

Lions of Georgia

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9 March

District 18-A
Convention,
Marietta, GA

(Jointly with
District E)



2 March

District 18-D
Convention,
Athens, GA

(Jointly with
District F)



16 February

District 18-C
Convention,
Cordele, GA

(Jointly with
District's
E & F)



23 February

District 18-B
Convention,
Lyons, GA

(Jointly with
District F)

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 StateMag to each of those members. Send to edmcliconh@bellsouth.net or lionga@bellsouth.net



State News



Council received reports or comments as follows:

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT – LION JAMES E. “JIM” ERVIN:

PIP Ervin stated that the Governors have been addressing quite a few issues, especially the transition from six to four districts. First and Second VDGs will need to help the DG as s/he tries to visit all clubs. He stated that through Board Action they are trying to find a way of getting more emphasis on the Zone Chairperson. PIP Ervin pointed out that at the recent Board Meeting there was a selection of people to serve on the International Youth Committee and the Leo Program, and Lion Steve Helwig was the person selected from the United States to be on this committee. He also reported that a PID who has become a candidate for Second Vice President, had to resign as an instructor at the Governors Elect School, and PCC Mark Miller was selected by the Board to fill this vacancy. PIP Ervin stated that he knew the Council would be discussing one of the Lions Projects today, and he hoped all would be very professional in their approach, and have a good understanding of what has and hasn't taken place and what Council proposes. PIP Ervin stated he has been asked by IPP Tam to present a Certificate of Appreciation to PCC Kenneth Moore for his work and service to the Association. Lion Ervin presented the certificate and thanked PCC Moore for his service to the Lions of Georgia as Council Chair.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION W. MYERS BANISTER:

PID Banister stated it was a pleasure to be in attendance. He appreciates the work the Council is doing and the challenges before the Council with the redistricting. He reserved comments until later on the Agenda.

REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION – LION OLIN C. NEWBY, DG 18-F: DG Newby stated that the 2013 State Convention will be held in Augusta. He called on Convention General Chair to give a report. Lion Winters stated that there are 174 registered for hospitality books and 54 registered for the Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon. He asked Council members to get out and encourage registrations. Lion Winters would like to see at least 400 in attendance at the Augusta convention, and all the rooms at the Marriott rented.

REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION PAT POWELL, DG 18-B: DG Powell, 18-B, stated that the Southeastern Breakfast is being hosted this year by Tennessee. Tickets will be submitted to CC Alan Bethel and he will distribute them amongst the Governors who are attending. DG Powell stated that she has submitted the paperwork to LCI concerning the Georgia Jamboree for the location. She has contacted a few clubs in Germany concerning square dancing for the Jamboree. DG Powell stated that she will file the paperwork on the International Parade when that is received.

CC Bethel stated that Council discussed potentially hosting an International Convention in Atlanta in 2019 or 2020. He distributed information from LCI on what is required for a bid and also the host Lions Convention Committee responsibilities. He stated that Council needs a person to explore with the Atlanta Convention Bureau and other organizations that would be involved in assisting an organization like Lions in bringing a convention to Atlanta. PIP Jim Ervin stated that at one time PCC Richard Brown offered to accept that position. CC Bethel stated he would contact Lion Brown to see if he is still willing to do this. Li on Ed Hashbarger stated that he would be willing to assist Lion Brown. Lion Pam Schloemer stated that she can supply a contact with the Georgia Convention Center. CC Bethel reminded everyone that this would be a five year commitment on the part of Multiple District 18.

MD 18 GLT COORDINATOR – LION KEMBRA SMITH, PCC:

Lion Smith stated that Vice District Governor Training was conducted after the last Council Meeting. She had hoped to have another session today but that has been cancelled. She stated that all First Vice District Governors are working on their assignments from LCI and everyone is on task to get that in so that they will be reimbursed in Germany. She stated that a number of Lions attended the Forum in Tampa and there was good representation on the panels there. Following the Forum the GLT Area Coordinator Mark Miller served on the faculty for the Lions Leadership Institute, so this was another recognition for Georgia. Lion Smith stated that a number of Lions took advantage of the Cruise that DG Gallman's wife, Claudette, coordinated. During the Cruise, training was offered on Membership Orientation by PDG Steve Humphry; Club Excellence Process Facilitator Training which was attended by Lions from all over North America. It was very well received. PCC Grace Clower and PCC Smith conducted that training. This was a charity fund raiser for the Lions of Georgia, and Lion Smith presented a check to the Council of Governors for \$700.00 from the Cruise. She stated that the funds were to be used as the Council sees fit, but she would encourage using it toward training.

Training for CEP is going on now in A, D, F; Classes offered for Certified Guiding Lions in Districts A, B, and D; working on training classes currently for the upcoming District Conventions in the spring, trying to get as many of the districts working together on those training classes to be offered at the District Conventions. All GLT coordinators and all DGs have received mail outs from LCI regarding Senior Lions Leadership Institute coming up in February. Those applications are due soon, and she encouraged Governors to nominate as many of their trained and functioning Zone Chairs to attend those. She asked Governors to encourage their GLT coordinators to get their reports in to the GLT Website.

REPORT OF MD 18 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHAIR AND STATE LION TAMER – LION RICK MIZELL, PDG:

Lion Mizell stated that the website has been updated. He stated he appreciates all the input. CC Bethel presented a certificate to Lion Mizell: "Honorable Mention – International Website Contest – Multiple District – Multiple District 18, Georgia, USA – for creativity and content and design – Judged at the 95th annual convention in Busan, Korea." Lion Mizell stated that this makes # 6, in addition to five 1st Place Awards. Lion Mizell stated he would appreciate receiving ideas or suggestions on the type of items put into the store for sale. He asked Governors to let him know whether or not they want the store available at their District Conventions.

REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG:

CC Bethel called attention to a printed report in each file, since Lion Helwig could not be present for the meeting:

We are beginning the third year of the Leo Multiple District in Georgia. One of the primary goals this year is to have a Policy Manual and By-Laws completed, voted on at the MD18 Leo Gathering and Conference, and sent to the Council for their consideration. Any input on this topic from the Council would be appreciated. PDG Don Wagner spoke to the Leo Council in Savannah concerning a scholarship opportunity for Leos through the pin traders' organization. I spoke with him further at the first 18-D Cabinet meeting in Dawsonville and he told me he would be sending information about application requirements and I will be sending those out as soon as received. Their website link (www.litpc.org) is currently not operational but I will keep checking and advise. We will be working with the Camp to set dates for the 2013 Gathering and Conference. The Leo Council has asked for two dates in March but they will set dates at the September Council meeting.

REPORT OF MD 18 STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, 1st VDG, 18-D:

VDG Hashbarger asked the 1st and 2nd VDGs to be looking for someone to serve as editor of the State Magazine. He stated that the next issue of the magazine will contain information on training.

He stated that he forwarded an LCIF report via email to all Council Members. He stated that \$100,000.00 was sent toward Hurricane Sandy. Each District received a report on how much has been contributed. He asked Governors to encourage a \$25.00 minimum contribution per club in order to be 100% for the district.

REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – LION PAM SCHLOEMER:

Lion Schloemer submitted a report to the Governors covering the period through October 16th. She pointed out that about 98% of the clubs have not donated to Leader Dog this year. She suggested that one way to bring in contributions is to put a coin card out at each meeting and charge members a quarter as they come in the door. She asked Governors to encourage their clubs to make a donation to Leader Dogs. She stated that she was not able to negotiate a deal with the WBA. She stated that she and Ed Hashbarger met with the Atlanta Braves and they are working with the Lions. The event will be June 15. A flyer will be distributed for purchasing tickets. There will be many opportunities on that date for the Lions to participate. Lions will be responsible for the pre-game meal. Lion Schloemer stated that she has contacted all but one of the District Chairs, and that they held a meeting yesterday at the Golden Corral. The committee would like to have what they call a road show, where the group could go into any school, or before any organization and present the Leader Dog Program with a video, and leader dog recipient. She stated that she has received about four or five requests to do a presentation, and they hope to have the road show ready by January 1. Each District Chair will be asked to get three locations a year for the road show. She would like to be on the agenda at the next Council Meeting to be able to demonstrate the road show.

REPORT OF MD 18 ALERT CHAIR – LION PEGGIE CHAPMAN:

Lion Chapman called attention to a printed report. I have reported to the Council several times about the lack of communication among the District ALERT chairmen. This is

probably completely my fault, but in an effort to offer the opportunity for a state wide meeting and facilitate this meeting, I am requesting that a session for the District Chairs be offered at the 2013 District Convention. I further suggest that all those who are serving this year and any others who are interested in being an ALERT chair for their new district attend this first meeting. I do not know the proper procedure for requesting this meeting be placed into the State Convention Schedule so I will rely on your expertise. If there is something I need to do, please let me know. I will be glad to lead the meeting at that time, unless you choose to select someone else to do so. I hesitate to think where we would be as far as response if we ever were to have any disaster of any magnitude! Thank you for allowing me to serve at State Chair and thank you for any assistance you can offer to set this procedure in motion. She asked Governors for permission to attend each District Convention, and asked for an invitation to come and speak about ALERT at the District Conventions.

New Business:

State Pins: DG Newby showed the Council the pin which has been selected. LT Rick Mizell has requested 700 of the silver pins for sale and the Pin Traders will purchase 400 of the gold and 400 silver for their organization. DG Newby, 18-F, made a motion that Council approve the purchase of 1500 pins in quantities discussed. Motion seconded by DG Gallman, 18-E, and motion carried.

Club Sponsor Project: 2nd VDG Chip Nedza stated that the project includes the 241 clubs that exist in Georgia now, and assigning a club that sponsored that particular club. He stated that the list has been completed for every club in Georgia. The information will be given to the proper people and a copy to each District Governor. This list is done by Districts LION, and will include the club's charter date, and the club that sponsored them. Lion Nedza pointed out that LCI has said no MD has ever put together a complete genealogy of their clubs, so Georgia will be the first. CC Bethel thanked Lion Chip for his work on the project.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse – Please find attached a letter to Georgia Lions from Lion Alan Bethel, Council Chairman, MD 18, Lions of Georgia, and Lion Kembra Smith, Chair of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

November 19, 2012

Dear Lions of Georgia,

This letter is being written to the Lions of Georgia to clarify recent concerns of the Council of Governors about actions within and by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation's Board of Directors that the Council of Governors believed tarnished the integrity of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. As Chairs of the Council of Governors and of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, we also want to chart a course forward that will reflect a clarification of duties of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation's and the Executive Director so that the Lions of Georgia can again be proud of their flagship Foundation.

To get a copy of this 3 page letter go to this web site:

<http://edmclicion.com/1Letter%20to%20Lions%20re%20Lighthouse.pdf>



Webinar Tutorial

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>

Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. To register and login, participants are directed to an Internet address. Please [review our Guide to Register/login](#).

Most webinars have one or two instructors and a moderator/host. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation and polling questions on their computer. They listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. The participants may use the phone for audio/speaking or a computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructors, similar to training conducted in a classroom. For more information [read our Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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- [Workbook](#)

[Session Q&As](#)

Intended Audience:

Club secretaries who want to become more effective in using the WMMR site

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How to login, run reports and download club billing invoices, and how to submit payments online. This webinar will include discussion of your responsibilities as treasurer and a demonstration of using the WMMR site

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Club Pit Stop Checklist

Pit Stop Three (January—March)

Service

- Participate in the Lions Global Service Action Campaign: [Relieving the Hunger](#).
- Continue to support and report [Reading Action Programs](#) activities in your community.

Membership and Public Relations

- Make sure club members are aware of all club activities and get involved.
- Contact your [District GMT/GLT](#) coordinator to schedule a [Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP) workshop.
- Host a [new member orientation](#) and begin the mentor process for newly recruited members.
- Share photos from your projects, fundraisers and events on your club web site and [social media](#).
- Submit an application for the World of Service Awards, due March 1st.

Operations

- Submit membership and service activity reports monthly through “MyLCT”.
- Register for your district or multiple district convention. (Can be credited toward the Club Excellence Award).
- Review and pay club statement and ensure Treasurer is familiar with [payment instructions](#) terms and process.

Choose a CEP Workshop for Your Club

A CEP Workshop can be customized to your club's needs. You can choose the format and setting of the workshop. CEP can be conducted in a single workshop. In this format, participants will progress through all four steps in one session. CEP can also be conducted as a series of four workshops. In this format, participants can take time learning one step per session. A club can hold a CEP Workshop during club meetings, or a club can create a separate gathering (such as a retreat) for their workshop. A club may wish to be part of a multi-club workshop at a district convention or larger gathering.

Districts can also host a CEP workshop. Hosting a CEP workshops goes towards the qualifications necessary to receive the 2012-2013 [DG Team Excellence Award](#).

What will a participating CEP Workshop club do?

A participating club will examine their community's needs, analyze their membership experience, use resources and develop action plans.

Step 1: Why Are We Here? (45-60 minutes)

Discover community needs and complete a *Community Needs Assessment*

Discuss how Lions make a difference

Recognize what Lions have accomplished

Brainstorm what Lions could accomplish the future

Step 2: What Makes an Excellent Club? (75-90 minutes)

Determine the characteristics of an excellent club

Identify the stumbling blocks that prevent us from excellence

Analyze ways to improve club effectiveness

Complete the *How Are Your Ratings?* Survey

Step 3: How Can We Determine Our Needs? (45-60 minutes)

Review the *Community Needs Assessment*

Review the *How Are Your Ratings?* results

Locate resources available to achieve excellence

Step 4: What Can We Do Next? (45-60 minutes)

Set goals

Create action plans

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2013 LCI Webinars

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As a leader, you know that no long term success can be achieved without a solid plan. I hope you are collaborating with other district leaders to establish your goals and action plans for both membership growth and leadership development. These plans will serve as a road map for your term as district governor, so develop them thoughtfully, using all of the resources available.

I wanted to highlight a couple of basic points uncovered in a recent research project conducted by LCI. Keep these points in mind as you develop your plans.

1. Three out of four former Lions expressed that they dropped their membership due to a club related issue. The top five reasons given for quitting were:

- § unproductive meetings
- § not enough younger members
- § meetings were not enjoyable
- § they did not feel like they belonged
- § the club felt too political

Obviously, the overall experience we are providing to our members matters!

2. Membership growth is crucial if we are to continue to answer the call for community service, and maintaining a content membership base is critical. Retention is a primary concern for Lions Clubs International and must be a priority for you as district governor. Consider the simple **1-in-5** concept:

§ If Lions Clubs International had retained just one out of every five dropped members in the last five years, most areas would have experienced positive membership growth.

Just 1-in-5! If we are to grow and thrive as an association, we must focus on our retention challenge. Lions who feel involved in their clubs and are having a positive experience are more likely to maintain their membership. The importance of retention cannot be overlooked.

As you develop your membership growth and leadership development plans, make sure to address these issues. Consider what you and your team can do. Enlist the assistance of the Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Leadership Team (GLT). Engage your zone chairpersons and Certified Guiding Lions. Share this information and provide guidance to club officers on how to improve the membership satisfaction in their club. Encourage the use of the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Our clubs, our districts, and our association will be stronger for it - and our members will be more satisfied and even more committed to meeting the ever increasing needs for humanitarian service. And isn't that what we're all about?

Best regards,

Barry J. Palmer
1st Vice President

“Once upon a time, there were four people, their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.”

This is true in regards to Leadership roles and Membership



Ellijay Lions Club



18-A

David White

The Georgia Apple Festival is a celebration of the year's harvest of a wide variety of apples grown in Gilmer County, the Apple Capital of Georgia. This event is held the second and third weekends in October, and draws more than 50,000 attendees. This is the Ellijay Lions Club's largest fund raiser of the year, which helps us to contribute to more than 23 local, state, and international charities.

The festival began in 1971, on the square in Ellijay with a few craft booths. In addition, a statewide beauty pageant was held at Stone Mountain in honor of the Georgia Apple Festival. In 1972, Ellijay Lions president Bill Miller held the festival on the square and brought the beauty pageant to town.

On September 22-23, 1972, the Apple Festival was held on the square in Ellijay with only a few craft booths, and attendees were greeted by Cherokee Indians and entertained by the Army Marching Band. Tours of the apple houses and orchards were provided but a tribute was also given to Gilmer industry with a display of locally manufactured goods. On the first evening, a square dance was held at the Ellijay Elementary School gym and 175 people attended a banquet that proclaimed Tom Penland as "Apple Grower of the Year."

The 1973 festival was held at the fairgrounds and River Park area with the addition of a country music festival, amusement rides, an art show, and flea market. The following year the festival was combined with the Gilmer county Fair, making for a weeklong celebration.

This arrangement continued until 1980, which was a pivotal year for the festival. The festival dates were changed to October from September, and the location had been changed to the current Lions Club grounds. In the 1980s, we asked the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce to help us host the event, and they have been an important part of the festival ever since. The Lions and Chamber took steps to revitalize the festival from a small-town event to a multifaceted celebration. This was the first year that the festival was held in October and publicized statewide. In addition, the Lions Club began selling its "Country Cookin" featuring barbecue, turnip greens, pinto beans, corn bread, and of course, cooked apples. Since then, we added fried chicken to the menu. The Organizers stated that "We brought the crowd here and they really enjoyed themselves – we've got the ability to draw people here and we've found a workable format."

The apple festival has grown over the years. We currently have more than 300 exhibitors that sell homemade arts and crafts. There are a dozen or more different food vendors to satisfy most any appetite. The first Saturday hosts the Apple Country Auto Club car show of vintage automobiles. The beauty pageant is held the third Saturday of September with the winner getting an invitation to the Miss Georgia Pageant.

The Georgia Apple Festival is an ideal way to show off Gilmer County while raising money to support Lions Club charities.





18-B

Patricia Powell

Darien Lions Club



Empty Stocking Fund (Nov 2012) aid to disadvantaged children Collection of toys by church members and Lions and distribution to indigent families so that their children will have Christmas presents for a more "normal" Christmas that they otherwise would not experience.



Senior Citizen Support (Nov 2012) aid to the elderly / disabled Pro-vide facility for Darien Senior Citizens

Annual Darien Fall Fest (Nov 2012) civic services Organized and produced annual Darien Fall Fest for the Darien Downtown Development Authority. Festival included art and craft vendors, merchandise and food vendors, entertainment and a classic car show. Attended by about 3,000 people. The Darien Lions conducted a free vision screening as shown.

Veterans Day Flag Display (Nov 2012) civic services Placed American Flags along the main street in honor of Veterans Day.



Thanksgiving Dinners to mentally impaired home (Nov 2012) food bank / food distribution Thanksgiving dinners are prepared and everyone who needs a dinner is invited to eat. Those who are alone and home bound have dinners delivered to their homes by Lions and other community volunteers. 45 dinners were delivered to Harpers Joy; a home for mentally impaired patients. Relieving the Hunger campaign.



Cub Scout Charter Presentation (Nov 2012) sponsorship of boy scouts / girls scouts troops The Darien, GA Lions Club as the Chartering Organization of Cub Scout Pack 219 presented the Charter to Cub Master David Graham at the Charter Night ceremony. Pictured left to right - Jessica Crosby, David Graham, Lion Ron Zeppieri, PCC, Jessica McClenithan and Committee Chair Allison Gore.





18-C

Troy Pullin

Bainbridge Lions Club

Check out our Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bainbridge-Lions-Club/175151582502958>

You have to get the word out – at times just with pictures to show the action of what you are trying to do. Publicity helps – it might even bring in new members. Show what you can do so others might be able to see.



Sam Mayhew, assistant project chairman is handing Lions President Brenda Howell her raffle tickets to be sold for the 4th annual Bainbridge Bucks project. The winner of the drawing will get \$1000. Profits will be added to the Bainbridge Lions Club scholarship at Bainbridge College. To date we have contributed \$12,500 to this scholarship plus award one \$500 each spring to a student. Buy some \$5 raffle tickets from a Lion's member for this worthy cause!



Installation of new members Left to right Quinton Horne, Sarah Dollar, and Russell Boyd



Group admiring their Litter work for the day!



Working on Saturday the 20th of October to layout the booth's for the annual Mule Day festivities in Calvarv



Mr. Steve Golladay with the Ichauway Research Center was the guest speaker



Coach Ed Pilcher, of the Bainbridge Bearcats was on guest speaker on August 22. Coach Pilcher believes our team has the talent and experience to do well this year on the gridiron. Gooo Bearcats!!!!!!!!!!!!



18-D

Bill Holley

Union County Lions Club

Union County Lions Club was chartered on March 5, 1966 with 33 charter members. Towns County Lions Club was the sponsoring club. During that very first year this new Lions Club was instrumental in securing lower rates on lights & water as well as improvements in City Water Works. Sponsored a Halloween Carnival & bought a Audiometer with the help of Towns County Lions Club paying half of the purchase price of \$375.00. It is not generally known that in 1967 Union County Lions sponsored Mark Enzmann as an exchange student to Mexico.

Union County Lions were well known for their bar-b-q chicken for many years and first started this fund raiser with small make-shift trailer set on the Blairsville square. As time moved on, this bar-b-q chicken became the major fund raiser by setting up at the Georgia Mountain Fair. The annual National Singing Convention was scheduled to meet in Blairsville and the expected 5,000 attending needed to be fed! Union County Lions managed this with the help of all Lion members, their families & friends, and using two of the local school facilities, one to prepare the food [yes, their famous bar-b-q chicken plate] which by the way was at top of the hill, and the other facility, at bottom of the hill, to serve everyone! The money from this paid for a special built trailer by Wells Cargo in Waycross, Ga. When it was completed, Lions Ron Davenport & Arthur Gurr went down to Waycross & brought the trailer back to the Fair grounds, had the tires removed & set the trailer on permanent basis. Later a screened in shelter was built over the trailer & included a large dining area.

The Club, of course, collects used eye glasses as well as hearing aids & discarded cell phones for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse as well as purchasing eye glasses and assisting with purchase of hearing aids for the local in need. The Club is very active in the annual White Cane drive and one year had a special 'White Legs for White Cane' fund raiser. Ten of our male Lion members dressed complete with white stockings and showed their 'white legs'. Yes, the public was invited & voted on the best pair of white legs.

In the early 80.s the Lions furnished a sitting area at the then new retirement Brannen Lodge at \$1,000.00 per year for total of \$3,000.00. Other major local accomplishments were a picnic shelter & tables at the site of the then Chamber of Commerce, which still stands today at the time of this article. Also instigated and took the lead in a joint effort with other civic clubs as well as the Masons, in building a picnic shelter complete with a concrete slab and wheelchair access for the local Nursing Home.

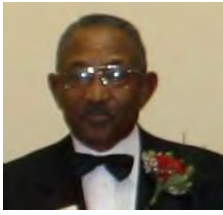
Years go by and Lions International now accepted women into Lions Clubs. In 1990, Lion Arthur Gurr sponsored the first female to this all male Lions Club! Her name was Donna Millage. She 'broke the ice', so to speak, and in 1991 she sponsored Betty Gurr, yes, wife of Lion Arthur. Second female! They were gingerly accepted.

There have been no District Governors from this Lions Club, however, we had two Deputy District Governors from Union County; Lions Ron Davenport & Arthur Gurr. That title was done away with & renamed Region Chair.

Current fund raisers are: food booth at GA.Mtn. Fair, food booth at Sorgham Festival, food booth at local Farmers Market, & 2013 will mark our 3rd annual February Trash & Treasure Event at the old Civic Center, where we mark off spaces & rent them to the public. This is time of year when little else is going on & thus far we have the 50 plus spaces taken plus a waiting list for cancelations.

Over the years some other events of interest are: in 2005-2006 Union County Lions were presented the 'Model Club Award' District 18-D at State Convention in Columbus, GA. In 2007 18 year old Juliann Lytle, Granddaughter of Lion Robert Lester was chosen to receive the Georgia State Lions Deaf Award at the State Convention on Callaway Gardens. Two other State Awards were also received during this convention; 2nd place for best record of displaying the American Flag at our annual July 4th Event and 3rd place in State for contributions to White Cane. Union County Lions currently have 17 Melvin Jones Fellow members and 8 members who have been inducted into 18-D Hall of Fame.

Lion Mary Arnold wanted her deceased husband to be her sponsor!! AFTER a letter from Betty Gurr (club secretary) from a woman's point of view and a letter from the then club President Ken Castle, from a business man's point of view. Lions International changed their rule of who can sponsor a Lion. UNPRESIDENTED!!



18-E

Max Gallman

Columbus County Lions Club

The Lions Club of Columbus Georgia was chartered through Lions Clubs International on September 15, 1922, making it the second oldest club in Georgia. Originally organized as an evening club, 27 year old attorney J. Arthur Lynch was named its first president.

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 11:45 AM

Where: St. Luke United Methodist Church Ministry Center
301 11th Street Columbus, GA 31901



Intl Blind
Golf
Tournament



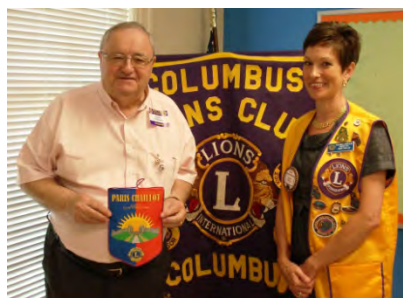
Vision Equipment Installation



Lions Camp Work Weekend



Pictured from left to right are the Service Award Committee Chair, Lion Tommy Powell, 2011 Dan J. Graves Service Award Winner Lion Garry J. Gilman and his wife, Juanita.



Lion Claude Lamarque of Paris, France presenting his club's friendship banner to our incoming President Lion Angie Hollis. His club is called the Paris Chaillot Lions Club. Lion Claude has come to Columbus as an escort



New President Angie presenting an appreciation plaque to outgoing President Doug Bailey



Olin Newby

18-F

LaVista Lions Club

October 1953

The club has had a long history in serving the community. Many changes have occurred and the club has gotten smaller. We are proud of one of our long time members – Lion Bill Sperry (a retired Marine) who continues to participate in the Honor Guard for funerals at the National Cemetery in Canton, GA. Lion Bill does about one funeral every three days and participated in about 120 last year.

Over the past year we have had some good programs and many activities as you can see below:

We had a program centered around the Mike Glenn Basketball Camp for the Hearing Impaired. This camp is free and open to hearing impaired students ages 14-18 from across the country. This marks their 33rd year. Over 110 hearing impaired students participants are registered for this year's camp. LaVista Lions have long been a major sponsor, providing lunch and a BBQ chicken dinner for participants, coaches, parents on the last day of the camp. This past year we prepared lunch and dinner for the more than 125 participants in the annual Mike Glenn Basketball Camp for the hearing Impaired. This is always a major annual project for us.

We hold meetings at times at Sagamore Hills Elementary School where we were honored by 5th Grade Students and teachers at their annual appreciation dinner the school has for our club. Sagamore Hills is our Partner in Education. This year we presented awards to the Sagamore Hills Teacher of the Year and to the Fifth Grade Student of the Year. Lion Bob Deryck regularly represents us at the school, spending several hours a month helping special needs children. Our speaker was the principal, Mrs. Martin. We also have Lion Bob Deryck who tutors reading and math at our Educational Partner, Sagamore Hills Elementary. Bob tutored 12 hours in August and 20 hours in September.

We hold like many clubs broom sales. At times very successful even if the weather does not agree with us. We try and have broom sales many times during the Lion's year.

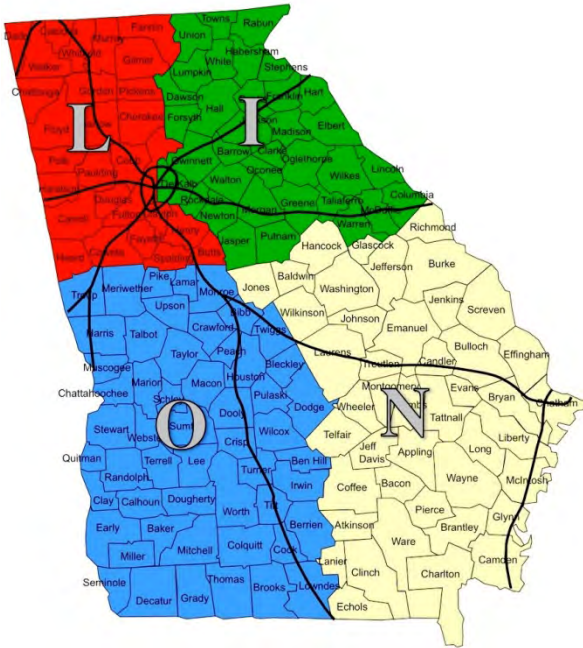
We have had great programs – one was with Lions Bob and Marie Diebold with Bob's Leader Dog "Radar". He always gives a good program and we enjoy having them.

On Halloween, October 31st, we will host a hot dog luncheon for retirees at the Christian Tower Retirement Home. We expect about a dozen club members and spouses to participate. Pecans will be here in early November. Annually this is our largest fund raiser. We hope to sell about 800 pounds of pecans. Individual club members continue to serve in community activities.

We delivered 737 eyeglasses, 39 hearing aids thus far to the Lighthouse. We also have Lion Ray Rowell continues his good work building wheel chair ramps for handicapped individuals. In April-June 2012 Ray completed five wheel chair ramps which required twenty days (75+ hours) of work.

The past Lion's year we contributed a total \$6,080 to Lions charities and/or our special projects in the year





MD 18 District's L I O N

Effective 1 July 2013

If there are any new clubs – let me know so they
can be added – if any clubs that should be deleted
– let me know. Think of our future.....

District “L” (Original 18-A)

Adairsville	Paulding County
Alpharetta	Ringgold
Atlanta	Rockmart
Atlanta Buckhead	Rome
Atlanta Hellenic	Rossville
Atlanta Korean	Roswell
Atlanta Latino	Sandy Springs
Atlanta Metro	South Cobb
Ball Ground	Tri-Cities
Blue Ridge	Trion
Boynton	West Cobb
Calhoun	Woodstock
Canton	
Cartersville	(Original 18-E)
Chatsworth	Buchanan
Chattanooga Valley	Carrollton
Chickamauga	Greater Butts Cty
Dade County	Griffin
Dalton	Heard
Dalton Noon	McDonough
Douglas County	Newnan-Cowe
Ellijay	Tallapoosa
Jasper	Villa Rica
LaFayette	Villa Rica Golden
Marietta	City
Marietta East Cobb	
Menlo	
North Cobb	

District “T” (Original 18-D)

Athens	Toccoa
Athens Campus	Towns County
Athens Classic City	Union County
Athens Heritage	West Jackson
Atlanta India	White County
Auburn-Carl	Winder
Buford	Winder Noon
Carnesville	Winterville
Clarksville	
Clayton	
Clermont North Hall	
Colbert	(Original 18-F)
Comer	Atlanta Chinese
Commerce	American
Dacula	Conyers
Dahlonega	Covington
Dawsonville	Decatur
Elberton	Decatur North
Forsyth County	Eatonton
Gainesville	Evans
Hartwell	Grovetown
Jefferson	LaVista
Lavonia	Lincolnton
Lawrenceville	Madison
Loganville	Monroe
Loganville Legacy	Oxford
Martin	Social Circle
Norcross	Thomson
Oconee	Thomson-Camellia
Royston-Franklin Springs	Union Point
Snellville	Washington

District “O” (Original **18-C**)

Abbeville	(Original 18-E)
Adel	Barnesville Lamar
Alaphaha	Buena Vista
Albany	Byron
Americus	Columbus
Bainbridge	Columbus Muscogee
Blakely	Crawford County
Calvary	Cross Keys
Camilla	Ellaville
Chester	
Colquitt	Forsyth
Cordele	Fort Valley
Cordele Evening	Greenville
Cuthbert	Harris County
Dawson	Ideal
Donalsonville	LaGrange
Eastman	Macon
Edison	Macon Cherry
Fitzgerald	Blossom
Fort Gaines	Macon Rutland
Hahira	Manchester
Lake Seminole	Oglethorpe
Moultrie	Peachtree City
Ocilla	Pike County
Plains	Talbotton
Poulan	Thomaston
Rochelle	West Point
Sylvester	Yatesville
Tifton	
Unadilla	(Original 18-F)
Valdosta Evening	Centerville
Vienna	Warner Robins
Warwick	Warner Robins
	Houston Peaches
	Warner Robins
	Noon

District “N” (Original **18-B**)

Alamo	(Original 18-C)
Alma	
Atkinson County	Echols County
Baxley	Lanier County
Bellville	
Blackshear	
Bloomington	
Brantley County	
Brunswick	(Original 18-F)
Brunswick Gateway	Augusta
Bulloch	Augusta Garden Cit
Claxton	Dublin
Clinch County	East Dublin
Cobbtown	Fleming
Collins	Glascock County
Darien	Hephzibah
Douglas	Jones County
Folkston	Louisville
Garden City	Midville
Glennville	Milledgeville
Golden Isles	Millen
Hazlehurst Jeff Davis	National Hills
Hinesville	Sandersville
Jacksonville	Soperton
Jekyll Island	Sparta
Kingsland	Sylvania
Liberty Coastal	Twin City
Lyons	Wadley
McRae	Waynesboro
Metter	
Milan	
Pembroke	
Pooler	
Port Wentworth	
Reidsville	
Richmond Hill	
Rincon	
Rincon Noon	
Savannah	
Savannah Port City	
St Mary’s	
Statesboro Noon	
Vidalia	
Waycross Okefenokee	
Wayne County	
Wilmington	
Woodbine	



PIN TRADERS CLUB OF GEORGIA (PTCGA)

**Membership Application
Membership Year – July 1 thru June 30**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL LINES

CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE: Lion Lioness Leo PID ID DG VDG PDG PCC

LITPC Member? YES or NO

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____ **SPOUSE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____

STATE/PROVINCE: _____ **ZIP:** _____ **COUNTRY:** _____

HOME PHONE:(____) _____ **CELL PHONE:** (____) _____

WORK PHONE:(____) _____ **FAX:**(____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME CLUB: _____ **MULTI-DIST** _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

SPONSOR: _____

**I agree to abide by the Constitution & By-Laws of the Pin Traders Club of Georgia (PTCGA).
Dues are from July 1st through June 30th of each Lions year.**

_____ **New Membership \$12.00**

_____ **Renewal Membership \$6.00/year or \$25.00/5 years**

Make check payable to: Pin Traders Club of Georgia (PTCGA)

**Mail to: PDG Don Wagner, Treasurer
Pin Traders Club of Georgia
5853 Frank Gailey Road
Clermont, GA 30527-2038
Cell: (678) 617-0184**

“2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the Pin Traders Club of Georgia. Club President Lion Ed Menger and the PTCGA Board would like to invite all interested Lions to become members and join the fun and fellowship of pin trading. Club meetings are convenient, as they are held in conjunction with other regular, state-wide Lions meetings such as the State Convention, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Members will have the opportunity to trade and collect pins not only with Georgia pin traders, but with those throughout the U.S. and internationally as well. Additionally, members will be able to give their input for the designs of future pins issued by the club. Initial membership dues are \$12. Thereafter, renewal membership dues are either \$6 per year or \$25 for 5 years. Just complete the application form found in this publication and return it to the club Treasurer, PDG Don Wagner, at the address provided on the form. Our next PTCGA meeting will be held in Warner Robins, GA in conjunction with the Camp for the Blind Directors meeting February 2-3, 2013. As always, we are Lions first and Pin Traders second.”



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need.

FROM YOUR LIGHTHOUSE BOARD CHAIR:

TO MY FELLOW LIONS,

This year's Lighthouse meeting is your chance to learn about everything that has been happening at the Lions Lighthouse.

It will take place at the Marriott City Center in Macon, which will be the site of the 2014 Lions State Convention. There is a board meeting in the morning which guests are welcome to come in and out of as their schedule permits.

I encourage you to meet your board of directors at our coffee meet and greet in the morning before the board meeting and attend the workshops put on by Lighthouse staff and volunteers.

All Lions who are registered for the Lions Lighthouse annual volunteer meeting are eligible to vote in the election of new officers. Please see the back of this brochure to find instructions on how to RSVP for the meeting and reserving your hotel room.

Sincerely,

Kembra Smith
Lighthouse Board Chair

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 26

7:45 –8:30 Coffee with the Board of Directors. Everyone's invited!

Meet your Lions Lighthouse board and learn more about how you can help!

8:30 a.m. — Board Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.— Lighthouse Trainings

- Vision & Hearing Screening
- Facebook and Lions
- Lighthouse 101

10:00 a.m. — 10:50 a.m.

- Optical Shop—Eye Clinic
- White Cane
- Trustees

11:00 p.m. — 11:50 p.m.

- Luminary, 1949 Club, & Bequests
- Healthcare Reform and Lighthouse Strategic Plan
- White Cane (second session, same as 10am session)

12:00 to 1:30pm

Annual Lighthouse Volunteer Meeting and Elections!

1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

- So you want to be a board member?
-Learn about what it takes to be a member of the Lions Lighthouse board.

Check next page for more info

Summer Service

Numbers

1Jul12 — 31 August 2012

District A

Eye Glasses: 141

Eye Exams: 64

Eye Surgeries: 12

Hearing Aids: 127

District B

Eye Glasses: 200

Eye Exams: 128

Eye Surgeries: 2

Hearing Aids: 30

District C

Eye Glasses: 50

Eye Exams: 37

Eye Surgeries: 5

Hearing Aids: 77

District D

Eye Glasses: 72

Eye Exams: 49

Eye Surgeries: 2

Hearing Aids: 55

District E

Eye Glasses: 76

Eye Exams: 51

Eye Surgeries: 9

Hearing Aids: 60

District F

Eye Glasses: 199

Eye Exams: 103

Eye Surgeries: 7

Hearing Aids: 88

Fiscal Year Totals:

Eye Glasses:

Eye Exams:

Eye Surgeries:

Hearing Aids:

*"When you give a little,
you get a lot."
-Lion Bret Wagenhorst, M.D.*



Better Vision. Better Hearing. **Better Georgia.**



J.C. Coefield, Jr., MD-18 White Cane Chair
coefield@cox.net or 478-922-9023

1. January is Glaucoma Awareness Month
January has been set aside by Lions Clubs International to focus the spotlight on glaucoma, also known as the “sneak thief of sight”. The disease causes damage to the optic nerve. Glaucoma is one of the most common causes of preventable blindness. For more information see:
<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sighthearing/sight/sight-services/vision-services-glaucoma.php>

2. Foundation Fighting Blindness
The urgent mission of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. is to drive the research that will provide prevention, treatment and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher Syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. For more information see:
<http://www.blindness.org/>

3. Diabetes Awareness
Diabetes Awareness Month is November; Diabetes Awareness Day is November 14. Diabetes awareness was adopted as a long-term commitment of LCI in March 1984. The primary objective is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by complications from diabetes through education, early detection and treatment, and support of research. For more information see:
<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planningprojects/diabetes/index.php>

4. Georgia Lions Lighthouse White Cane - Everyday in Georgia is White Cane Day!!!! As of 30 September 2012, the Lions of Georgia have collected \$7,060 toward the goal of \$125,000. During these hard economic times, the Lighthouse needs our help more than ever. Please stress to the clubs in your district the importance of participating in this effort to save sight. For more information see:
http://www.lionslighthouse.org/lions/white_cane_info
GOALS:

1. To help educate the public about the importance of yearly eye exams.
2. To help people understand their risk factors associated with various eye conditions and diseases.

REPORT OF GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC. – LION KEMBRA SMITH, PCC, BOARD CHAIR:

PCC Smith thanked the Council for allowing her to be present today. She stated that PCC Sandy Mercer resigned as Chair of the Lighthouse Board two weeks ago. Lion Smith served as Interim Chair during the meeting last Saturday, and was elected in a contested election. She will serve until the next election. She stated that there is not a written report, but the Lighthouse wants everyone to know that the Child Services Project is going forward and there is a lot of emphasis now at the Lighthouse on providing screening to students in schools in the Atlanta area, but they are hoping to branch out.

PCC Smith pointed out that the Optical Lab is up and running providing glasses. She encouraged everyone who would like to get glasses at a reduced cost to run those through the Lighthouse Optical Lab.

She discussed the challenge grant and stated that they currently need \$22,000.00 to match that by December 31st. If the challenge grant is not met, the money collected will stay as a part of individual donations.

PCC Smith stated that Lion J.C. Coefield will be holding a meeting on White Cane later today.

The Volunteer Meeting on January 26 will be held in Macon; she encouraged everyone to attend.

Volunteer Meeting Highlights:

Chair's Report - Kembra Smith
Medical Provider Speaker
Client Speaker
Treasurer's Report - Lew Waldrop
Service Report - Christina Lennon
2013-2014 Lighthouse Elections
Gary Vaughters
Closing Remarks

RSVP Required for Volunteer Lunch

Volunteer Meeting and Elections Lunch - 12:15 to 1:30pm

Lunch is \$25, please RSVP by Jan. 5 to Sarah Gardner at
sgardner@lionslighthouse.org Or call 404-325-3630 ext. 306

Hotel Reservations and information:



Macon Marriott City Center has extended a group rate of \$115 a night to the Lions Lighthouse.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE
MADE BY DECEMBER
26 TO SECURE GROUP RATE.**

Call 866-882-4465 to make room reservations.
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcnfs-macon-marriott-city-center/>

Mention the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation or use the booking code LLFLLFA.

More than \$0.90 of every \$1 you give goes directly to the Lighthouse Foundation programs. For every \$1 donated, we can provide \$5 in medical services.

<i>~ January 2013 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Glaucoma</i> Relieving the Hunger	<i>Awareness</i> Global Service	1 <i>Month</i> Action Campaign	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 GA Lions Lighthouse Meeting, Macon, GA
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

<i>~ February 2013 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 Council of Governors' Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 District C (O) Convention Cordele, GA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 District B (N) Convention Lyons, GA
24	25	26	27	28	Notes:	

<i>~ March 2013 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Eye</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>Awareness</i>	<i>Month</i>		1	2 District D (I) Convention Athens, GA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 District A (L) Convention Marietta, GA
10	11	12	13	14	15 Camp Work Weekends	16 Camp Work Weekends
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 7 th Annual Atlanta VisionWalk Piedmont Park	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes: Leo Convention at the Camp 2-3 March					

<i>~April 2013 ~</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
LEO Club Awareness Month	1 Protecting Our	2 Environment	3 Global Service	4 Action	5 Campaign	6 Month
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Club Excellence Award ENDS	Notes:			

~ May 2013 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Council of Governors Mtg,	31 MD-18 State	Notes:

~ June 2013 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Recycle for	Sight Month					1 Convention
2 Augusta, GA	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Notes:					



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



Over the last few years, I have come to love this time of the year. Pumpkin pies, fleece, hot chocolate, and the spirit of gratefulness that permeates my family and friends are just a few reasons why I am in love with fall. As I began to consider this month's newsletter article, I decided to continue the tradition of creating a list of some of the things that I am grateful for in regards to this job...So here is a small list of things I am grateful for:

1. Leadership - I am grateful for a boss, Ms. Doy, who loves the camp as much as I do, and has demonstrated that by years of service. I am also grateful for Frank who taught/pushed me to be better.
2. Counselors- They readily and cheerfully do whatever is asked of them.
3. Lions- I am grateful that many, many people see the value of investing in the visually impaired. I am grateful for the opportunity to be your director.
4. Mike- He is by far the hardest working person I know; He takes great pride in doing a job right.
5. Merri- I am grateful for an amazing co-laborer on this journey. She is devoted to not only this wonderful place, but me as well!
6. The Campers- They have challenged, encouraged and accepted my leadership since day one. They have changed my life, and I am all the better for it!

On a Personal note, I wanted to take a moment and say thank you so much for the well wishes. I am loving being a Momma. He is such a Blessing.

Thank you again!

Kristen

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President's View

NOVEMBER 10, 2012



Even though the summer camping season is over for 2012, much activity continues to go around our Camp. Committees met during the Camp Weekend in September and are continuing to work on items discussed in the meetings.

The sprinkler system is installed, the fountain is in, and we are ready to begin laying the bricks in the Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden we have been talking about for several years became a reality last weekend. Carey VanLandingham and David Forrest headed up a team of workers preparing the ground to begin laying the bricks around the fountain. Phases A, B & C will hopefully be complete soon. A big Thank You to all of the clubs and individuals who have purchased the bricks to date. We have plenty of bricks available for \$100 each. Three lines with 13 characters per line can be engraved on the brick. For more information, contact the Camp office.

You can join the "1976 Society" at any time. This fundraiser is set up so that you can send the Camp a smaller amount of money each month (\$19.76) for a year to become a member of the Society. Upon completion of your pledge, you will receive a numbered, framed certificate. Please consider this project as a way to support the Camp.

Even though "Keep the Campfires Burning" month was September, projects can be held any time. We ask clubs to have a fundraiser for the Camp. Please put a project on your club's agenda.

Sales of the Raffle Tickets are going well. A lot of clubs are selling them at fall festivals being held this time of year. The drawing will be held at the Winter Camp meeting on February 3rd in Warner Robins. We are hoping this will be the most successful raffle yet.

Adorable, little Brock Robinson has arrived and is giving Kristen and Richard a good lesson on sleep deprivation. But Kristen is back in the Camp office.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC.
Saturday, February 2, 2013 – WINGATE MOTEL

RICK MIZELL, LIONTAMER, IS LOCATED IN ROOM 114

9:00– 12:00 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING ROOM
1:00 – 2:25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING ROOM
2:30 – 3:25 PLANNING COMMITTEE TBA
2:30 – 3:25 BOARD OF TRUSTEES TBA
2:30 – 3:25 AWARDS COMMITTEE TBA
2:30 – 3:55 BUILDING & GROUNDS
MEETING ROOM
3:30 – 4:25 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS TBA
3:30 – 4:25 FINANCE COMMITTEE TBA
3:30 – 4:25 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TBA
4:00 – 4:55 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
MEETING ROOM

4:30 – 5:25 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE TBA
4:30 – 5:25 PR& PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE TBA
4:30 – 5:25 POLICY COMMITTEE TBA
5:15 – MD 18 PDGS MEETING
MEETING ROOM
THERE WILL BE AN EASEL IN THE LOBBY WITH THE
ROOM NUMBERS.
7:00 p.m. Dinner \$10.00
(Please make check payable to GA Lions Camp).
Centerville Lions Clubhouse – 612 North Houston Lake Road
Please bring a door-prize.
Sunday, February 3, 2013
8:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING ROOM
11:00 a.m. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CENTERVILLE LIONS CLUB HOUSE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

With the redistricting, all new 21013-14 Camp Vice Presidents will need to be elected from each of the 4 new Districts during the upcoming District Rallies. They are elected in the same manner and at the same time as District Governors. Lions interested in the position will need to submit a Letter of Intent on a timely basis. “Candidates must have served at least one full term as a Regular Director/Officer or as a Region/Zone Chairman and Associate Director of the Corporation. Each Vice President will be elected for a two-year term and will be eligible to succeed himself/herself for one additional consecutive term.” In order for us to remain on our correct rotation basis, this time only the vice Presidents from Districts L and N will be elected to serve a one year term, 2013-14. The Vice Presidents from Districts I and O will be elected to serve 2 year terms, 2013-15. Be sure to get your Letter of Intent submitted by the correct date....

Now for some distressing news: We have had to borrow \$50,000 from our Trust Fund again. This is a Lions Camp and Lions need to support it. We cannot continue to borrow from the Trust Fund! We are thankful that there is that money there so get us through these tough times, but we have got to find a big fundraiser. But in the meantime, PLEASE SEND MONEY!!!

We, as Georgia Lions, are truly blessed to have such a wonderful Camp with a remarkable staff to offer a great learning experience for those with visual problems. Be sure to count it among your blessings!

Respectfully submitted,

/Day/ □

Lion Doy J. Barks, President
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

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Lions of Multiple District 18,

We need your help. By now every club in Multiple District 18 should have received your Camp for the Blind Raffle Tickets. As you can see there are five chances to win. **The Gator or \$5000.00 CASH, \$500.00 and THREE \$100.00 CASH Prizes.** The drawing will be held on February 4th 2013 at Centerville, GA. **Each ticket is a \$1.00 donation.** Remember, if you need additional tickets. Please contact me or your local Vice-President for the Camp. Thank you in advance for your service to the Camp.

No. 51861	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 2px;">Name _____</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 2px;">Address _____</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 2px;">City _____ State _____ Zip _____</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 2px;">Phone _____</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Email _____</div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>No. 51861</div><div></div></div> <p>5 CHANCES TO WIN: GATOR or \$5,000 CASH PLUS 1-\$500 AND 3-\$100 CASH WINNERS Drawing to be held on February 4, 2013 at Centerville, GA <small>You do not have to be present to win. Funds will help send a blind child to Camp and benefit The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. 501(c)(3) Must be 18 years of age or older</small> \$1.00 Donation</p>
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BEEP BASEBALL IS AN ADAPTED SPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE VISUALLY IM-PAIRED OR BLIND OUR MISSION IS TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED Players AND HELP THEM DISCOVER THEIR ATHLETIC POTENTIAL.

To learn more about our volunteers and our team and how it enriches lives go to: Georgia Blind Sports Association www.NBA.org OR CONTACT:

Cliff Jones
706-569-9881 cliffjones@knology.net

Greg McDuffie
706-330-8185 gregorymcduffie@hotmail.com



Our team was founded in 2011 with the help of Country's Midnight Express in Columbus, GA. We have practice seasons each spring and fall and practice every Saturday morning at a Colum-bus City Park.

Beep Baseball has been an organized sport for decades and culminates every summer with a World Series. Our present goal is to be ready to compete in the 2013 World Series in Columbus, GA. By then, we hope to have teams in Albany, Augusta, Columbus, Athens, Gainesville, Rome, Macon and a few more in Atlanta.

We are always looking for more players, from skilled athletes to rookies. Each team has 8 players, 2 sighted and 6 blind;

All visually impaired players wear a blindfold to equalize vision

The sighted pitcher is on the same team as the batter

Played with an oversized softball that beeps

Just 2 buzzing bases-1st and 3rd

The batter hits the ball and runs to the base that Buzzes. If he tags the base before the fielders pick up the ball, he scores a run. If the fielders pick up the ball before he tags the base, he is out. There are 3 outs and 6 innings, GAME. We could not exist without volunteers. Be-cause of safety, we need about one volunteer per player. We need coaches and volunteers who range from inexperienced to experienced. If any of these areas interest you, please contact us!

On Field	Off Field
Pitchers	Photographers
Catchers	Fundraising
Coaches	Marketing
Safeties	Public Relations
Guides	Management
Adapted PE	Website
Teachers	

LIONS COMMEMORATIVE COIN BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

Oak Brook, Ill., USA, Oct. 22, 2012 – President Barack Obama signed the “Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act” into law on Oct. 5, 2012, providing a worthy tribute to the millions of Lions who have served their communities during the last 100 years. With the tireless work of Lions across the United States, the bill gained strong bi-partisan support before Congress passed it in September.

The US\$1 coin will be available in 2017 to celebrate Lions Clubs International’s 100th anniversary. In addition to highlighting a century of charitable services to people in need, a surcharge of US\$10 for every commemorative coin sold – without any cost to taxpayers – will be donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. These funds will support ongoing Lions programs that assist the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disasters.

Throughout the last century, Lions clubs have played a lead role in the fight against blindness by preventing vision loss for more than 30 million people. Additionally, Lions efforts have saved the sight of more than 14 million children through eye screenings, surgeries, vaccinations and other treatments.

“This coin will provide greater awareness of our organization, encourage Lions to move forward with their selfless volunteer service, and raise critical resources to continue to help those in need,” said Lions Clubs International President Wayne A. Madden.

“On behalf of Lions clubs and our communities, I would like to express our deep appreciation to the sponsors of the Commemorative Coin Bill, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran of Kansas, U.S. Representative Peter Roskam of Illinois, and U.S. Representative Larry Kissell of North Carolina. It is thanks to their determined efforts along with the support of all of our House and Senate co-sponsors that this bill was signed into law. Lions should be proud of our advocacy and outreach success in getting such broad support for the Coin Bill.”

The U.S. Mint creates only two commemorative coins per year by acts of Congress. For further information regarding Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act, visit www.lionsclubs.org/coin/.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 207 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

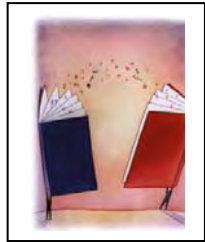
What is GaRRS?

As the State’s only radio reading service, the Georgia Radio Reading Service (GaRRS) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit closed circuit radio station whose mission is to improve the quality of life for every Georgian who is blind, visually-impaired or has difficulty with access to the printed word by broadcasting current information via sub channel radio transmission and streaming on the internet. Founded in 1980, GaRRS broadcast is provided by more than 200 volunteer readers from across Georgia who deliver approximately 150 different radio shows each month including cover-to-cover readings of magazines, newspapers, and books, population-specific programming (Seniors, Veterans and Hispanic/Latino News), public service announcements and information regarding community-support programs and activities. GaRRS programs are broadcast 7 days a week, 24 hours a day by way of special sub channel (SCA) radio receivers and a password protected audio streaming link from our website.



Who Listens to GaRRS?

GaRRS' listening audience is as diverse as its programming. Some listeners have been blind since birth while others lost their sight through illness, age or accident later in life. Still others have retained sufficient peripheral vision to remain physically active, but not enough to read. GaRRS' listeners also include senior citizens too weakened to read, people with palsy whose hands can no longer hold books, and the dyslexic.



"It was only a small box with two dials, one station. Not much you might think but turn the dial and realize this box makes it possible for my mother to again be part of the world. I will never forget the doctor who years ago was surprised at the books my mother had listened to and enjoyed over this little box. I return it now because at 90 she has alzheimer's. Thank you all for the years of pleasure this little box gave her. Again thank you for caring."

"My 91-year-old father recently passed away and he had benefitted from your services since 1983. When his eyesight failed after being an avid reader, GaRRS was so important in keeping him in touch with daily events and greatly contributed to his mental health. He especially enjoyed hearing the newspaper reading."

The Vision

A unique opportunity now exists for GaRRS to expand and diversify its programming, its volunteer corps, as well as, its outreach to new audiences in Georgia. GaRRS envisions itself as a continuing center of excellence and expertise for its listeners to help ensure their quality of life, their independent access to printed information, and their status as informed, secure, and participative members of their communities. GaRRS endeavors to provide a radio receiver to every resident who wants one, and to make technological improvements to our broadcast equipment and signal strength.



In Georgia more than 800,000 people are classified as legally blind or visually impaired. Their numbers are increasing, with the majority of these individuals being senior citizens, many bound to their homes. GaRRS serves as their second sight.

GaRRS is supported by government grants, the United Way, and general donations from businesses and individuals like you. For more information [click here](#), or call Jae Traina Cosby at 404-685-2822.



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December/January – [Relieving the Hunger](#)



April – [Protecting our Environment](#)

Pay it Forward

It is widely known to be good karma, positive energy, the right thing to do for a person in a good place to “pay it forward.” In other words, to take action that will allow others to share in good fortunes, whether they are tangible or not. How does this apply to Lions? Clubs with stable or growing membership, productive service days, and good practices should consider sponsoring a club to pay it forward. Clubs aren’t the only ones who can sponsor a new club though. According to the **Board Policy Manual** (chapter 10, page 2) a club, zone, region, district cabinet, or a district committee can be sponsors too! If you know an effective zone, an ambitious district cabinet or are a member of a club that wants to help provide more services in your community, consider sponsoring a new club as a way to pass on successful traditions and knowledge.



All Lions Clubs need to actively seek members who are Visually Challenged.

This article is a challenge for every Lions Club in Georgia to actively recruit Visually Challenged people to join their Lions Club.

Many Lions take for granted the real purpose of our State Awards such as the Outstanding Blind Award. While the Outstanding Blind Award is open to any Visually Challenged person, many of the reasons for awarding it are the same reasons for actively recruiting Visually Challenged people into your Lions Club.

Below are some of the reasons to recruit Visually Challenged people.

Visually Challenged Lions can give the club new insight into what are the experiences, challenges and needs of Visually Challenged people. This will have at least two positive effects. It will help alleviate a lot of common misconceptions about Visually Challenged people and it will help the club focus its service projects.

Visually Challenged Lions usually have contacts that can help find other Visually Challenged people in need. Lions Clubs often help state or national organizations but there is a need in the local community also.

Lions Clubs need to provide an environment that will allow Visually Challenged people the opportunity to contribute. Many Visually Challenged people have received help in adapting to their condition. These people want to give back to the community. Also, Lions can serve in many ways such as personal service, giving money and fund raising events. Another type of service is to create an opportunity for a VC person to grow and excel.

By including Visually Challenged people, the Lions Clubs are “Practicing what they Preach”, “Walking the Talk”, “Using their Own Products”, or any other phrase that means they really believe in Helping People with Visual Challenges. Imagine the good will your club will create when your local community sees that you view VC people as competent, contributing members of the community.

Visually Challenged Lions provide an excellent example for others to “Focus on What You CAN do and not on What You CANNOT Do!” One of the biggest problems that Visually Challenged people face is a lack of confidence that they can accomplish anything. It is easy for them to become dependent for others to do everything for them. By providing role models, Lions can create examples for Visually Challenged people that they do not have to let their vision isolate them.

By giving Visually Challenged Lions roles of responsibility and leadership the club is helping the Visually Challenged Lion to gain self-esteem and grow as a person and this is a source of committee chairs and Club Officers.

Last but not least this is an opportunity for your club to find new sources for members. I would encourage all of the Lions Clubs in Georgia to seek new members from the Visually Challenged as well as groups like women, youth, and young adults.

Bill Graham



Lions Dream and Lions Make Dreams Come True

More than 73 years ago, three Lions from Detroit, Michigan had a dream that they could build a school to train dogs for people who are blind or visually impaired. Lions from all over the world helped this dream come true. Over 14,500 people have left Leader Dog, walking proudly, safely and independently with a Leader Dog harness in their left hand full of Lion love in the form of a guide dog.

In February of this year, Lion Mark Mansell, from the state of Washington, had a dream that he could help Leader Dog raise \$35,000 by pedaling his bicycle from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine. His dream was to ask fellow Lions to buy a pin for \$35 to support the cause. Lions from all over the U.S. joined in his enthusiasm and made arrangements for places for him to stay, to hold rallies and to assist him in any way they could as he crossed the country. Although this was one man's dream, hundreds of Lions contributed in support of this epic journey and to date he has raised over \$100,000 to benefit the Leader Dog mission.

In the past 73 years more than 14,500 clients have also had a dream, a dream of mobility and of regaining self-confidence. Leader Dog has had clients who have become lawyers, physical therapists, organists, engineers, counselors and public speakers, the list goes on and on.

Lions have always had dreams—it could be the dream of one Lion or one club or district to assist in improving the quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired. When Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become Knights of the Blind, this was her dream. Lions made a promise to make her dream come true. Leader Dog has been the driving force to see that this dream is made a reality through programs to provide highly trained guide dogs, a nationally recognized mobility program, programs in audible GPS technology and a summer leadership camp for teenagers who are blind. All of this happens because Lions dream and because Lions make dreams come true.

We thank all Lions for joining in the dream, for working and contributing, and for being Knights of the Blind. I remind you, "The only happiness you get to keep is the happiness you give away."

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Len Quinn and Leader Dog Ginger

Leader Dog/Lions Advisory Committee Chair



Sherlock Unlocks Love and Courage

"Sherlock is a bridge to our client's success," Kristen shares about Facility Dog Sherlock.

Kristen works with children who are challenged with physical disabilities, developmental delays and mental health issues. Together Kristen and Sherlock provide occupational therapy to clients.

"Sherlock is the essence of the kind of occupational therapy I've always tried to achieve," explains Kristen. "Sherlock is the biggest gift I've ever received," Kristen continues. "His kindness and spirit allows many children to surprise themselves into doing things they might never have had the courage to try!"

Facility Dogs are expertly trained dogs who partner with a facilitator working in a health care, visitation or education setting.



CCI Facility Dogs are trustworthy in professional environments and can perform over 40 commands designed to motivate and inspire clients with special needs.

Facilitators are working professionals responsible for handling and caring for the Facility Dog. Additionally, facilitators are committed to long-term employment where they directly serve clients with special needs a minimum of twenty hours per week.

One of the most valued qualities of the Facility Dog is the unconditional love and attention it gives to the clients and patients with whom it interacts.

In an educational setting, a Facility Dog helps engage students in schools and special education classes.

In a health care environment, activities such as grooming, feeding and playing fetch with a Facility Dog can aid patients in medical rehabilitation and psychiatric programs.

A well-mannered and highly trained Facility Dog encourages feelings of calm and security for clients in a visitation setting such as a courtroom.

CCI Facility Dogs and follow-up services are free of charge.



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Learning Ally in the Classroom: Audiobooks Help Students Succeed



Educators and Students
describe the impact of
Learning Ally.

Len Byron (Reading Teacher, Woodlynde School):

“Learning Ally helps a child who, in a room full of other students that are opening the book, and reading very quietly, helps them feel a part of a reading community. And then they learn to enjoy books! And then they start to make the imagery and the images in their minds and that’s really what reading’s all about.”

Jill Dougherty (Upper School Principal,

Woodlynde School): “Learning Ally allows student access to information, access to books, access to the world around them, access to success.”

Matt (student with learning differences): “Before Learning Ally I had a lot of trouble following along with the books in class, sometimes they might be going too fast, too slow, I might read ahead and get a little bit antsy. With Learning Ally I can control my pace, and how fast I want to read, how much I want to read; it really did make a big difference in my life.”

Hannah (student with dyslexia): “I remember going home and crying for hours because I thought I was stupid because I couldn’t read at the same level as everybody else, even though I was just as smart as they were. After I started using Learning Ally, it became so much easier. I could move up levels in reading. I went from being in the lowest reading group in 6th grade to being in honors English going into AP. That’s a great feeling to be able to accomplish something like that, given the tools. And that’s what Learning Ally has given me, is a chance to succeed.”

Gretchen Schroeder (Librarian, Woodlynde

School): “The kids are loving the fact that this can be in their back pocket, that it can be on their phone, it can be on their iPod Touch, that it can travel with them; that they can order it directly from their device. And so it’s incredibly user friendly for them.”



Bart & Teddy: Hardworking and Mellow

Bart Butler was 47 and a busy husband, father, and fireman when he lost his vision to diabetic retinopathy. He withdrew from his active lifestyle and then endured a pancreas and kidney transplant. After regaining his health, Bart wanted to be more self-sufficient and not have to rely on others to navigate. When he discovered that an old college friend and an acquaintance were both raising puppies for Southeastern, Bart soon applied. He graduated with his guide dog Teddy in 2010.

Teddy, a people-loving black Goldador, has that ideal combination of being both hardworking and mellow. Bart, too, for that matter! Bart worked incredibly hard to give back to the school that gave him Teddy.

“When I found out about the Walkathon, I decided to try to give back as much as I could,” Bart shared. “I know the school has a lot of expenses.” Bart set a personal goal to raise \$5,000, then increased it to \$7,500.

“I spent six months in Daytona at a rehabilitation center for the blind, and I had a lot of down time,” Bart explained. “I got an iPhone for Christmas so I started sending emails and texting people. When I came home, I went around the neighborhood and did some fundraising in town. I became a real pest to some people!”

Bart estimates that he contacted about 300 people, and in the end, he raised \$12,275 from 110 donors and earned the distinction of being our “Walkathon Fundraiser of the Year.”

Now that’s the kind of tenacity we appreciate!



Service dogs pick up scent of diabetics in danger

Published December 11, 2012 - The Wall Street Journal



About two times a night, Shana Eppler wakes up to an alarm and slips into her daughter Abbie's room to test the 8-year-old's blood sugar.

Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 4, Abbie experiences low blood-sugar levels, a potentially dangerous condition known as hypoglycemia that can cause the loss of consciousness.

The alarm Ms. Eppler uses to avoid a health emergency is a furry one named Gracie, a 70-pound, 3-year-old British Labrador retriever trained to sniff out high and low blood-sugar levels. When Abbie's sugar level rises or falls below a certain target at night, Gracie rings a bell and Ms. Eppler gets up. "The scenting part comes naturally," said Eppler, of Colorado Springs, Colo. "They are hunting blood sugars instead of ducks."

Diabetic, or hypoglycemic, "alert dogs" are a growing class of service dogs best known for guiding the visually impaired, sniffing out drugs and bombs, or providing mobility assistance for people with severe disabilities. Most recently, they have been trained to sniff out cancer and oncoming seizures. Toni Eames, president of International Association of Assistance Dog Partners, estimates there are over 30,000 assistance dogs working in the U.S., including dogs that have been trained by individuals.



The dog's accuracy and speed can beat medical devices, such as glucose meters and continuous glucose monitors, according to doctors, owners and trainers. With their acute sense of smell, the dogs—mostly retrievers—are able to react to a scent that researchers haven't yet identified. For centuries, doctors diagnosed diabetes by identifying sweetness in the urine of a patient. That scent comes from glucose that isn't absorbed when a person lacks insulin, but the chemicals produced during low-blood-sugar incidents have yet to be identified.

"Whatever is being secreted in that drop in blood sugar ... we just don't know what it is," said Dana Hardin, a pediatric endocrinologist who works for Eli Lilly & Co. in Indianapolis. Her goal is to identify what chemical compound the dogs smell, "not only to train dogs but to possibly make a device," she said.

Most of the interest in diabetic-alert dogs comes from people with Type 1 diabetes—and parents of children with Type 1—because they are more susceptible than people with Type 2 diabetes to serious problems of low blood sugar. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease characterized by the absence of insulin production, and requires daily insulin injections. People with Type 2, which is brought on by a combination of genetics, inactivity and obesity, have trouble processing insulin but don't necessarily require external insulin.

Incidence of Type 1 has been rising in the U.S. by about 2.5 percent to 4 percent a year for reasons scientists can't explain, according to several large-scale studies published in peer-reviewed medical journals. The number of people with Type 1 diabetes in the U.S. is between 1.3 million and 2.6 million, accounting for 5 percent to 10 percent of the total diabetic population.



Type 1 diabetics work to balance their daily intake of carbohydrates with external insulin. Prolonged high sugar levels can lead to complications such as heart disease, kidney failure and neuropathy. But trying to keep sugars at a low level raises the risk of hypoglycemia, which can be lethal, particularly if a patient loses consciousness while driving or alone. Many people develop a condition known as hypoglycemia unawareness, meaning they no longer feel the hunger, listlessness and irritability that typically alerts diabetics that their blood-sugar level is falling.

Diabetics can use technologies such as continuous glucose monitors to help prevent these episodes, but these don't record blood-sugar drops until after they happen. So hypoglycemic-alert dogs can be lifesavers, said Hardin, who presented the first scientific research on the dogs at this year's annual American Diabetes Association conference in Philadelphia.

Using perspiration samples from patients whose sugars were below 65 milligrams a deciliter—normal is 80 to 120 mg/dL—she trained a two-year-old Labrador/Golden retriever mix to recognize low blood-sugar samples placed in blinded containers on a Lazy Susan-like wheel. Modeled after how police sniffing dogs are trained, trainers around the country use similar techniques. Hardin's dog was then paired with Dustin Hillman, a 36-year-old patient who suffered severe hypoglycemic unawareness.

Before he got the dog, Hillman lost consciousness due to hypoglycemia more than six times over the previous two weeks, requiring emergency services. In the three months after, the owner only lost consciousness once and never required emergency service, according to the study.

Since having Tippy—short for Tippecanoe—Hillman has finished his dissertation and will receive his Master's in Chemistry on Sunday from Purdue University. He had been on the verge of dropping out of school and moving back in with his parents, he said.



"Imagine Peace"



The Ann Jackson Gallery selected the MD18 Peace Poster Contest winner from the District D entry from Grace Halley a 12 year old student from Gwinnett County and the entry came through the Snellville Lions Club. Congratulations to Grace!

Katie Saxon who is a 12 year old from Queen of Angels School in Roswell sponsored by Roswell Lions Club.



Jenna Toombs who is a 12 year old student from Greenville Middle School sponsored by Greenville Lions Club



Kits are available 15 January – 1 October 2012:
Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

Our World, Out Future

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on 15 November 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

AWARDS: Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

International Grand Prize Winner receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of \$5,000 and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2014.

23 Merit Award Winners each receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

How to Enter: Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. It costs \$10.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor a school or organized sponsored youth group:

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules
- Participant Flyer may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Our World, Out Future

"NEW" The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in Peace Poster kit and on the LCI website. The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on 15 November 2013. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Imagine Peace."

- 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.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Advocating Against Hunger



Hunger Facts

In many ways, America is the land of plenty. But for 1 in 6 people in the United States, hunger is a reality. Many people believe that the problems associated with hunger are confined to small pockets of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, but the reality is much different.

Right now, millions of Americans are struggling with hunger. These are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days. It's time to educate ourselves about the causes of hunger in America.

Lions Services for Children

Hunger In America = Georgia Food Banks

8 Feeding America network members serve this area:

State Statistical Brief: GA

Food insecurity rate	19.9 %	Child food insecurity rate	28.3 %	Population	9,712,587
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Poverty rate	15.7 %	Child poverty rate	21.5 %	Unemployment rate	10.2 %
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1. Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

Website: www.foodbanknega.org
Street Address 861 Newton Bridge Road
P.O. Box 48857
Athens, GA 30604
Phone: 706.354.8191
Executive Director: John Becker,
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2. Atlanta Community Food Bank

Website: www.acfb.org
Street Address 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30318
Phone: 404.892.9822

Executive Director: Bill Bolling, bill.bolling@acfb.org

3. Golden Harvest Food Bank

Website: www.goldenharvest.org
Street Address 3310 Commerce Drive
Augusta, GA 30909-4417
Phone: 706.736.1199
Executive Director: Travis McNeal,
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4. Feeding the Valley Food Bank

Website: www.feedingthevalley.org
Street Address 5928 Coca-Cola Blvd.
Columbus, GA 31909-5531
Phone: 706.561.4755
Executive Director: Babbs Douglas,
bdouglas@feedingthevalley.org

5. Middle Georgia Community Food Bank

Website: www.mgcfb.org
Street Address 4490 Ocmulgee East Boulevard
PO Box 5024
Macon, GA 31217
Phone: 478.742.3958

Executive Director: Ronald Raleigh, ronrraleigh@aol.com

6. America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc.

Website: www.helpendhunger.org
Street Address 2501 East President Street
Savannah, GA 31404
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Executive Director: Mary Jane Crouch,
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7. Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc

Website: www.valdostafoodbank.org
Street Address 1411 Harbin Circle
Valdosta, GA 31601
Phone: 229.244.2678
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8. Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Website: www.chattfoodbank.org
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Chattanooga, TN 37406
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Executive Director: Meaghan Jones,
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Dear Lions Club Members,

The Lions Club's Mission of community service, good citizenship, and promoting the welfare of the community is a very noble one. The 4th Grade Foresters project is a great opportunity to visibly demonstrate your mission. The trees that will be planted will promote the welfare of the community because they will beautify the locale as well as help meet basic air quality standards. You will serve the community by teaching children to be good stewards and good citizens. With your support, 4th Grade Foresters USA can help with your mission by providing trees for 4th Graders to take home and plant on Arbor Day. These tree packages could have your message attached to them.

Georgia's Arbor Day is February 22, 2013. The deadline for participation is January 15, 2013. There are approximately 130,000 4th graders in Georgia. We can provide you with the approximate number of students at public and private schools in your area.

A Remarkable Idea, Arbor Day at School.

In the beginning . . . and almost the end

In 1885 the National Education Association called for observation of Arbor Day in all of the nation's schools on the official Arbor Day of their own State. It was a resounding endorsement of J. Sterling Morton's founding of Arbor Day. When the Nebraskan was later asked about the holiday he remarked, "All other holidays repose upon the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future."

School observations grew by leaps and bounds. Over the years, millions of children received and planted millions of seedlings . . . millions of seedlings that grew into millions of mature trees. Together, those trees make up a unique forest. A forest planted by generations of America's children. Somehow the School Arbor Day tradition began to fade away and now only relatively few kids get a tree to take home and plant it on their State's Arbor Day.

It's time to reverse the decline.

Now in the era of global warming and air pollution, tree planting is even more important than ever.

Trees take carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the atmosphere to help reduce warming and help clean the air we breathe. Planting trees is a simple, inexpensive and easy way to address the problem.

The Fourth Grade Foresters Project has four major goals:

1. To revitalize observation of Arbor Day in America's schools on the official Arbor Day proclaimed in their own state.
2. To send every fourth grader home with a tree of their own to plant and care for.
3. To support employment of workers with disabilities. *(Each tree is individually packaged for distribution by workers with disabilities.)*
4. To bring schools, community service organizations, businesses, and private individuals together to

have direct positive impact on the urban forests of their communities.

In its first six years, the Fourth Grade Foresters USA and nearly 1900 sponsors provided more than 391,000 trees to fourth graders in 39 states. Lions Club's alone contributed 26,000 trees from 228 clubs. For more information visit: www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com.

How Lions Clubs Can Help

If a Lions Club becomes a sponsor of the Fourth Grade Foresters they will:

1. Build a new connection with the community by making it possible for trees to be planted and cared for in your local Urban Forest . . . the trees surrounding the homes of your citizens.
2. Share the message and vision of the Club directly with local families.
3. Help kids learn that they make a difference in their community and have a direct impact on the environment.
4. Help local Fourth Grade Foresters set an example for the entire community. The trees they plant will become a forest that will benefit the environment and generations to come. There is absolutely no cost to the student, the teachers, the schools, or the school district. The individually packaged 12" – 18" trees are available for \$1.59 per tree. Every tree is, packaged by workers with disabilities.

The cost to provide a tree to a Fourth Grader includes:

- *An individually packaged 12" to 18" evergreen tree recommended for growth in your state.**
- *A bag tag attached to each tree featuring planting and care instructions and you attach any information about the Club you wish to include.**
- *You will be provided with media kits to send information to local media.**

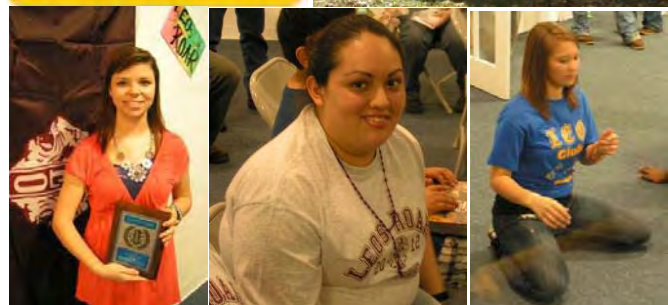
Fourth Grade Foresters USA is not a nonprofit organization but rather a catalyst for direct sponsorship of the project in local communities and at the grass roots level. Your sponsorship takes center stage as a community service and public relations outreach while we provide trees, packaging, and logistics. Our role is that of a service resource for the program. In providing those services we hire workers with disabilities to prepare and package all of the trees given to fourth graders.

As leaders in this program the Society will set an inspiring example to organizations across the state and nation and will be known by their good work at home and afar.

Sincerely,
Sarah Henne
Fourth Grade Foresters Project Coordinator
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Lincoln, NE 68502
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18-C LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADOR



LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-C: Colquitt County > Clubs at MSJH- CCHS (Sponsored by Moultrie Lions Club) // Community Service for Christmas // Attending Camp Christmas Banquet with Moultrie Lions and donated \$100 to Camp // Held special Teacher Recognition with Candy Grams // Sponsored Get-Up-and-JAM at CCJH; Early County > Club at ECHS (Sponsored by Cordele Lions Club) // Participated in Read for The Record, Holidays on The Square, Sight Night, Water Ways, Environmental Tree Planting, Kolomoki Festival, and Christmas projects including ECES Christmas Play and Movie Night; Seminole County > Club at SCHS (Sponsored by Lake Seminole and Donalsonville Lions Clubs) Environmental projects for community and Lake Seminole // Thanksgiving and Christmas projects. Send current projects to LEO District Chair Brenda Arnold and 18-C Youth Chair Chris Sumner. LEOs are also active in Bainbridge at BHS and in Lanier County at LCHS. We look forward to Fitzgerald High / Fitzgerald Lions and Cairo High / Calvary Lions joining the

ranks of LEOs. For more information, contact Lion Brenda or PDG Chris or visit lionsclub.org - Youth programs.

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REPORT OF MD 18 YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE CHAIR – LION FAYE SMITH:

Become a Host Family

When you host a young person from another country, many things happen.

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about your visitor's customs and culture
- You make a new friend, maybe a friend for life



What to Expect

Exchange participants are usually between the ages of 15 and 22, and come from any of the more than 200 countries and geographic locations where there are Lions clubs. Your guest will have basic or better knowledge of the language of your country. To be in the program, he or she will have completed an admissions process. Host families should include the participant in their daily routine, including family meals. Local excursions are not required of host families, but the host Lions club often arranges for participants to visit local points of interest. They may also help organize picnics and get-togethers.

If you are a host family already expecting an exchange participant, you may also want to read our [Host Family Guide](#).

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/ye102.pdf>

Host Family Eligibility

The host Lions club must approve all host families. To be eligible to become a host family you must:

- Have regular contact with youth of the approximate age of the participant
- Know the participant's language
- Be familiar with Lions clubs and the goals of the Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program
- Be able to provide a bed and meals for your guest
- Follow all local laws related to youth protection
- Meet [insurance](#) requirements
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How to Apply

Apply to become a host family today by contacting your [local Lions club](#). Or submit a [host family application](#) to your local Lions club for review.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/ye1402.pdf>

Once an exchange is confirmed, you and your guest will correspond via e-mail, mail or telephone. You should also attend an orientation meeting provided by the host Lions club.



Lions Quest

Wilson High School Brings Lions Quest to Homeroom

Glen A. Wilson High (CA) students are finding that there's no place like homeroom for developing their social and emotional skills. Every Wednesday, students use Lions Quest to develop their cultural awareness, interpersonal communication, and personal-management and -responsibility skills. Homeroom coordinator Laura Siefken said freshmen and sophomores have been particularly receptive to the program. Siefken added that Lions Quest has also been well received by her staff. "Teachers really like the fact that there are different options for each lesson, which means they can reuse lessons and reinforce the same skills with different grade levels."



This is important because each student has the same homeroom teacher throughout high school, which creates continuity, strengthens the student-teacher relationship and now gives students four years to enhance their SEL skills with Lions Quest. At the moment, Wilson High is only using *Skills for Action* Skills Bank, but Siefken hopes this is only the beginning. "I would like to see the (Hacienda La Puente Unified School) District 'open up' the program and use more of the Lions Quest curriculum. It really has a lot to offer," she said.

Community Partnership Grants can be used to bring Lions Quest to a new community, or to reactivate dormant programs. Grants are non-matching, available for up to \$10,000 and awarded on a rolling basis. [Click here](#) to download the application.

Numbers of Note

- 70 countries are using Lions Quest
- 92 U.S. districts have appointed a Lions Quest Chairperson

If you haven't appointed a Chair, now is the time. Email your Lion's contact information to Christopher.bunch@lionsclubs.org.

Marijuana Use among Teens on the Rise

More and more teens are watching their futures go up in smoke. Teens are using more marijuana and less alcohol according to a [2011 national survey](#) of 47,000 eight-, 10th- and 12th-graders sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. This marks the fourth consecutive year of increased marijuana use in NIDA's annual survey.



The survey found that 36.4 percent of 12th-graders reported using marijuana in the past year, 28.8 percent of 10th-graders and 12.5 percent of eighth-graders. One in every 15 seniors reported smoking pot on a daily or near daily basis, the highest rate since 1981. Researchers note that the increased use correlates with a decreasing percentage of teens that see "great risk" in marijuana use.

New Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School Time Curriculum

Lions Quest [SFA for OST](#) has been adapted from our Skills for Adolescence program to meet the unique challenges of the after-school setting. It combines SEL with service-learning lessons to provide a meaningful program that can stand alone or be used as an extension of SFA for schools already implementing the program. It's perfect for middle schools, the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, or other youth-service organizations seeking a quality after-school program.

Global Youth Service Day

April 20-22, 2012. [Find info and resources](#) for participating in the largest service event in the world.

Build-A-Bear Workshop Huggable Heroes Awards

Nominate young service leaders aged 8 to 18 who have made a difference in your community. Ten will receive \$10,000. [Apply by February 27](#).

2012 Do Something Awards

Five young activists and community leaders will receive a \$10,000 community grant, and one will receive \$100,000. [Apply by March 1](#).

The *Huffington Post* recognizes the [Top 11 Kids Who Made a Difference in 2011](#).



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 ?

International President Wayne A. Madden



For Attendees

International Convention: Plan Your Holiday in Hamburg



2013 LCI Hamburg, Germany Convention Registration and Hotel Reservations are now available.



*The early bird registration fee is US\$100 through December 31, 2012.

*From January 1 through March 31, 2013 the regular registration fee is US\$130.

*April 1, 2013 and through onsite registration, the fee is US\$150.



Instructions

Lions Clubs International Convention Online Registration & Hotel Reservation:

*Please have your credit card ready, you can only use the online system with a credit card payment. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

*You will receive an email confirmation upon completion of your registration.

*Please check your spam mailbox if you do not receive an email confirmation immediately.

*LCI will mail your convention name badge(s) in May 2013. You must bring these with you to Hamburg.

There are many sights to see at the next international



convention in Hamburg, Germany. Capture the local flavor with a specialized harbor tour. Visit the historic fishing village of Blankenese. Discover your family history at the BallinStadt Emigration Museum. Take a Magical History Tour and retrace the steps of the Fab Four. The hardest decision will be deciding what to do each day! All tours are escorted by an expert guide and offered at special discounted rates for Lions and their families. Start planning today by visiting our [Local Tours](#) page. Find out more about the [International Convention](#), [Registration](#), [Airline Discounts](#) and [Pre or Post Convention Tours](#).

Contact us at

registration@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.



Go to this web site to get started:

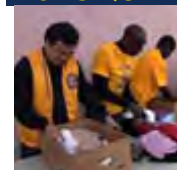
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/for-attendees/index.php>

Announcing the 2013-2014 Peace Poster Theme



It's a new year and time for a new Peace Poster Contest theme. The theme for the 2013-2014 contest is "Our World, Our Future." Work with your club to sponsor the contest in local schools or youth groups to help make this world a more peaceful place. Contest kits will go on sale on January 15 from Club Supplies. [Learn more about the contest](#), including how to order a kit. Also, learn about the [Lions International Essay Contest](#) for students who are visually impaired.

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about how Lions are distributing food and clothing.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

[Lions Club iPhone App](#)

Download our iPhone app to stay up-to-date with Lions news.

CONTESTS

[Lions International Essay Contest](#)

Visually impaired children express their feelings of peace.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Every year at this time, I send my personal greetings to you, the members of my Lions family. This year is no different, except I want to take the extra time to reflect on what we have accomplished together through our Foundation. Thanks to [your donations](#) and your service, we have met needs all over the world and made a great impact in many people's lives.



Together, we met [the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant](#) to raise US\$10 million for measles. Through this major accomplishment, we helped vaccinate 157 million children against measles in 2012.

Lions also provided disaster relief worldwide following typhoons, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and other disasters this year. One recent example is [Superstorm Sandy](#) in the United States. Many Lions gave generously, and even Lions who were affected by the storm were out serving their communities the next day.



In addition to disaster relief, Lions and LCIF have been continuing to [fight preventable blindness](#). When I was in Thailand for the 10 year celebration of Sight for Kids with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, I was able to see the impact that a simple vision screening can have in a child's life. It is easy to see why organizations like Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Bausch + Lomb, The Carter Center and more partner with us in our efforts to save sight.

Our Foundation has also supported youth in many ways during this year. The [Lions Quest](#) program is continually growing to help provide children with positive life skills.



The U.S. State Department is helping the program expand in Africa, while the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is working with Lions Quest curriculum in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe.

I am amazed at all the different kinds of service that we are able to provide

together. Though I have been Chairperson of our Foundation for just six months, it is easy to see all the good that we have accomplished this past year, and every year since the Foundation was created. All of our accomplishments are because of your [generous donations](#). I invite you to see the impact your donations have made by [viewing this video](#).

As this year ends, I look forward to a new year full of service and caring. Though we always pray for no disaster and diseases in this world, they still happen. Please continue your support to LCIF so that we can strive for a better world to live in with no disaster and diseases in the coming future.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Watch Relief Efforts Following Superstorm Sandy

When Superstorm Sandy hit the United States, Lions immediately went to work. [In this video](#), watch how Lions supported each other and their local communities during a time of need.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXmOG0H82u8>



District 132 Macedonia (FYROM) Implements Lions Quest

In December, District 132 Macedonia (FYROM) is hosting the country's first [Lions Quest](#) teacher training workshop. This project will help create and foster the spirit of community service and social responsibility. In the pilot year, 250 students will be taught social and emotional learning, including anti-bullying, substance abuse prevention and how to interact with others in a positive way. District 132 Macedonia (FYROM) is the 78th country to begin a Lions Quest program. Lions Quest curriculum has been translated into 36 languages.

Dear Lion,

We did it!



*It is my great pleasure and privilege to report to you that **Lions** have successfully met the Gates Challenge!*

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2013 MD 18 CONVENTION

Augusta, GA

May 31 – June 2, 2013

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	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: Before Sept. 30, 2012	\$95.00	Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012	\$105.00
Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013	\$125.00	After April 30, 2013	\$140.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash:		Date Paid:		Amount Paid:	\$

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites
2 Tenth Street
Augusta, Georgia 30901
706-722-8900 or 1-800-868-5354
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
Room rate is \$110/night plus tax
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

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