organization in 1953, the Port City Lions have been active in District and State activities and leadership. Five members have served as Governors within the District. One transfer past district governor from Michigan brought Leader Dogs for the Blind to the Georgia Lions. One member served as President of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and learned about White Cane from a Lion from California. This became the basis for the Lighthouse project. Another member is serving as MD 18 Lion Tamer. This member also serves as Information Technologies Chairperson for MD18 and has brought the state 10 years of International recognition for the MD18 web site.

The Port City Lions are a diverse group with members from different occupations from Real Estate Appraiser, Corporate Sales Executive to Homemaker and Electrical Engineer. They have members from around the world from such places as Israel, Hungary, South Korea and the Philippines. Is the Port City Lions an old club? Yes and No, while our oldest member is 85, our youngest is 26. The members in this club are proud to be Lions.

The projects and objects of the Port City Lions are much like any other Lions Club. There are partnerships that help the community such as the partnership with Lens Crafters. The Lions screen the applicants and arrange for eye exams while Lens Crafters provides the eye glasses.

A recent project that earned recognition in the community was "Touch A Truck". This project involves many groups in the community and involves the display of trucks of all kinds from Fire trucks to Ambulances. Young children are allowed to go inside the vehicles and push buttons. Run the Police Siren or flash the lights. Other community displays are allow at this event to teach the young to escape fires for an example.

What are future plans for this club? We are working on ideas to transform this club into a family friendly club. Allow activities that cater more toward service oriented young people. The Port City Lions have an ongoing orientation program that educates the new members on what the Lions do in the world and to explain the language of Lionism such as what is a DG, PDG, PIP etc. What are our charities and how to become a leader. The Port City website is galions.org/18b/portcity. They are currently working a Facebook page as well. The club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Golden Corral on Abercorn Street in Savannah. Guests are always welcome.





18-C

Jimmy Black

Lake Seminole Lions Club



Lake Seminole Lions Club was chartered in August 1991, so we are a young club. Our two main projects are our Shell Cracker Tournament and July 3rd fireworks both at Seminole State Park. Our Shell Cracker Tournament is on the 3rd week end in April. Shell Cracker Tournament started 17 years ago, it started out as a child's fishing tournament. Shell Cracker is a fish here in the south. We give prizes to the biggest fish, \$100.00, and then the most pounds we give 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes for this. 1st place \$500.00, 2nd \$250.00 3rd \$150.00. They can only weight in 25 fish. Normally the 1st place winner weights in 20 pounds.

We also have a raffle drawing everyone gets a gift, businesses in our community donate gifts and money to be raffled off. We have vendors of all kinds and in the afternoon after the fishermen come in we have a Duck Race. So we sale tickets for our Duck race, winner gets \$500.00.

Then we have a gift that we raffle off in the past it has been a grill, picnic table and chairs, this year it is a flat screen T.V.

July 3rd fireworks, we sell hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, pop corn, Hot Boiled Peanuts. We also have a Duck race. Then at dark we have our fireworks. People came from Florida, Alabama, and Carolina.

During Champaign Sight First 11, Lake Seminole club is one of three Clubs in 18- C that was identified as a model club.

We have Harvest Festival in Donalsonville in October; we also give out Christmas Baskets. We help people in our community, and assist with our Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department. We also give to our State and International Outreach projects.





18-D

Ed Hashbarger

Dawsonville Lions Club



The big push for our club was the 16th Annual John Garner Memorial Lions Charity Golf Tournament Fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year that allows us to pay for all the nonprofits we support as well as other community work. We start planning the tournament beginning January and the drive for sponsors, golf teams, and donations for silent auction and raffle items gets really hectic in June, July, and August. The tournament was held August 31, 2011.

The results were that we had 25 teams, 58 sponsors, forty donated items for auction and raffle, and everyone had a great time in helping Lion charities. We had a gross profit of \$23,105 with offsetting expenses of \$10,180 for a net profit of \$13,025. This was the most successful fundraiser we have had since 2008. Lion Jeff Kelly (event coordinator), Lion Jerry Tragesser (sales coordinator), Lion Jim Young (event advisor), and Lion Joe Bosworth (treasurer) made up the core team but the rest of our Lions gave strong support with their time, sales, and effort.

October 24 through 26 we will have 2 tents at the Dawsonville Moonshine Festival. One will be for eye and diabetes screening and the other will sell food and drink for our second largest fundraiser for the year. Hope to see other Lions from our district here. You'll have a good time.

There is one sad note to advise. One of our long standing contributors passed away in August. She supported our scholarship effort for many years as she believed strongly in education. Her brother, George David, is a long standing Dawsonville Lion. Reverend Nancy Noblin will be missed. Many Dawsonville Lions attended her celebration of life at the Humane Society and also helped shuttle friends to the service which had limited parking.





18-E

Tim Chisholm

Griffin Lions Club

The Griffin Lions Club was chartered by Lions Clubs International on 25 October 1951. The Pike County Lions Club sponsored the Griffin Lions Club and the citizens of the City of Griffin and Spalding County have benefited from the vision, hearing and other humanitarian services during the past sixty years.

In an effort to expand Lionism the Griffin Lions sponsored a Lioness Club and the McDonough Lions Club in the 1950's. Club members were active at the District level and in the 1964-65 lion year Lion William E. Bizell (deceased) became District Governor and another Lion Henry Davis (deceased) became District Governor for the 1970-71 lion year.

During this period the Griffin Lions Club maintained a roster of more than thirty members. For many years the club met at the Moose Club in Griffin. In the late 1970's many of the members were becoming senior citizens. Lion Lovejoy Harwell extended an invitation to membership to a younger Emil Larry Schultz. Lion Schultz has remained a member since 1978 and has been instrumental in soliciting many members over the years. As recognition for his having served in many capacities in the club and getting the club involved in many humanitarian projects, the club sponsored him for a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2009.

Since 2004, Griffin Lions Club members have been active in various positions at the District level. This level of service has broaden the Griffin Lions Clubs ability to serve beyond the local club activities. In 2007 the Griffin Lions Club formed a Leo Club and in 2009 the club sponsored a new Lions Club in Jackson, Butts County. The Greater Butts County Lions Club has continued to grow and provide a vast amount of humanitarian services in Butts County.

President Claudette H. Gallman has an aggressive membership growth plan and recently added three new members with several more scheduled for induction. The club has its sights on having another District Governor. Lion Max Gallman has been sponsored by the Griffin Lions Club to become District Governor 2012-13 – he is currently serving as 1st Vice District Governor.



The Griffin Lions Club is proud to announce that we will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary on 25 Oct 2011. To honor this celebration the club will host a dinner on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Affairs to Remember Banquet Hall in Griffin, from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. We are inviting you and members of your club to help us celebrate this milestone event by attending the banquet. The guest speaker is Lion Mark Miller of the Jasper Lions Club. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please come out for an evening of fun and entertainment. For more information call 1stVDG Max Gallman or Lion Claudette Gallman at 770-229-4826.



18-F

June Phillips

Sylvania Lions Club



We still do Broom and Mops sales and really enjoy it. People also look forward in seeing us and believe it or not – we still go door to door.

We are BIG supporters of our Screven County High School. We have a concession stand – and it seems that its always time for scrubbing, sweeping, mopping and storing the pans and other goodies that we will need for operations. Football season is here and that means were ready to SERVE our customer. We give back a large some to our High School. Our Lions Club also gives \$500.00 scholarships at the Screven County High School's Honor Night. This year we gave 5 Scholarships.

The story goes like this: Football season is here! I'm sure there will be some times when you might ask yourself, as you spend 3-4 hours in the concession stand, "Why am I doing this?" Four words should suffice: MAKING OTHERS LIVES BETTER. The same holds true for why we go door-to-door selling brooms and stand out in the hot sun taking up money on White Cane Day. Because We Serve, others' lives are better. I didn't get my first pair of glasses until Jr. High. Before then, I always sat on the front row in class so I could see the blackboard, and I suffered from what we called "sick headaches" when trying to read my homework assignments. I have extreme nearsightedness (when I'm wearing glasses instead of contacts, it looks like I'm wearing Coke bottles!). But after I got my glasses, the headaches went away. And I couldn't believe it. I could actually see individual leaves on trees! And they were so bright!

There are children in Screven County just that way today, but their parents can't afford to get them glasses. So they continue to sit at the front of the room (if they're not too embarrassed) and have those headaches trying to read their homework assignments. There are also older folks who take the wrong amounts of medications because they forgot what the pharmacist said and can't read the prescription label. Others may have lost their jobs or can't get a job because they can't read well. And forget about reading a newspaper! Life for them is really a blur.

This year we have budgeted about \$4,200.00 for our Sight Conservation Program. We do expect a rise in applications and have been prepared. We also give to our Camp for the Blind, Leader Dog and Lighthouse. Besides much more for our community. We also do our Soup Kitchen. We gave 90 cases of water had been taken to the recreation department as a good will gesture.

One item of importance is having good Programs – we try to have a good mix with Lions programs and other programs from within the community and outside of the community. Such as more understanding of the SPLOST program, Air EVAC, other community affairs of interest and the list goes on.



Claudette Gallman Cruises

1377 Bucksnort Road
Jackson, GA 30233



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404-451-8430
Artlady00@aol.com

Friends of the Georgia Lions Cruise

Description of Cruise

Date: 9/16/2012
Duration: 7 Days
Cruise Line: Carnival Cruise Lines
Ship: Legend
Itinerary: Tampa-4pm Sea Cozumel Belize Isla de Roatan
Grand Cayman Sea Tampa-8am

Accommodations:

Balconies	8B	\$727.43 pp, double occ. (2 cabins available)
	8C	\$742.43 " (2 cabins available)
	8D	\$752.43 " (4 cabins available)
	8E	\$752.43 " (6 cabins available)

Inside	4E	\$562.43 " 5 cabins available)
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Vacation Protection	\$95.00 Balconies Per Person
	\$65.00 Inside Per Person

Prepaid Gratuities	\$70.00 Per Person
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Deposit due:	\$50.00 per person	Upon Booking
	\$200.00	10-Apr-12
Final Payment		25-Jun-12

Cancellation Guidelines:	4-Jul-12	\$250.00 Penalty Per Person
	3-Aug-12	50% Penalty Per Person
	19-Aug-12	75% Per Person Penalty
	3-Sep-12	Full Penalty

Early deposits are required to guarantee the above rates after April 19, 2012 rates could increase.

PLEASE NOTE; PASSPORTS ARE NOT REQUIRED, BUT SUGGESTED.

Payments by checks or money order can be made payable to Claudette Gallman Cruises and mail to 1377 Bucksnort Rd., Jackson, GA 30233 or by major credit card by calling 770-229-4826 or 404-451-8430.

Any questions contact me at the above numbers or Lion Kembra Smith.

Sincerely,

Claudette Gallman
Cruise Specialist

*Claudette Gallman Cruises
Jackson, GA 30233
770-229-4826*

FRIENDS OF THE LIONS OF GEORGIA CRUISE

September 16-23, 2012

Registration Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

D.O.B. _____ ANNIVERSARY: _____

PERSON SHARING YOUR CABIN:

NAME: _____ D.O.B. _____

BALCONY: _____ INSIDE: _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

DEPOSIT ATTACHED: _____

LIONS CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

PASSPORTS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT SUGGESTED

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO CLAUDETTE GALLMAN CRUISES
AND MAIL TO 1377 BUCKSNORT ROAD, JACKSON, GA 30233**

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 770-229-4826 OR 404-451-8430.

How about if we plan on about 4 hours of training? The training that we do will be dependent on the attendees; if we get a lot of folks who have not served at the district or MD level, it will open up more opportunities. As of now, I'd be inclined to keep the sessions pretty general: something like (1) "Beyond Your Club: opportunities in the districts, multiple district, and at international; (2) public speaking/presentations session; (3) history of Lions & Georgia Lions; (4) Goal-setting. 11



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

In honor of our 100th anniversary, the Sandy Springs Lions Club in Maryland proposed the minting of a commemorative coin as a way to celebrate our centennial and raise \$8 million dollars for LCIF to aid the visually impaired, the disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster. Your help is needed to put the first Lions coin into circulation!

Show your dedication, commitment and participation by contacting your lawmaker today and receive a downloadable certificate of appreciation due to your congressional outreach.

Thank you to those Lions who have already contacted your member(s) of Congress. So far, we have 77 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 12 co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate. Our goal is to obtain 150 House co-sponsors and 25 Senate co-sponsors by this December!

Lions Take Action Today!

- To find out if your Member of Congress is already a co-sponsor, visit www.lionsclubs.org/coin.
- If your Member of Congress is not a co-sponsor:
 - Download a [phone script](#) or [letter](#) to call or write your Senators and Representative.
 - Make it a club activity. Print out a [phone script](#) or [letter](#) and pass along to club members.
 - Visit your U.S. Senators and Representative in their district office. For tips, review the [district office visit kit](#).
- Share the [coin webpage](#) with friends and neighbors on your website, Facebook or Twitter pages. Ask them to take action!

After contacting your lawmaker, be sure to share your experience with us by filling out the [Commemorative Coin Report Back Form](#). **Once you've completed the form, be sure to print out your Certificate of Appreciation.**

For those of you who have already reached out, we'd like to again extend our thanks and appreciation. Please take a moment to [tell us about your experience](#). Be sure to print the certificate upon completion.

With 375,000 Lions nationwide, we can send a message to Congress that Lions have a mighty roar and will be heard for another 100 years serving our communities.

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Dear Lions and rap enthusiasts,

At the USA/Canada Forum in Anchorage, Alaska, you saw the debut of the new Lions rap video "Rockin' the Vest." In the video, real Lions members dance and sing along with an original rap song, created for Lions by Serve Marketing, while they perform community service.

Our hope is to make this rap video go viral, to expose as many people as we can to the great work that we do and excite them about serving their communities. Partnered with four new and fun public service announcements, this rap video is designed to have potential members view us in a new way.

Do you rock the vest? Watch the Lions "Rockin' the Vest" rap video and help us spread the word by sharing this video with your club members, friends, family and neighbors.

Go to this web site: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YGsi8EeC3M&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you for helping us go viral.



Global Membership Team (GMT)

RETENTION VISION STATEMENT: "Lions for Life"

*What this statement does is specify a viable retention goal. That is, once Lions are recruited, our goal should be to keep them as members for the rest of their lives.



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Leadership is critical to the overall success of any organization, including Lions Clubs International. An effective leadership team provides the vision, guidance and motivation necessary for our association to continue to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to communities around the world.



The Global Leadership Team (GLT).

Dear Global Leadership Team District Coordinator,

We hope you are completing your needs assessments and are developing and implementing your corresponding training and leadership development plans. As a member of the GLT, you have been tasked with identifying and developing future leaders, while training, educating and motivating current leaders to maximize their effectiveness. One of the main areas of focus as you begin your term is the training of club officers. To assist you in your club officer training, the [Leadership Resource Center](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php> provides the [Club Officer Orientation](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php> package. This is an excellent training resource package which contains an instructor guide, training materials, and presentation slides to design your district training for club officers. Also located on the Club Officer Orientation web page are individual on-line training courses for club president, secretary and treasurer.

The [Leadership Resource Center](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php) provides a variety of resources to promote personal growth and leadership excellence. We encourage you to visit the newly designed Leadership Resource Center to access tools related to:

[Global Leadership Team](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/global-leadership-team/index.php) - including the GLT Coordinator Center = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/global-leadership-team/index.php>

[Training Materials & Resources](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php>

[Leadership Communication](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/leadership-communication/index.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/leadership-communication/index.php>

[Lions Learning Center](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>

[Development Programs](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/index.php) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/index.php>

Best wishes as you begin your term as GLT-D Coordinator and thank you for your dedication to leadership development. The Leadership Division is available to provide assistance to help you achieve your GLT goals. Please do not hesitate to call upon us at globalleadershipteam@lionsclubs.org. Like International President Tam, we believe that your courage, commitment and action will result in a brighter future for Lions Clubs International and, most importantly, for those we serve.

Sincerely,

Irene Papaurelis, Manager
Leadership Administration Department

Lion Lonnie Rogers Honored for 66 Years of Service in the Heard County Lions Club

The Heard County Lions Club observed a milestone event few others worldwide have. Lion Lonnie Rogers was recognized for 66 years of membership and service. He joined the Club on June 1, 1945 and has achieved perfect attendance until just recently due to failing health. Twelve US Presidents have served during this time and the Club has been instrumental in much of the progress in our community. Lion Lonnie, at age 95, continues to extol the benefits of Lionism and maintains an interest in club activities.

Lion President and great niece of Lion Lonnie, Emily Rogers, recently presented the prestigious award. Lion Lonnie's son and fellow Lion, Denney Rogers, commented on his pride of there being four generations of the Rogers family to serve in the Heard County Lions Club. The International Association of Lions Clubs, with 1.4 million men and women worldwide, volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. The Heard County Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30PM at the Heard County Senior Center and invites perspective members to join us for dinner and an informative program.



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Boynton Lions Club Tornado Relief Effort - Past District 18-A Governor Scott Warren (second from right) and Peggie Chapman (second from left), District 18-A Alert Committee Chair, present Boynton Lions Club president Johnny Long (left) and past president Randall Franks (right), \$2,000 in Home Depot gift cards to assist with the club's tornado response. Funds for the effort were contributed from clubs throughout District 18-A. The Boynton Lions Club is partnering with the Catoosa Organization Acting in Disaster to rebuild houses for the uninsured and underinsured that lost their homes April 27. Currently there are \$1 million in needs to put people back in homes that the organization is trying to fill. To assist visit www.CatoosaCOAD.com or contact the Boynton Lions Club.



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Important Dates for Lions Sight Related Projects 2011-2012

1. Georgia Lions Lighthouse White Cane Fundraiser – 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012
http://www.lionslighthouse.org.sitemason.com/lions/white_cane_info
2. Vision Screening Month – October 2011
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sight-hearing/sight/sight-services/vision-services-screenings.php>
http://www.lionslighthouse.org/get_involved/host_a_screening
3. Global Action Campaign – Sharing the Vision – October 2011
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/global-service-action-campaigns/sharing-the-vision.php>
4. World Sight Day – October 13, 2011
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/vision-events/lions-world-sight-day.php>
5. Diabetes Awareness Month(Nov. 2011)/Day(Nov. 14, 2011)
<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/diabetes/index.php>



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

LION GARY VAUGHTERS, CHAIR, GA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.:

Proudly, I share with you that the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Optical Shop has now produced over 1,000 pairs of glasses for clients all across Georgia. We are now making glasses for all of our clinic locations ahead of schedule. 2010-11 presented excitement along with challenges for all of us. The Optical Shop was the final part of our expansion plan. The efficiencies the new facility provides allowed us to provide more service for less cost. The timing for these efficiencies could have not come at a better time. Our total revenue was \$1,642,286 for last year. This is \$128,406 less than the previous year and we ended the year \$48,618 in the red. We anticipated a difficult year and had saved previous years' excess revenue to cover this shortfall without difficulty.

Today many non-profits are not only reducing services, some are closing their doors and leaving needy citizens with fewer options to find help. However, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse is providing service to more fellow Georgians than in our long history.

In the first two months of this year alone the clinic program has served 721 individuals with 665 pairs of glasses with many of the glasses being produced in our own shop. The efficiencies created with the new facilities has reduced the per person cost significantly so each donated dollar goes further. Details of how our clubs may utilize the Optical Lab will be shared as soon as we are ready to serve more than our clinics.

59 individuals have received assistance with surgery to preserve their sight. The average cost of surgery is declined to just over \$1,100 due to great negotiations with hospitals and even greater relations with our medical providers.

The hearing program is remaining constant with 173 individuals receiving 321 new hearing aids. We are providing all the hearing aids our contract with the Public Service Commission affords us to provide. Executive Director Lennon and some Board Members have met individually with all of the members of the Public Service Commission to preserve, and hopefully increase, our contract to provide hearing services.

Our partnerships continue to pay dividends on our investment. Lions Club International is assisting us with lens for the optical laboratory. We requested 4,000 new lens from LCI and were graciously given 10,000. We wanted to serve more children; grants have been made available to allow us to go into some school systems to provide exams and glasses as needed for the underserved. In addition, a new program will allow us to serve band students with hearing protection and education about noise levels that can cause hearing damage. These and other partnerships are bringing multiple positive results to those in need all across the state. More about these exciting programs will be shared at the Joint Meeting banquet this Saturday.

I ask each of you to continue encouraging our clubs to maintain and, when possible, increase their support both financially and through other means for their Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Everyone's support is needed and appreciated as we carry out our mission. In exchange for your support, I commit to continuing excellent service at an amazingly low cost for all.

Summer Service Numbers July 1—Aug 31, 2011

District A

Eye Glasses: 176
Eye Exams: 91
Eye Surgeries: 59
Hearing Aids: 173

District B

Eye Glasses: 172
Eye Exams: 107
Eye Surgeries: 8
Hearing Aids: 12

District C

Eye Glasses: 48
Eye Exams: 35
Eye Surgeries: 7
Hearing Aids: 16

District D

Eye Glasses: 32
Eye Exams: 17
Eye Surgeries: 7
Hearing Aids: 26

District E

Eye Glasses: 46
Eye Exams: 32
Eye Surgeries: 11
Hearing Aids: 42

District F

Eye Glasses: 191
Eye Exams: 81
Eye Surgeries: 11
Hearing Aids: 33

Fiscal Year Totals:

Eye Glasses: 665
Eye Exams: 363
Eye Surgeries: 59
Hearing Aids: 173



Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.



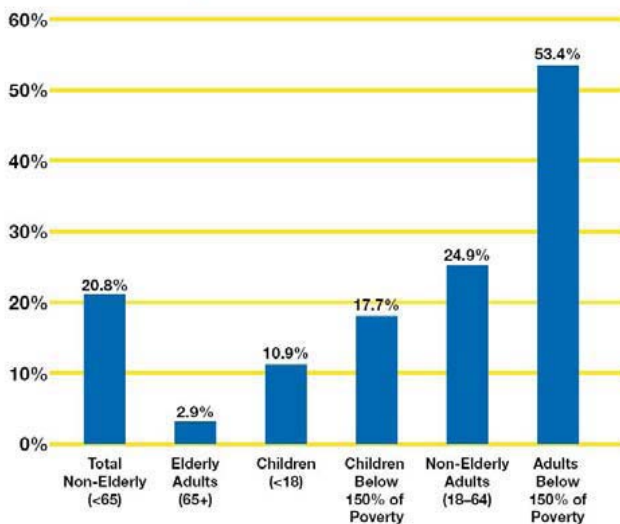
Demand for Surgery Rises Due to Economy (from the 2011 Annual Report)

As of this year, the Lighthouse is the only organization providing eye assistance to Georgians in financial need. That Lighthouse partners with ophthalmologists and hospitals to provide over 300 sight-saving surgeries each year.

The need is urgent. With Georgia's high unemployment and uninsured rates, many find themselves in need of procedures and yet unable to pay for them. Countless individuals are visually impaired from cataracts and often not considered disabled, and thus are denied Medicaid assistance.

With an ever-growing demand and limited grant funding for eye surgeries, donations are needed more than ever for this program. We are extremely grateful for our medical partners for donating their time and resources to provide these services to Georgians.

Georgia Uninsured Rates for Selected Populations



NOW LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Passionate about our cause? Want to have a hand in organizing a fun community event? Contact Sarah at 404.325.3630 to get involved with planning and organizing the Lighthouse's first charity race!

The Lighthouse Foundation Relaunches the Luminary Society



More than 45% of our funding comes from government grants and foundations, but today's uncertain economic and political climate make these channels an increasingly unstable funding source.

Individual gifts to the Lighthouse currently account for less than 2% of Lighthouse' funding. According to GivingUSA, the national average of individual donations to 501(c)3 organizations hovers around 75%.

In order to begin bridging the gap, we are re-vamping the Luminary Society and we aim to have 100 members by 2012. The members of the Luminary Society make an annual pledge of \$1,000 to the Lighthouse general budget. In acknowledgement of their support, Luminary Society members receive two tickets to Night of Spectacles, an exclusive membership pin, and recognition in Lighthouse publications.

Luminary Society pledges are a crucial, reliable funding source for the Lighthouse, and all us to improve our programs and provide a safety net against sudden economic downturn.

We hope you will consider making your pledge to ensure our continued growth of vital outreach programs. For more information, contact Sarah Epting at septing@lighthouse.org

Lions Club Makes the Most Out of White Cane



Q&A with J.C. Coefield Jr., White Cane Chair and Centerville Lions Club member

How much money did you raise through White Cane?

Last year we raised a total of a little over \$3500. About half came from fundraising efforts and the remainder from personal donations.

What type of fundraisers did you do?

We do a letter writing campaign to area businesses and several of them are regular contributors. Also, we host a 5 mile run and we utilized Wal-Mart grants, a Wal-Mart bucket drive location, and the Belk's Charity Day events.

What lessons did you learn for next year?

Ask anyone and everyone, especially businesses. Try anything to raise money for the Lighthouse surgery program!

October 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Lions and</i>	<i>LEO's</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>Month</i>	30 Council of Governors Mtg, Chamblee Georgia +	1 Joint Ga Lions Camp and Lighthouse Meetings
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 56th District Rally – 6:00 P.M., Oconee Civic Center, Oconee Cty
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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November 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Diabetes Awareness</i>	<i>Month</i>	1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30			

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December 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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						17
						24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Happy New Year LIONS	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Lighthouse Meetings Chamblee Georgia +
22 Lighthouse Meetings	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2012**NOTE:**Council of Governors meeting
changed to February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	2	3	4 Council of Governors Mtg, Camp for Blind Meeting Warner Robins, GA.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 18-E Convention Griffin, GA
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 18-B Convention McRae, GA
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26	27	28	29			

March 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2	3 18-F Convention Doraville, GA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 18-A Convention Roswell, GA
11 18-D Convention Dahlonega, GA	12	13	14	15	16	17 2012 Leo Gathering and Conference (TENTATIVE)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2012 Leo Gathering and Conference **(TENTATIVE)** or April 13-15, 2012).



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



The silence has set in. This month marks what is probably the quietest month of our entire year. I miss those days of summer. I miss them something fierce, but the time to grow our camp is now.

This month is Send-A-Kid-To-Camp month. I will be honest I haven't seen many checks come rolling in for this project. I know that many of you do your Send-A-Kid-To-Camp fundraiser at a different time of year, but if your club doesn't do a fundraiser let me encourage you to start one. This fundraiser gives visually impaired people all over the state of Georgia the opportunity to come to camp. I can stress just how important this place is. For many this week of camp is the catalyst to begin taking the steps to take back their independence.

Also I want to encourage you to come to the joint meeting. We will have our committee meetings on Saturday followed by a celebration of both the camp and the Lighthouse. Please come and be a part!

As Always thank you for serving

Kristen

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Inaugural Fallen Lions Poker Run

To benefit the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind =

Help a Blind Child at GLCB.org

Date: October 29, 2011 Registration 9:00AM @ Augusta Harley-Davidson
Kick-Stands up at 10:00AM - 10:30AM

Final Stop @ Country Boys Cooking at 1:30PM for B-B-Q and Prizes

Cost is \$25.00 per entry / \$35.00 if riding two up (Entry fee includes one hand of poker, B-B-Q Meal(s) and a chance to win door prizes)

Extra hands of poker may be purchased for \$5.00 each. Prize for best and worst poker hand. Event Tee-Shirts will be available for order.

POC is Lion Frank Spinney: LionSpinney@aol.com or (706) 339-5535

Report of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. August 20, 2011

It is great to report that our Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. is at rest and doing quite well after a Summer Camping Season that "Ascended New Heights". Highlights follow:

- The Camping Season was indeed a success. We sustained our increase in Campers made the previous year. In spite of the fires in South Georgia and having to deal with smoke on a daily basis, we had Campers attending at a record level. We did have to cut one session short due to smoke. We are on the right track! It is going to be our goal to sustain or even grow the amount of Campers again next year. With the amount of first time Campers this year and the positive feedback we are getting, that goal is very reachable.
- We are still in dialog with Camp Kudzu to establish an event at our Camp. As you are well aware, our Camp is much too wonderful of a place to not be used more. Camp Kudzu seems to be dragging their feet, but we are going to keep this in front of them. It is just too great of an opportunity to help folks in the southern part of the state. We are also outsourcing our facilities and the week following our Camping Season, the Georgia Council of the Blind used our Camp.
- Lion's Day at the Camp was indeed a great success. Thank you for coming and celebrating our 35th year of service to the visually impaired of Georgia. As always, a big thank you to Lion Doy for heading up this effort one more time. Many Lions got to see firsthand exactly what our Camp is all about and got to see all the improvements made to our campus. We are receiving nothing but positive feedback!

So as you can see - we are on the right path from a Camp Operational perspective. However, again this year we may have to borrow from our Trust Fund to wrap up the Camping Season bills. I have started some dialog with the Georgia Center for Non-Profits and we are looking at ways of growing our Camp without counting on the Lions of Georgia for all the support. I hope to have a spokesperson from the GCNC attend our next Executive Committee Meeting and address some options for change.

Once again this year we are kicking off our annual raffle. This year it is called our "Triple Option Raffle" as the winner can choose from a Gator, a Street Legal Golf Cart or the \$5,000.00 in cash. Please support this fund raiser and encourage the Lions within your District to do the same.

Camp dates to remember:

- Fall Joint Meeting GLCB and Lighthouse October 1, 2011
- Christmas Camp December 2-4, 2011
- Winter Board of Director's Meeting February 4-5, 2012
- Work Weekend March 23-25, 2012
- Work Weekend April 27-29, 2012
- Board of Director's Meeting @ Sate Convention May 25, 2012

Gary and I are once again proud to host the Council of Governor's at our Annual Fall Joint Meeting of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. We are planning a grand weekend of celebration. It will be time for good work as well as good fellowship. I'll see you there...

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Spinney

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President

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Triple Option Raffle



John Deere Gator

or

**\$5,000.00
Cash**

or



Street Legal Golf Cart

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. is a Lions of Georgia funded project that provides blind children, teens and adults with an opportunity to grow and become self-reliant. We do this at our beautiful 62 acre camping facility in Waycross, Georgia.

Please help us continue this service to those in need by purchasing a Raffle Ticket for the price of \$1.00. You could win your choice of one of the Triple Option Prizes shown above and will also win by helping a Blind Georgian attend our Camp!

We all can be Winners!

We will draw the winning ticket on February 5, 2012 at our Winter Board of Director's Meeting in Warner Robins, GA.

Thank you for your support!

Frank Spinney

President, GLCB, Inc.



Notes from a First Timer to the US/Canada Forum

I normally do not attend "Orientation" sessions but I did at this Forum and it really paid dividends. Not only did I learn what was going on but I got to hear our new LCI President Tam speak and I got a picture of President Tam and myself. Of course, I was holding my mouth open in the picture but what the heck, I got a picture with LCI President Tam.

The first seminar I attended was on LCI & the National Eye Institute (NEI). I found that the NEI is an excellent source for information on Fighting Blindness. The great thing is that the information is basically free and they let us brand it with the Lions Logo. Contact information is: www.nei.nih.org or Rosie 301-496-5248.

I attended two seminars on using the internet to improve our Lions communications, both with members and with the public. One seminar was "Web-Conferencing 101" and the other seminar was "I Believe in the Power of Websites". Both of these seminars were general information and motivation presentations and did not get into too many specifics. Besides websites they discuss social media such as Facebook, Twitter and web conferencing products such as Skype, etc. Once you decide to use some of these products the questions become: Who is going to develop the site/product for your club? Who is going to develop the content about your club? Who is going to maintain the site/product? And how much is it going to cost? On the cost issue, if you go too cheap you will defeat the whole process because a site that is not updated on a regular basis is just as bad as having no site at all. Some suggestions on how to control cost include having a member write and maintain the site/products, have students from a local school or college help the club with developing and maintaining the site/product or using a professional developer. Our club uses a Seminary student, Kevin Lockey kevinlockey201@comcast.net, to maintain our site. He does charge a little but mostly it is service of his time. I would say your best option is to get a member to maintain your site/product, then a student and finally a paid professional.

Using the internet effectively might be a good project for our District Governor Ed to sponsor. Let DG Ed know what you think.

I also attended a seminar about the Hadley School for the Blind. This is a free resource that every Lion should

know about. Hadley provides free educational services to people who are visually impaired. This is a great organization. I have taken several courses from Hadley myself and I can personally verify that they are a great and effective organization. If someone approaches your organization asking for help, this is a great place to refer them. Contact information is www.hadley.edu.

I attended several other seminars and all were very good and the presenters were well prepared. I would encourage anyone who gets a chance to attend a US/Canada Forum. It will be worthwhile.

I would like to close with some comments on our roles as Lions and our mission of "Knights of the Blind". My trip to Alaska was long, five different airline flights. I was wearing my Lions gear, so it was obvious that I was a Lion. On two occasions I was approached by people with severe visual impairment asking for information on how to get help. I gave them verbal information but I was woefully unprepared. The lessons I learned from this is 1) Wearing Lion gear will let people know what organization you are part of, 2) Always carry a Lions Business Card so you can give contact information, and 3) develop a list of resources that visually impaired people can use. I personally am going to develop a 3 by 5 card that list organizations such as the Lighthouse, Hadley, etc. that I can pass out in the future.

GOD Bless,

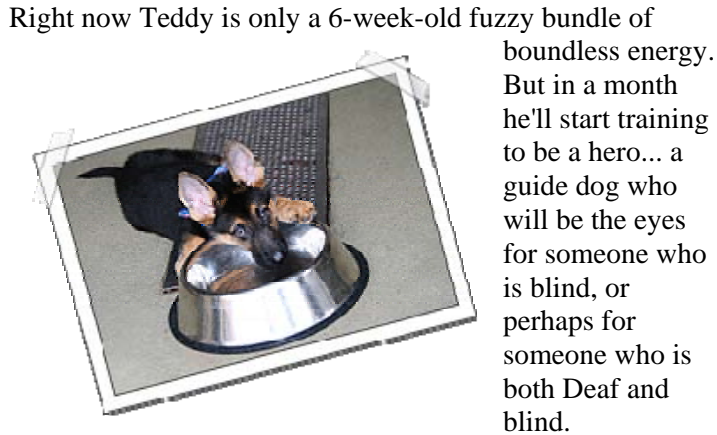
Lion Bill Graham
President – Toccoa Lions Club
blueberryfarm@windstream.net



Greg Steinmetz, his service dog Cash and myself. Greg is a proud member of the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lion in MD4-A3 in Northern California.



He was born to be someone's hero



Right now Teddy is only a 6-week-old fuzzy bundle of boundless energy. But in a month he'll start training to be a hero... a guide dog who will be the eyes for someone who is blind, or perhaps for someone who is both Deaf and blind.

A bond unlike any other.

It's a big job for such a small puppy, but in the coming year, if he shows potential and makes the grade, he will play a large role in giving his "partner" the opportunity to lead a full and independent life. And he won't be just any guide dog. He will have the distinction of being a Leader Dog.

As a superbly trained Leader Dog, Teddy will allow his visually-impaired partner to navigate busy city streets and to travel safely. He'll also be a faithful, loving companion. Together the two will form a bond unlike any other.

When a client leaves our campus after their intensive 26-day training session, they leave with their canine guide who is dedicated to their safety and mobility. And for all that it takes to train a Leader Dog and client to work as a team, we do not charge a single penny for training, room and board, or transportation!

You can change someone's life.

We do this out of our commitment to serve the blind community to provide them with greater mobility and travel independence. In fact, you may be surprised to learn that Leader Dogs for the Blind does not receive any federal or state funding.

You can change someone's life... and you have the ability to provide a person who is blind with a life-changing Leader Dog. Just as our clients put their total faith in their dogs, we put our faith in the kindness and generosity of people like you.

If you've ever loved a dog—or simply marveled at their courage, strength and ability to give unconditional love—then I believe you'll understand what a Leader Dog can mean to someone locked in the dark world of blindness.



CCI Facility Dogs and follow-up services are free of charge. Increased independence for patients and clients.

“Terren starts the communication process and my job is to set up learning opportunities.”

—Mike Bloker, Speech and Language Pathologist and Facility Dog Terren

To receive a Facility Dog:

- Obtain approval for the use of a Facility Dog from your employer.
- Contact the nearest CCI regional training center, or visit cci.org to request an application packet.
- Apply. This process involves several steps designed to ensure success.
- Provide a healthy and secure home environment for the dog.
- Once the application is accepted, attend a two-week Team Training class at a CCI training center.
- After the graduation, CCI provides ongoing support and follow-up services.



From the desk of State
RFB&D Chair Lion
Fred Smith
lionfredsmith@gmail.com

The Sacramento Bee: Blind Student Has No Trouble Visualizing a Doctorate in Chemistry



"Even the most adept chemistry student will spend an evening hopelessly staring at models of double helixes, polypeptides and ribonucleic acids. Not Henry Wedler.

Blind from birth, Wedler, who is working on his doctorate in organic chemistry at UC Davis, sees these complex structures in his mind and occasionally with his hands. Wedler, popularly known as 'Hoby,' is one of six students honored by Learning Ally, a nonprofit organization that makes specialized audio books for people with visual impairments or reading disabilities."

[read more...](#)

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/12/3902311/student-has-no-trouble-visualizing.html>

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Upgraded Learning Ally Audiobook Player Brings Accessible Books to Apple



Devices for People With Disabilities

"The upgraded app, renamed Learning Ally Audio, offers advanced accessibility features for ease of learning, including page and chapter navigation, variable speed and pitch control, bookmarking capabilities, and Apple VoiceOver

compatibility. Users will also enjoy significant new features. The popular iOS application enables the entire Learning Ally library of downloadable DAISY-formatted audio books to be played on Apple devices, including the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch."

[read more...](#)

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/8/prweb8721724.htm>



Chris McNamee & Max

Chris McNamée remembers all too well his life before Max. Chris suffers from Retinitis Pigmentosa, a progressive, degenerative retinal disease. He remembers losing his peripheral and night vision. He remembers people tripping over his cane and then scolding him for not watching where he was going. He vividly remembers not seeing the large column in a client's building. Five stitches later, not to mention his bruised dignity, Chris decided to research guide dogs. He discovered Southeastern Guide Dogs and graduated with a delightfully intelligent yellow lab named Max in 2007.

He recalls his apprehension before coming to campus for training. "I never had a dog before," he shares. "But the school is so friendly and relaxed...they made it easy!" Max changed everything. "Max has restored my confidence and mobility," Chris says. "Now I can go anywhere."

Today, Chris, his wife Lynn, and Max have become unofficial ambassadors for Southeastern Guide Dogs. When vision loss forced Chris to retire, the McNamées moved from Wisconsin to Lakewood Ranch just to be near campus. They were drawn there by Southeastern Guide Dogs' generosity and the warm Florida sunshine.

"We felt a calling to come, to help and promote the school wherever we could," Chris says. When they built a beautiful new dog-friendly home, they held an open house fundraiser. Chris often speaks at civic and social groups about the impact the school has made on his independence. And during the McNamée's world travels, Max instantly breaks the ice for conversations about Southeastern Guide Dogs.

"It's an amazing school providing the amazing gift of mobility," Chris shares. "And we are blessed to be a part of it!"



The Omega-3 Connection



Children at increased risk for developing type 1 diabetes may benefit from getting more omega-3 fatty acids in their diets.

The Diabetes Autoimmunity Study in the Young enrolled 1,770 children who either had genes associated with the development of type 1 or a sibling or parent with type 1. Researchers found that children who ate foods high in omega-3s were less likely to develop antibodies associated with type 1 diabetes.

Between 1994 and 2006, parents of the children enrolled in the study answered yearly questionnaires about their children's diet. The questionnaires asked how often, on average, their children ate certain foods, with possible answers ranging from "never" to "more than 6 times per day." Meals known to be high in omega-3s—such as canned tuna, shellfish, and "dark meat" fish such as salmon, mackerel, and swordfish—were specifically included.

The children had yearly blood tests that measured antibodies associated with type 1. If a child developed such antibodies, he or she then had blood drawn every 3 to 6 months for the remainder of the study. The researchers also measured blood glucose for children with antibodies. At study's end, the researchers found that children who were reported to have had the highest intake of omega-3s had a 55-percent lower risk of developing antibodies associated with type 1.

This study was published in the Sept. 26, 2007, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.



A Sense of Where They Are: Children, Parents, and Lows

Severe low blood glucose (hypoglycemia) can be terrifying and dangerous. In the worst cases, seizures or coma can result. Preventing hypoglycemia can be especially challenging for children. But it may be even more difficult for their parents, according to a new study.



The research, published in the Mar. 2008 issue of *Pediatrics*, tested the ability of 6- to 11-year-olds with type 1 diabetes and their parents to accurately estimate blood glucose. "They both did terribly, but the parents were even worse," says lead author Linda Gonder-Frederick, PhD, an associate professor at the University of Virginia.

The 61 families enrolled in the study estimated the children's current blood glucose three to four times a day, in addition to those times when they thought the glucose might be too low or high. The researchers then compared their estimates with actual measures of the children's blood glucose.

After 70 blood glucose estimation trials over one month, the researchers tallied the scores. Children did somewhat better than their parents, detecting hypoglycemia 54 percent of the time, compared with 41 percent for their parents. The researchers were particularly concerned to see parents guessing a high level 17 percent of the time when the blood glucose was actually low.

"Clinically, it's a very serious error, because you would take the opposite treatment actions," says Gonder-Frederick. For example, a parent working under the assumption that a child is hyperglycemic may limit food intake, which could make hypoglycemia worse.

During six months of follow-up, the researchers sent an e-mail to parents every two weeks asking how many times their children experienced severe hypoglycemic episodes. They found that children who scored lowest on detecting hypoglycemia during the trial period were most likely to suffer severe hypoglycemia. "That's one of the major take home messages," says Gonder-Frederick: "Hypoglycemia unawareness is a risk factor for future severe hypoglycemia."

Children were worse at estimating their glucose levels if they were younger, had fluctuating levels, or were depressed. And yet anxiety seemed to help children detect hypoglycemia. "Anxiety is associated with hyper vigilance," explains Gonder-Frederick. "Hypervigilance of symptoms ... can cause people to be more aware of body changes." Of course, anxiety brings its own problems in the form of stress and unhappiness.

As for parents, the duration of their child's diabetes and the ability to recognize symptoms of hypoglycemia improved blood glucose estimation accuracy. Yet, surprisingly, better predictions by parents did not translate into a reduction of severe hypoglycemia. "One thing we learned: Parents of young children need a lot more education on hypoglycemia. A lot more," says Gonder-Frederick, noting that she and her colleagues are developing a training course to help fill that need.



"Vision of Peace"
2010-11 Grand
Prize Winner
Raj
Phairembam, a
11-year-old boy
from Moirang,
Manipur, India.

"Children Know Peace"

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest – "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Dear Lions,

Lions Clubs International is offering you an opportunity to support your local visually-impaired youth. The Lions International Essay Contest is open to 11, 12 and 13-year-old students who are visually impaired. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The theme for the essay is "Children Know Peace." Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. Please note the deadlines for submission.

For more information about the contest, including the complete rules and entry form, visit

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/official-contests/lions-international-essay-contest.php>

Thank you for your consideration.

Contest Guidelines

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

The grand prize winner will be notified on or before June 1.

The contest theme is

"Children Know Peace"

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Lions Young Leaders In Service Award

The [Lions Young Leaders in Service Award](#) allows Lions the opportunity to give formal recognition to young volunteers with in their community, ages 12-18, who have completed 50 or 100 hours of community service, within a 12-month period.

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MD 18 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN – CO-CHAIR LION MARK BRADLEY:

With this being my first year serving the Lions of Georgia in this capacity, my initial objective has been to familiarize myself with the many programs available to us that will involve our youth in Lionism. I am also looking for opportunities to speak to clubs in hopes of identifying more leaders with a passion for the youth in our communities so that we can localize our goals and implement programs that are community specific. In addition to the various programs offered through Lions International, the following are some of the programs that I am suggesting Georgia Lions incorporate into their plans for now and in the future:

***Dictionary Program:** This is a valuable program that will enable any size club the opportunity to provide the third and fourth graders in their area dictionaries at very little cost to the club. For \$1.75

we can give these children their own Student Dictionary. According to the latest figures available, we have 1241 qualifying public schools in Georgia with over 131,000 third graders. As of this report, only about 6.29% of these students had received dictionaries. Info at www.dictionaryproject.org

***GACHIP:** This would be a great opportunity for Lions Clubs to partner with another organization in providing child identification packets to the parents and guardians of Georgia. Since 2007, the Georgia Masons have been involved in a program that offers, at no charge to the parents, a packet for each child that includes all personal data, a DNA sample, five digital fingerprints, four digital photographs and a brief video/audio interview of the child. This is all burned to a CD which the parent takes with them, leaving none of the information with anyone involved in the program. These are done at local school events, community festivals and other youth related activities. In addition to needing partner organizations, the Masons have been assisted at many events by young people in the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Church Youth Groups as well as many of our own children. To date, over 59,000 children have been processed. Info at www.gachip.org

***Tree Planting:** This would be a perfect way to include the youth in our communities in an environmental program that impacts them immediately. Through a pilot study by the Georgia Forestry Commission's Sustainable Community Forest Program called The School Yard Shade Program, Gaines Elementary School in Athens participated in an effort to demonstrate how tree placement can offset the negative effects of ultraviolet light and high temperatures on a school landscape. This could soon be available at many other schools. Also, many Georgia communities are now hosting Arbor Day activities during the third week of February culminating in tree planting ceremonies on Friday that involve many civic organizations. Many times these could include youth organizations such as our Leo Clubs, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops and Boys & Girls Club Members. As an active member of the Jackson County Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors, I have seen firsthand the pride that these children take in being a part of this program. Info at www.gfc.state.ga.us and www.bgca.org

***Liberty Day:** This program is provided by a non-profit group dedicated to providing the tools necessary to teach students about The Constitution of the United States. Even the smallest clubs can distribute booklets containing the Constitution, as well as The Declaration of Independence to children in their communities at very little cost. For as little as \$1.00 per booklet, we can better educate our next generation about the principles and values that this country was founded on. I have ordered a small supply of materials to help get me started. Info at www.libertyday.org

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WHAT TYPE OF YOUTH PROJECTS HAS YOUR CLUB WORKED ON?
(Results from all LCI Clubs 2010-2011)

LEO Clubs—25%
Peace Poster Contest—20%
Youth Camp or Exchange—11%
More than one of the above—26%
Other / Local Projects—18%

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LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-C: Colquitt County > Clubs at MS-JH-CCHS // Adopting LEO projects for the 2011-12 year // Starting new LEO Club at CCHS // Continuing to assist the Camp; Early County > Club at ECHS // Hoping to start Special Olympics for schools // Engaging in Environmental project including the LEO Tree at Kolomoki State Park // Sponsoring School-in-A-Box with UNICEF // Officer Training and Retreat // Presented programs to the Blakely Lions and Edison Lions // Dallas Knox named State LEO essay winner; Seminole County > Johnelle Simpson named Georgia Lions Young Ambassador // Preparing for several local and community projects.



LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Dear Lions,

The Youth Exchange Program for your Lion District has started for the year 2011 - 2012. One young lady from Australia is arriving three weeks before Christmas to experience a "Georgia Christmas." She is very interested in learning about our culture compared to Australia. I have a Host Family who is excited about having her during the holidays..

The Youth Exchange Chair from Finland has e-mailed me with the following question - How many Host Families can we promise him for May 2012 - August 2012? He has numerous students who have selected our state. Just give me a number so he will have some idea. Some students would like a four-week stay and some six to 8 weeks.

Bottom Line - I need to give him an answer soon. I know most of you have found Hosts before and you know exactly how to go about this. For those who don't..... please e-mail or call me at 770-683-0038 and I will go over just how it's done. I will be glad to make a trip to your home, Club Meeting, or you could come to mine. Also, if you have any questions please let me hear from you.

It is so much easier to make contacts and find interested hosts now, than at the last minute. The Youth Exchange Chair in Finland really needs our help.

Some ideas are: It's nice to have Lions be the Host, however, it is also very good to have people who are not Lions. Some of these hosts will become Lions because of the Exchange Program. If you have a sister, friend, or family member in another state that you know will make a great Host Family, you can also tell them about our Program.

All you have to provide a student is a room with a bed, food, and make some memories that will create both of you a forever friend.

Please let me know by 3 October, that you received this information and let's begin!

Best regards,

Lion Faye H. Smith
MD 18 Youth Camp and Exchange Chair

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"Let the American youth never forget, that they possess a noble inheritance, bought by the toils, and sufferings, and blood of their ancestors; and capacity, if wisely improved, and faithfully guarded, of transmitting to their latest posterity all the substantial blessings of life, the peaceful enjoyment of liberty, property, religion, and independence." -- Joseph Story, Commentaries on the Constitution, 1833

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➤ Believe in Nurturing our Future

Lions Clubs International has a long-standing commitment to children and young adults. Our programs make growing up a more positive experience. Believe that each and every child we help will grow-up to be a responsible, caring adult. To engage our young people we will:

Promote our Lions Quest program to provide essential life skills to youth worldwide

Expand youth activities that encourage a positive self image and develop confidence

Encourage Lions to become role models for children and young adults

Increase awareness of the Services for Children program to continue meeting education, shelter and health needs around the world

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Lions Family Cub Program

The Cub Program helps support family-friendly clubs. Formulated special to encourage families to volunteer together, children under age 12 have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping others. Cubs are divided into three age categories:

Level 1: Under age 3

Level 2: Age 4-7

Level 3: Age 8-12

Lions clubs that implement a Cub Program are encouraged to shape Cub activities to fit the lifestyles and needs of the Cubs, Lion members and families involved. To help support the program, LCI offers the Lions Family Cub Program Activity Guide and Family Cub Program Activities, filled with age-appropriate activities and distinguishing Cub Patches by age level to help Cubs feel like part of the club and get them excited to participate.



Lions Quest

Engage Youth Through Lions Quest

During the month of August, Lions are encouraged to participate in the Global Service Action Campaign to [Engage Youth](#). Beginning or expanding Lions Quest is a great way to do so. To aid Lions in beginning and expanding Lions Quest in their communities, a number of new materials are available. A [new video](#) highlights the success of the program in urban areas, including in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. A new How-to-Kit includes a [video](#) to show the program's success globally as well as a [step-by-step guide](#) for implementing the program.



Hero's in the Community



- Raise awareness of the Lions Quest program
- Develop partnership between Lions clubs and schools
- Expose Lions clubs to the community
- Increase Leo and Lion membership
- Implement joint service within communities

Tooele City Raises Hopes and Lowers Risk with Lions Quest

Tooele City, Utah, decided that local schools needed some retooling. In 2003, Tooele City's youth were found to have the greatest level of risk in antisocial behavior, lack of commitment to school, and family conflict. The Lions Quest program was selected by Communities That Care (CTC), a community

coalition committed to supporting youth, to help address those issues. Lions Quest has the full support of Tooele



County School

District and has been required curriculum in all 6th grade classrooms since 2006.

"Teachers love how it helps to facilitate a structured way to promote bonding within the classroom, and how it gives students a chance to vent and talk about real life issues while in school," explained CTC School Programs Coordinator Heidi Schofield.

The program also gives students the chance to connect with the community. Tooele City schools partnered with the local police department to teach the Lions Quest drug, tobacco and alcohol prevention unit. Valley Mental Health donated backpacks so Lions Quest students could decorate them with anti-drug and -tobacco messages and pictures. Growing up may not be easy, but with backpacks, and the caring community in Tooele City, the burden gets easier to carry.

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"It's not reading, writing and arithmetic anymore. I look around and see how many kids are hurting and feeling abandoned, and they bring it right here, into the classroom."

- School social worker Lisa Maggiore from [Chicago Sun-Times](#).

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"The [Oak Harbor] Lions Club said here's a possible solution and what they'd do to help. It's easy for schools to get criticized but hard for someone to come up with a solution."

- Frances Portillo, LQ trainer.

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"Thanks for all you do at Lions Clubs International to help and support programs like this!! We appreciate your great efforts in creating better communities and healthier youth!"

- Heidi Schofield, Communities That Care.

Planting a Million Trees – Do You Believe it Can Be Done?

TREES

by Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

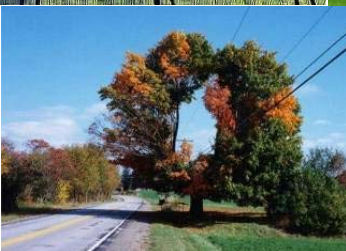
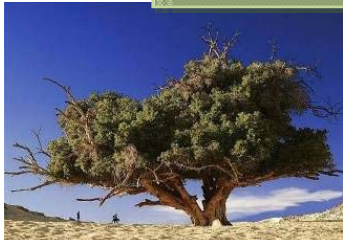
I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth
is pressed
Against the earth's sweet
flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has
lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by people like
me,
But only God can make a tree.

An important part of our extension of service this year is caring for our environment. Our goal this year is to plant a million trees around the world. That's less than one tree for each member. If we can accomplish this goal, it proves once again that we can accomplish anything – just like we did when we exceeded our goal for Campaign SightFirst II. Just like we did when we prevented over 1 million cases of river blindness. And just like we are going to do by helping eradicate measles.

Why trees? It's no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment.

Any of us can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands-on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your community at-large to join your local Lions club in a collaborative effort. If we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we all know we have to make a difference as Lions.

So make tree-planting part of your club or district activities this year, and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of our gift of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year? Every month throughout the year, we will report the number of trees being planted on this Web site.





LCI NEWS



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 ?**

Wing-Kun Tam President of Lions Clubs International



Our International Convention ended today with the election of Wing-Kun Tam as our 2011-2012 International President. Tam, a Lion from Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), The People's Republic of China, is the chairperson of a world-wide group of air transportation companies – and the first person from China to serve as international president of the world's largest service club organization.

"Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign

Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. Lions have an opportunity to show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger."

Take Action

During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger.

Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.

Visit [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you. If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available, you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

Campaign Resources

Use the following resources to plan and promote your "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign project.

Call to Action Flyer: Get an overview of the "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.

Planning Guide: Use this step-by-step guide to organize your very own "Relieving the Hunger" project.

Project Ideas: Review ideas you and your club can use to participate in the campaign.

Food Drive Project Sheet: Use this project sheet to organize a food drive to alleviate hunger.

News Release: Send a news release to local media to help publicize your "Relieving the Hunger" project.

2010 Campaign Results

Dedicated Lions helped feed more than 7 million people during our "Relieving the Hunger" campaign in December, 2010 and January, 2011. Our members reported

participating in nearly 2,000 projects worldwide, totaling more than 150,000 volunteer's hours.



Dear Lions,

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Lions Clubs International is offering you an opportunity to support your local visually-impaired youth. The Lions International Essay Contest is open to 11, 12 and 13-year-old students who are visually impaired. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The theme for the essay is "Children Know Peace." Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. **Please note the deadlines for submission.**

For more information about the contest, including the complete rules and entry form, visit <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/ember-center/online-community/official-contests/lions-international-essay-contest.php>

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.

Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.

Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

Essay entries cannot have already been published. Go to this web site and download = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/competition/pdfs/pr41.pdf>

Enter the Lions Clubs International Contest

The Lions Clubs International Contest gives Lions the chance to showcase their hard work and creativity. Clubs, districts and multiple districts are encouraged to submit their entries for this year's Contest in four categories: Newsletter (Bulletin), Trading Pin, Friendship Banner and Web site. [Download the official entry form for more information.](#)

Global Leadership Team (GLT)

The new GLT provides a concentrated focus on active leadership development. Beginning this year, the GLT will encourage the identification and development of leaders at all levels of the association,

while providing valuable information, guidance and motivation. Through representation at the district and



MD levels - and by including DG teams - the GLT structure provides a global platform to develop more qualified leaders from the club level up, and encourages regional training and development to meet local needs. [Learn more.](#)

New and Improved Service Activity Report

We've recently redesigned the Lions Club Service Activity Report to provide clubs with more tools to monitor their service activities and share information with others. The new system allows club and district officers to designate signature activities and set service goals that can be tracked throughout the year. Officers can also search activities that other clubs choose to share using key words, geographic location, program area and other criteria. Go to this web site = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/service-activity-report.php>

Take Part in Our Commemorative Coin Campaign to Help Raise Millions for LCIF

How much is a Lions' silver dollar worth? About \$8 million! That's how much we hope to raise for LCIF if Congress passes a commemorative coin bill honoring our centennial in 2017. Getting Congressional approval is not automatic. Congress passes only two commemorative coin bills per

year. Many Lions - including past international presidents, past international directors and other members - are lobbying their congressional representatives to pass the legislation. [Learn how to take part in this campaign.](#)

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch LQ video magazine to see how canines become life-changing companions.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community.

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Organize a club-level contest to showcase the beauty of nature.

EVENTS

[2012 International Convention](#)

Learn about our 2012 event in Busan, Korea.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

As a parent and grandparent, one area of service that is especially important to me is programs that benefit our youth. Our Foundation offers this service opportunity through [Lions Quest](#). Our kids are learning more than what is printed in a textbook; they are developing vital skills that will fully prepare them for their teen and adult years. I've witnessed the success of this program from my home state of North Carolina, USA, to Thailand.



governments and ministries of education. In Lithuania, for example, the Lions received a 500,000 Euro grant from the European Union to expand the program nationwide.

We are eager to work with you, and I encourage you to appoint a Lions Quest chairperson in your district, if you do not have one, to help lead this effort locally. I invite all of you to learn more about this important program during the area Forums, where we will have a Lions Quest seminar or training. If you are unable to attend, all of these materials will be available on our new [LCIF Web site](#).

Sid L. Scruggs, III
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Providing Disaster Relief for Hurricane Irene Victims



Last month, several areas of the United States experienced widespread flooding and damage from Hurricane Irene. As always, Lions are bringing

aid to the people affected by this disaster. LCIF has awarded US\$110,000 in emergency grants to districts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Vermont and Puerto Rico for disaster relief. Our members are using these funds to provide immediate assistance to people in the hardest hit areas. [Learn more about our efforts - and how you can help.](#)

Distribution of Contributing Membership Pins

Bronze Contributing Membership pins, which are distributed in return for a donation of \$20. If you would like to receive Silver (for a donation of \$50) or Gold (for a donation of \$100) Contributing Membership pins, please contact your LCIF Coordinator and they will send you one.

All LCIF Multiple District and District Coordinators have and will distribute Contributing Member pins to all who wish to donate – please see or contact your LCIF District Coordinator.



Lions in these areas and around the world know the value Lions Quest has for kids. It's exciting that this program continues to grow each year, and this is only

possible because of you, Lions. Just last month during our Lions Quest Advisory Committee Meeting, we awarded [26 grants](#) for more than US\$1.2 million-a new record! Three of these grants are for France, the Republic of Georgia and Slovenia to begin the program, bringing the total number of Lions Quest countries to 69.

We are also working with new partners and organizations to help us in our expansion efforts. In August, a training workshop was held for 31 teachers and personnel from Joint Base Lewis McChord, a U.S. military installation in the state of Washington. These educators will use Lions Quest to positively impact the lives of kids whose parents have been repeatedly deployed for active duty. With grant funding from the [U.S. State Department](#), we will adapt Lions Quest materials for use in Africa and expand our programs in five countries. And many Lions have successfully partnered with their local

LIONS OF GEORGIA

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HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	# Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	Lion (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

Club:		District:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:			

Hospitality Book Includes: 2 District Breakfasts and District Governors Banquet on Saturday Night.

Cost of Hospitality Book is:

Before Sept. 30, 2011	\$90.00	Oct. 1, 2011- Dec. 31, 2011	\$100.00
Jan 1, 2012-April 30, 2012	\$120.00	After April 30, 2012	\$130.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Thursday Night with IP Wayne A. Madden	#	@	\$35.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
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Check #/Cash:		Date Paid:		Amount Paid:	\$

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