

# *Lions of Georgia*



*Winter Meeting 23-24 January 2010*



*Winter Meeting 6-7 February 2010*



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## A Great Loss: George Crumbley, Beloved Lion, Cherished Friend



*Lion  
George  
Crumbley,  
Jr., PID*

Lion George Crumbley, Jr., PID, an invaluable volunteer to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, passed away yesterday, September 15, 2009. Those who knew George knew him as a passionate leader but more importantly a cherished friend.

He joined the Atlanta Lions Club in 1950; just one year after the Lighthouse Foundation was formed. George spent countless hours fundraising and forming partnerships on behalf of the Lions Clubs of Georgia and the Lighthouse Foundation over the last 60 years.

One of his most notable achievements was founding the Peach Bowl as a benefit to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The first game, which first took place in 1968, was very successful and gave much publicity to the Lions of Georgia, Atlanta and the Lighthouse Foundation. He served as Executive Director of the bowl from 1968-1985.

In recent years George was an instrumental volunteer for the Lighthouse's planned giving program, the Legacy Society, as well as a regular Lighthouse clinic volunteer. He was able to secure a substantial gift from the Chick-fil-A Bowl and always took the time to spread the good word about Lionism and the Lighthouse.

He has left his mark and legacy. Christina Lennon, Lighthouse Executive Director remarked, "George leaves this earth with one of the richest legacies I can think of, his family, Lionism, the Bowl, and of course the Lighthouse. He is finally able to rest, but it leaves such a void for all who knew him."

We will all miss him dearly, but his legacy of service will live on.



George gives glasses to young boy at first Lighthouse clinic in Atlanta.



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# State News



## ***Southeast Lions Leadership Institute***

PID Beverly Roberts has announced the location of the next SELLI in 2010. It will be at Hickory Knob State Park in South Carolina on 15-18 April 2010. Hickory Knob State Park is located on the South Carolina / Georgia state line, northwest of Augusta. Additional information will be published when available.

This is an excellent resource for anyone who wishes to advance to club or district leadership.

Now WHO plans to attend next year's Southeastern Leadership Institute???



Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors,

I have arranged for your International Speakers for your Rally (18-D) and District Conventions for the 2010-2011 Lions year. They will all be second year directors at the time of their visits. They are as follows:

- District 18-D Nov. 12-14, 2010  
ID Carl Young Canada
- District 18-E Feb. 11-13, 2011  
ID Jerry Smith Ohio
- District 18-B Feb. 18-20, 2011  
ID Dick Sawyer Arizona
- District 18-C Feb. 25-27, 2011  
ID Ann Smarsh Kansas
- District 18-F Mar. 4-6, 2011  
ID Gary D'Orazio Idaho
- District 18-A Mar. 11-13, 2011  
ID Ron Johnson Maine

Also, Past President Jim Ervin and I have arranged for the speaker for the upcoming State Convention in Tifton. PID Ed McCormick from Kansas and his wife Linda have graciously agreed to be our guests, and I know that each of you will enjoy Ed and Linda!

At this point you all need to fill out your speaker request forms and get those sent in to LCI. It would also be nice to include your speaker on your District Newsletter mailing list. This will let them know what is going on in your District.

In Lionism,  
Haynes



***Georgia Lions State Convention***



***28-30 May 2010  
Tifton, Georgia***

**Friday:** Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Two seminars – one of which would be Lions working with LEOS. (Friday Night Meal Tickets \$20.00).

**Saturday:** District Breakfasts; First Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$25.00), State Awards; District Governor's Banquet +

**Sunday:** District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Second Business Session

**HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM**  
Hospitality Books only \$75.00 till 30 November. 1 December - \$80.00 and 1 April - \$85.00.

**YOU WILL FIND A LETTER AND HOSPITALITY BOOK FORM FOR THE 2010 GEORGIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR 28-30 May 2010 AT TIFTON ON THE STATE WEB SITE. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS. THANKS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**





*A note  
from the  
Council  
Chairman*

The Council of Governors met for the first time this year in Tifton on 12 September to consider a long agenda of old and new items. The following paragraphs present two of the items discussed and decided:

Redistricting has been a most important and controversial “hot” item for a number of years and the latest version was presented to the Council by the Long Range Planning Committee last spring. The recommendation was that our six districts be changed to four districts, each having more than 1,250 members which would upgrade the five districts that are in transition. The item was tabled by last year’s Council. The majority of this Council voted to reject redistricting. The general feeling was that membership turned around last year and the Governors want to build on that experience and momentum. All districts now have training and experience in Extension and are more comfortable with the process and more confident that new clubs can be chartered. They are also planning to devote more attention to existing clubs to help them grow. Our new Multiple District MERL Team will be trained by Lions Clubs International following the USA / Canada Leadership Forum this month and plans to be much more active this year. All in all, the Governors are very motivated and want the opportunity to continue the membership growth that was begun last year. But if they are not

successful and membership does not grow, the subject of redistricting will be reconsidered.

Modification of the State Constitution is another “leftover” item from last year. The Council asked for and received recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee and the Constitution and By Laws Committee on various modifications that would bring our state constitution into compliance with the Lions International Constitution and also up date some of the sections. Some of the proposals proved to be quite controversial so, in the interest of harmony, the planned vote on the revised constitution at the State Convention was withdrawn by the Council. This Council has charged the Constitution and By Laws Committee to draft new proposals. Revisions to bring our Constitution into compliance will be separated from the revisions to upgrade the Constitution. In so doing, the compliance revisions can be passed by the Convention even if the update revisions are not. The planned process also involves revising the Policy Manual in step with the Constitution, with frequent progress reports, widely promulgated, so that comments from all Lions can be received and considered.

Our own PIP Jim Ervin has been drafted to head up the North American Constitutional Area Global Membership Team, we have our new International Director Judge Haynes Townsend, plus the enthusiastic support and assistance of our PIDs and our PDGs. This is another motivator for us to get the job done this year. I hope that we will have the full support of our Georgia Lions because nothing happens except that which is done by our Lions and our Lions Clubs.

Yours in service – Ron Zeppieri, MD-18  
Council Chairman



Just minutes ago I received notification that 18-A has been awarded \$10,000.00 in emergency funds to help with the cleanup after the flooding of past weeks. Zone Chairs were asked to prepare reports on the damage in their zones and while I was at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum these reports were completed and awaiting my return. I had talked with the folks in the LCIF Booth at the Forum and knew what to do about making the application. The application was completed and e-mailed at about 2:30 PM on the 30th of September and I received notice of the granting of the funds at 12.42PM on the 1st of October.



**18-A =**

The system works with great speed when the need is there and the need is very much there in this case. 15 to 20 inches of rain in a 48 hour period and additional rain in the same area for another 48 to 72 hours in areas of District 18-A has caused extreme flooding in that area. There have been reported that the death of five people were caused by the flooding and that two others are still unaccounted for.

Last weekend in Walker County Lions and Leos helped set up and manned a distribution location in northern 18-A to pass out food, water, cleaning supplies and etc. that were donated by a local church, Bi-Lo Grocery and US101.

We in 18-A will establish locations at which Wal-Mart Gift Cards good for food and cleaning supplies will be given to those who qualify. Our District Alert Committee, District Governor, 1st and 2nd VDGs, Zone Chairpersons and Lions and Leos in the areas affected. We will work with all of the agencies now working in the areas to assure that the funds go to those entitled.

Don't allow your Districts to go without a LCIF grant if you are faced with a situation such as ours. Just make sure that you document your claims and do it quickly.

**MEMBERSHIP – Future LEO’s?** First of all, here is firsthand knowledge from one of our well known but silent partners - Lion Leslie Miller. How Do We Ger Kids Involved = The kids sent to Leader Dog \$737.00 –

*"Each month, or at least every other month, the students at our school do some kind of service project. That particular year, we chose to do Kids 'N Coins -- it's good with elementary, because you can tell them about how the dogs have to go to school to learn what they do. Leader Dog will send you a box with a DVD, posters, and labels for collection cans -- everything you need to do the program. You can also order one of the activity books from Leader Dog (which I had bought on one of our trips up there); make copies to give to the kids to color.*



*We had a contest between homerooms -- the class that collected the most money got a prize. I can't Remember. If we did breakfast, ice cream, pizza, or what, but kids that age will do a lot for food! Since we live in a small town, a lot of our fast food places, grocery stores, and bakeries will donate the food for the prize. I think we raised just over \$1200 on the project.*

*If there is a LEO Club in a middle or high school, that would be a good project for them to organize. We also collected used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones one year. Same thing with the winning class getting breakfast..... I think we got 350 pairs and a few cell phones. A Kindergarten class won that!*

*The Counselor at our school and I organized both these projects. Well, the counselor had already joined the club the spring before that. Another of my friends joined that year, but she has since had to drop out for health reasons."*

Just imagine getting kids involved in the Elementary School – it would allow students to participate in a fundraiser, some of the curriculum units educators have included in a program could include: Working Animals, The Human Eye, Disability Awareness, Everyday Heroes, and Community Involvement/Volunteerism. Generosity may continue – a perfect chance for when they go to Middle School – a LEO Club could be established – they could work with other kids on the Peace Poster Contest, help the local Lions Club and the community and then it continues when they go to High School – imagine having a LEO Club in your High School. What benefit would that do? The future is in your hands – how can you get kids involved?



It is very important to electronically submit your Monthly Membership Report (MMR) on time each and every month BEFORE the end of the month. This reflects an accurate count of our membership numbers with Lions Clubs International. If your Club mails your report, it must be mailed by the 15th of the month. If you need any help with this, please contact your Zone Chairman or my office. Remember to support the eye clinic in your area when asked to volunteer. Beginning the month of July, you will get a beautiful 60th anniversary pin for volunteering six hours or more.

**18-B**

**Bellville Lions Club =**

**12-17 October 2009 - Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair.** The Bellville Lions Club will once again provide security during the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair in Statesboro, Georgia from 12-17 October. We need lots of volunteers to ensure we have enough people to cover all of our assigned responsibilities. This is biggest money making project of the year. Lion Annette Hamner is again the chairperson for the fair and will be putting together a list of watches for the club. Please see Lion Annette to volunteer.

**7 November 2009 - Bellville Lions Spaghetti Dinner.** The Bellville Lions Club will have its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 7 November 2009. The dinner will be held at the Bellville United Methodist Church Social Hall from 5 -7 pm. The dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, roll, dessert and a drink. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00. See Lion Grace Anners for more information.

**Waycross Lions Club = Lions Club Flag Contract** - Your contribution of \$20.00 or more for 2009-10 (July 1st, 2009 - June 30th, 2010) will help the Waycross Lions Club continue this Patriotic Flag Display program and support other important Lions Club projects such as: providing free vision screening and eye exams/eyeglasses for needy children and adults in the area, support the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, the Waycross Lions Academic Honor Society, and our annual Children's Christmas Party.

The Flags are displayed 8-10 times a year on holidays and special occasions in downtown Waycross at Phoenix Park, Doughboy Park, and the intersection of Memorial Drive and South Georgia Parkway (Corridor Z). The Flag displays are set up on the following holidays: President's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Election Day. Your support would be appreciated!

If you wish further information, please contact Lion Bill Hand at the mailing address below or by telephone at (912) 387-0950. E-Mail [bill@billtbyhand.com](mailto:bill@billtbyhand.com). To support this project, please send your check made out to the "Waycross Lions Club" at the address below. Be sure to provide your Name and Address with your check. *Waycross Lions Club, PO Box 854, Waycross, GA. 31502-0854*

**Children's Christmas Party-** Each year the Waycross Lions Club hosts a special Christmas Party for young boys and girls from the community that may not have much at Christmas. It also usually includes a certain jolly fat guy showing up to help hand out the presents.



Hazlehurst Jeff Davis Lions Club: Held their Charter Night on Saturday August 29. The feature Speaker was International Director Haynes Townsend of Dalton, Georgia.

Glennville Lions Club: Held their Charter Night These pictures was submitted by DG Don Pope.







I want to personally thank the Cordele Lions Club for sponsoring the Lions Club in Ashburn especially Certified Guiding Lion Herbert Hughes. Our next Extension Club build is planned for November in Cochran and Hawkinsville. If you know of a town that needs a Lions Club, let me or your Region Chair know. We hope to rebuild our clubs with less than 10 members if permitted by the present club membership. I have asked the Zone Chairs to help with this rebuilding process.

Remember: Be a team builder and not negative or disruption. Have fun and fellowship at all meetings.

**18-C = DG Clinton**

**Lion gives students something to roar about Alan Mauldin**

MOULTRIE— Sam McCord Sr. is one Lion who is making his presence known in Colquitt County’s blackboard jungle. Twelve years ago McCord started a program honoring the most improved students at Willie J. Williams Middle School. The first year he purchased \$100 mutual funds for each of the winners that he or she could claim upon graduation or leaving school. Since that time the prizes for the Most Improved Student Award program have been more along the lines of gift certificates and pizza parties, but educators say the program has motivated students to excel over the years.

Two years ago McCord’s fellow Lions Club members picked up sponsorship of the program, working with local businesses to provide food and gift certificates, but McCord, 68, is still heavily involved. In addition to the recognition program, McCord also has served as a mentor for a number of years, first with Communities in Schools and now with the YMCA, said Willie J. Williams Principal Doug Howell. He also started a Leo Club at the school, which like the Lions Club is a service organization. Howell said the awards program has had a positive impact on students and the school.

“A lot of them who get these awards are kids who made a lot of progress during the year,” he said. “I definitely think these kind of awards tend to motivate kids and they see what’s possible out there. This is just one more chance for us to recognize people, and that is impossible without organizations like the Lions Club.”

Students selected for the Lions Club improvement awards often are those who would not be recognized, McCord said. For the past school year Charlie A. Gray was added and 103 students received plaques, one for each class at the two schools. McCord, whose term as president of the club ended July 1, said that the seeds of the idea were sprouted over a discussion that occurred while he was eating breakfast at a Moultrie restaurant. “Somebody was talking about our youth today, how they weren’t what they used to be,” he said. “A little voice said, ‘You can talk about it or you can do something about the situation.’ “One day I was at the middle school and told Principal Buford Hicks I had a good idea. He said come on in.” McCord planned the first program with a counselor. Parents and students are notified at the beginning of the school year about the program and encouraged to improve their school work, behavior and attitude. McCord said he chose most improved to include more students than those traditionally recognized. Winning students can be those with behavioral problems who straightened out their acts or those who made large gains in academics or a combination. Winners are selected by the schools.



“I thought, anybody at any level can strive to do better,” McCord said. “The feeling is if they can improve (behavior) they can improve their grades easier.” McCord said the first year the program launched there were stories of immediate impacts. One teacher told how a student who had not been a standout immediately requested to be seated on the front row of her class. That student ended up being a class winner and most improved for the entire sixth grade. “The best part is next year she was on the honor roll,” McCord said. “In the eighth grade she was on the honor roll. I’ve had a lot of different testimonies.” McCord said he encounters many parents who recount their children still have the plaques for most improved hanging on their walls. McCord also is passionate about the Lions Club, which has asked him to head up youth programs in District 18-C, which covers 41 cities in south-central Georgia and stretches to the Florida and Alabama borders. That includes working to form Leo Clubs and spread his school honors concept.

“My goal now is to help promote this statewide, because we know this helps,” he said. “The interest so far has been overwhelming.” McCord is putting together a video presentation and is open to any civic organization interested in sponsoring in its city. As a member of Lions, McCord said he has been proud to be involved with an organization that last year provided 75 eye exams and eye glasses for needy county residents. Statewide the Lions provided, free of charge, 362 eye surgeries. Lions Clubs throughout the state also provide funding for the state camp for the blind held each year in Waycross.

“I tell you what, the day I went down there (camp) is when I became a dedicated Lion,” he said. “Before that I was going through the motions. That really got my heart.” C.A. Gray Principal Todd Cason said he liked what he saw as a result of the most improved awards given to his students. “This was our first year,” he said. “As we introduce it to students next year I think it will motivate students more. One thing I can say is it allowed us to recognize some kids who improved academically, behaviorally and their all-around citizenship.”



18-D = DG Grace

My first two months as District Governor have been very busy. From club officer training to Lions Day at the Camp to my first Cabinet meeting, I have already learned so much. I have had the opportunity to cook funnel cakes at the GA Mountain Fair in Hiawassee with the Towns County Lions Club, and I cooked hamburgers with the Union County Lions Club on the same day. I look forward to visiting other festivals all over the district this fall, including the Comer Fair. I volunteered at the Vision Clinic at the Lighthouse, and I am planning on volunteering again in October.

We are also looking forward to our District Rally in Gainesville, GA on November 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our International Director, Art Marson, our MERL Team is planning a training session before the Rally. Come join us for fellowship and fun!



A perfect idea of what the future can hold is what the "Dictionary Lady" can do ===== For the past seven years, Lion Shelia Hawthorne has been in charge of a project in which dictionaries are presented to every third grader in Barrow County.

At present, all Lions Clubs within the Barrow county takes part in this great community project and also in Jackson county. This project is part of a National Project and has been embraced by teachers, parents and students in the community. The third week of January is officially proclaimed as Dictionary Week in Winder and Barrow County. "I appreciate my club for "adopting" third graders at one of our schools and purchasing and presenting the dictionaries to the children." For years a proclamation was signed by Mayor Buddy Ouzts and Chairman Garrison to this effect.

This is a most economic, efficient and rewarding project which promotes literacy not only for the student to which it is presented, but also to the families of the students. "I sincerely hope that Lions Clubs throughout the state are given the opportunity to learn about the project. I will be glad to share information and I am proud to frequently be referred to as the "Dictionary Lady" in Barrow County." If you and your Lions Club wish to participate in this project, you can contact Lion Shelia at [omyshelia@aol.com](mailto:omyshelia@aol.com). I am available to speak for groups who may be interested in joining the Barrow County Dictionary Project as a sponsor. Sponsors may be individuals, businesses, church or civic groups, student groups, etc. I may be reached at 770.962.0520.

**Dictionary Fun Facts**

- Project started in 1995 in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
- Over 5 million dictionaries have been distributed
- Third grade is usually when dictionary skills are introduced
- The Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma started the program in Barrow County.

Civic, business and school groups sponsor this activity

- How is it funded now? By numerous civic, business and school groups. I spoke to organizations and they "adopted" third grades to purchase and dispense dictionaries during Dictionary Week. We currently have 14 sponsors.

□How many dictionaries will be distributed in the county this year, 2008? 1,093 regular encyclopedic dictionaries and 85 English/Hispanic ones. The number is the same as 2007-08 for the regular ones and five less for English/Hispanic ones which are used for school reference. For 2006-07 we distributed 1057regular ones and 80 English/Hispanic. For 2005-06 it was 936 regular and 80 English/Hispanic ones. There were 928 regular ones for 2004-05. English/Hispanic ones were introduced as a pilot in 2005-06 and now schools want 10 copies per school. And, 10 extra regular ones are given to the media center for reference or given to students who enter school later during the year.

□ What do the books cost? The cost of the regular dictionary is \$1.70 each, a \$.25 increase from two years ago but still a good price. The Eng/Hispanic are now \$2.00 each and were \$1.25. Dictionaries must be purchased dictionaries in 48 and 24 lots respectively.

□ Georgia donated 32, 171 dictionaries for the 2008-09 school year. Georgia has donated over 131,000 dictionaries!

Visit the National Dictionary website at [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org). for information and national and state statistics and reports.







**18-E = DG Scott**

It's a brand new year in Lionism! I'm really looking forward to enjoying our work as Lions this year. I'm excited because this new Lions year brings with it new opportunities and fresh ideas. Our district leadership team will be introduced to not only a new theme for our district program, but also a new way of thinking. We will be asking all our fellow Lions members throughout the district to embrace this new way of thinking as a way to help make our Lions programs at the club level much more effective and enjoyable. We want to learn how to "SERVE" each day and enjoy every moment of it!

## Save the Date!

Please set your calendar now for **Saturday, February 13, 2010!** That's Valentines weekend and we don't want to miss a thing! Our annual district convention will be held in Carrollton that day and we're going to have a great time! There will be various workshops on Lions related topics, as well as activities for the kids, hint, hint! We will wrap up the evening with a dinner banquet and a "Sweetheart Dance." The Villa Rica High School Jazz ensemble will be providing the music for the dance. We will have some great door prizes and our guest for the weekend will be International Director, Lion Eugenio Ramon from Puerto Rico. Beverly and I met Lion Eugenio while we were in Minneapolis over the last couple of weeks and he's a blast! The district convention committee will be composed of Lions members from the Carrollton, Villa Rica, and Villa Rica Golden City Lions Clubs. As the details of this event are developed, they will be passed along to everyone.

**Forsyth Lions Club** = Over the past several years we have had much success with the International Peace Poster contest. Well we have no secrets - and the success we have had did not come early nor easy. We began in 1991 and have had 1 or more contest(s) every year since. We have learned from our mistakes. But dedication has been the key word. We are continually trying to improve over the year before. For the upcoming year we will have contest in each of 2 middle school and one for home school children. One key factor that brought fast improvement is when we started working directly with the art teachers. When they see our dedication to the program then that helps them in their attitude towards their involvement. Communication is one vital key. To that end we developed a one sheet instructions that may be reproduced and given to the student. We also make ourselves available, any time they have questions or need help. Most schools have a budget crunch, so early on we offered and furnished posters for the students final poster. Finally, if anyone has questions about the Peace Poster project, they may write me at [cdan@bellsouth.net](mailto:cdan@bellsouth.net). If you would like a copy of the handout please email Cecil or email the editor, Kristy and we can send you a copy.

**Macon Cherry Blossom Lion Club** = Mop & broom sales, Terri Gibbs & Gary Claxton in Concert @ The Grand Opera House in Macon Nov 04 @ 7 PM e-mail [lionema@cox.net](mailto:lionema@cox.net) for ticket info or to order in advance. \$12.50 gen Admission & \$16.00 (best) reserved seats(advance) or Call 478-960-8074

**LaGrange Lions Club** = reach out the vision impaired through activities and donations to sight-related organizations. Lions volunteer to staff the sight and hearing screening program in our schools. We collect spectacles and hearing aids that are no longer needed which are reconditioned and distributed worldwide to those who would not otherwise have access to sight correction.



**18-F = DG Harvey**

Ode to a Cabinet Meeting  
 Was the night before the cabinet meeting and all thru the house.  
 The district governor was scrambling around like a big mouse.  
 This report, that report, from folder to folder, oh what will I say.  
 Are the minutes correct, is the treasurer's report OK.  
 Will I seat members in all the right places, by status and rank.  
 What will Lion Beverly who trained me think.  
 But I have a secret, Lion June was here to help me do right.  
 Failing is no option they try as I might.  
 Sleep would not come, tossing and turning all night long.  
 With thoughts in my head of things I would do wrong.  
 Now is the time to wear the red jacket, and look like the one.  
 To stand in front and Get Er Done.

## Lions Club raffle cedar hope chest has treasured history By SMYTHE NEWSOME

When the Washington Lions Club presents a beautifully hand-crafted cedar chest to its lucky winner December 1, the unique prize alone will be enough to make it a treasured possession. But add the story of its origin and background and it becomes incredible testimony to the triumph of one Wilkes County man's indomitable spirit over calamitous circumstances which began about 40 years ago amid the agonies of the Vietnam War.

To recall another wartime reference, Bobby West of Washington could adopt a World War II motto of the U.S. Navy Seabees (paraphrased): "We accomplish the difficult immediately; the impossible may take a little longer."

West was blinded by shrapnel in Vietnam combat when a nearby booby trap exploded June 8, 1968. He had served only two months when he was injured, but it took years of medical treatment, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy to return him to productive citizenship and a near-normal lifestyle. Both West and his wife, Peggy, are active in Washington-Wilkes interests and events. They reside in Washington, where they have reared four children of their own and one other. "Franklin," a German Shepherd "Seeing Eye" guide dog, is also practically regarded as a member of the family.



**Bobby West displays the finished cedar-lined chest he made which will be raffled by the Washington Lions**

In the Washington Lions Club, West sets a good example for the other club members by the various ways he lives up to the Lions International motto: "We Serve." As he recently pondered ways to help the club, he hit upon the idea of personally making a solid oak "hope chest," lined with fragrant Wilkes County red cedar, and donating it to the club for a fund-raising raffle.

The chest measures 41 inches wide, 23 inches tall, and 21 inches front to back. It is nicely finished and adorned with polished brass hardware. If the gift of the chest itself were not enough, West also took the lead in ticket sales with almost 300 sold even before the tickets were printed. Ticket price is \$1 each. They are available from Lions members or by calling Mary or Lisa at 706-678-2422. The winning ticket will be drawn December 1, 2008, at a location to be announced.

Beginning this week, the chest is on display at the main office of Farmers & Merchants Bank in Washington. It will also be displayed at other locations, including Farmers State Bank's Washington office, according to Lions President Mary Hubbard. To complete the analogy to the Seabees' motto referenced above, most people would consider it impossible for a blind person to operate high-powered woodworking shop equipment and produce furniture and assorted items which would make a sighted person proud. That impossibility is exactly what Bobby West has accomplished.

"Since I can't see, I do the work by feel," West explained while proudly showing his well equipped shop. Obviously safety is a major concern when anyone, much less a blind person, is working with heavy, finely tuned, major equipment, but West feels adequately protected. His tools are equipped with the latest safety aids plus some features designed especially for blind operators.

For instance, a large table saw has a sensor on the blade which causes it to stop immediately and disappear beneath the table surface immediately when something other than wood (like a finger) touches it. Multiple guides and guards also protect the operator on all equipment which might pose danger to the user. West shows his trust in the various tools by the confident manner in which he demonstrates their uses.

Although West seems unimpressed with his highly unusual accomplishment, he admits it is not something one might see every day. He could not suppress a smile when he confirmed that fact. "As far as I know, I am the only blind woodworker in this area of the state," he said. And the winner of the Lions Club raffle December 1 will have the only cedar-lined chest of its kind anywhere in the world.



pictured - they are: PID Stan Palmer from Bossier City, Louisiana, Donna T., ID Judge Haynes T., 8-L DG Don Brown, Lion San Brown (Don's wife) and a DG whose name I don't know but can get. This picture was taken in Natchitoches, Louisiana (ask Donna how to pronounce it) at the Louisiana Lions District 8-L Convention the weekend of 12Sep. ID Judge Haynes and Donna came (this was their first ID visit) and seemed to have had a good time, despite the almost constant rain (hey, Georgia has peaches, and Louisiana has rain). They both did a great job representing LCI. Here they are looking great with District Governor Don Brown (from Natchitoches, LA) at the banquet.

For the next three years I have volunteered to be the MERL Team Retention Chair for MD-18. As the MD-18 Retention Chair, I will be attending Lions Clubs International's (LCI) MERL Team Seminar immediately after the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee (9/27 – 9/30/09). I am looking forward to attending both events.

I am especially hopeful that attending the LCI MERL Team Seminar will provide some practical solutions to the retention problems we have been experiencing in MD-18. As the title of my remarks acknowledge, retention of membership is the major challenge facing clubs in Georgia! Yes, we have some clubs that experienced membership gains and we also have other clubs that remained stable in their membership numbers, but the only thing that led us to membership gains in Georgia is the chartering of new clubs.

Last year was a significant year for the Lions of Georgia! That is, Districts 18-B, 18-C, and 18-F all had net membership gains, which resulted in MD-18 having a net gain of 20 members. What especially stands out though is the fact that although 983 Lions were added to Georgia, we lost 963 members. Yes, a few of the losses were the result of transfers and deaths, but can you imagine what our district membership would be now if we had not lost any of our members? We need to stop our membership losses! Unfortunately, we have not started this year with an overall membership gain. District 18-E had another increase in members in July, but the rest of our districts had net losses. We are down by 41 members in Georgia at the end of July. Why are we losing members?

What should clubs be doing to stop membership losses? I'll be getting back with you as the year continues and provide training to District MERL Team Retention Chairs. I am also open to ideas you may have concerning what we should be doing to stop our club Lion losses.

Yours in Lionism,  
 Richard "Dick" Smith, PDG  
 MD-18 MERL TEAM RETENTION CHAIR



## MEMBERSHIP

Communicate membership opportunities to your community and educate new members about what it means to be a Lion.

**Lions Make a Difference (ME-40):** This recruiting brochure provides details about who Lions are and what they do. It includes a detachable reply card that can be completed by the prospective member and mailed to your club.

**Student Member Program Flyer (STU-1):** This flyer outlines the Student Member Program components and offers answers to frequently asked questions. This program encourages student participation in both Campus and Traditional Lions clubs by making membership more affordable for college-age students.

**Family Membership Brochure (MPFM8):** This brochure explains how families can be involved in a Lions club and make a difference in the community. (Available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.)

**Membership Application (ME-6B):** Compact and visually appealing, this membership application is sure to make a strong impact on potential new members.

**Orientation Series (ME-13 & ME-13 B-F):** The Orientation Series is designed to refresh, revitalize, reconnect and renew both new and long term Lions. This five-part series includes a guide for each segment in addition to the Orientation Guide for Lion leaders conducting the orientation.

**I Am A Lion (ME-37):** An innovative publication targeting potential women members. Answers common questions such as time commitments and what Lions clubs do.

**Baby Boomers:** Capture the attention of the Baby Boomer Generation with the following recruitment tools (English only):

- Six Boomer Posters (BB 1-6)
- Boomer Brochure (BB-7)
- Boomer Recruiting Guide (BB-8)
- Boomer Print Ad
- Boomer Decal (BB-12)
- Boomer Button (BB-13)

**Three-Person Membership Committee (ME-29):** The importance of extension, membership growth, retention and leadership cannot be overemphasized. They are essential to a club's health and productivity. This brochure outlines both committee and individual responsibilities. (Online only.)

**Meaningful New Member Induction Ceremonies (ME-22):** Induction ceremonies mark the symbolic beginning of a Lion's club membership. This brochure includes suggestions for planning the event as well as suggested ceremony narrative.

**Lions Pocket Card (ME-33):** Used by many Lions as a companion piece to the membership application or as a supplement to the Lions Orientation Program, the Lions Pocket Card folds easily into a compact size. It is packed with information about the association's mission, purpose, ethics and history.

**Leo to Lion Program Flyer (STU-6):** This flyer outlines the Leo to Lion Program components and offers answers to frequently asked questions. This program encourages graduating Leos to join existing Lions clubs and charter new young adult-based Lions clubs.





# Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

*Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need*



## Regaining Work and Bumblebees—Brian Carr’s Story

Brian Carr is one tough, determined man. For three years he endured cataracts that left his vision blurry and right eye nearly blind, but he wasn’t about to give up. Brian had been an architectural draftsman for 25 years, and he refused to let blindness keep him from working. He painted the keys on his keyboard white, and used a black marker to identify each key with a large, black, readable letter. Well, almost readable.

Brian still could not work at his usual speed, and he admits to misspelling a lot. It took him all day to complete a project that he could have done previously in 30 minutes. But he kept right on working at the fastest pace his vision allowed.



His cataracts later made driving impossible, so Brian did the only thing he knows how to do — the best he can. He started walking everywhere he needed to go, and discovered that he loved it. In fact, he enjoys walking so much that he intends to keep it up even with clear vision and car keys in his pocket.

In March 2009 Brian submitted an application to attend an eye clinic through the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. He went to the clinic in April, and by May was having his initial appointments for his cataract surgery. In August of 2009 Brian’s surgery was complete and his life was changed. He now walks through a full Technicolor world. “Since the surgery, I can see all the colors. For three years, I couldn’t see blues or purples. Pretty much all I saw was shades of yellow and white.”

Brian has washed the paint and black marker off his keyboard, and he can produce in a day what he was able to do before he developed cataracts. Equally important, he can break from work to gaze out the window and watch bumblebees in the bushes beyond. “It’s amazing!” He says. “I can see a bumblebee 20 yards away! No one can possibly imagine what a thrill it can be to watch a fat, black and gold bumblebee zooming around in green leaves.”

## Summer Service Numbers

Since July 1, 2009:

**187** Georgians have received **hearing aids** through your Lighthouse.

**323** people have received care at one of the **13 vision clinics** throughout Georgia.

Over **55 eye surgeries** have been performed by our volunteer doctors.

## 60th Anniversary Pin



In celebration of your Lighthouse’s 60th anniversary, we have made a special edition pin. There are two ways to receive a pin:

1. You may honor someone you know by purchasing a pin for them. They will receive the pin, a letter letting them know you honored them, and a special 60th anniversary certificate.
2. In the 2009-2010 Lion’s year, give 6 hours of your time as a volunteer to the Lighthouse by: serving at a vision clinic, hosting a vision or hearing screening, collecting eyeglasses for recycling, working in our eyeglass recycling center, participating in your club’s White Cane campaign, or performing administrative tasks for the Lighthouse.



## Has your club set a White Cane goal?

If your club has not yet set a White Cane goal, please add it to the agenda for your next meeting! Setting a goal and writing it into the budget helps your club determine the best ways to fundraise for the White Cane campaign. Once you have a goal set, please send it to Kim at [kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org) or at 404-325-3630 x313.

## Does your club have a White Cane chair?

Your club may want a chair for your White Cane campaign who is separate from your Associate Director. The chair will receive a packet from the Lions Lighthouse with ideas and information to help run a successful campaign. They are responsible for setting White Cane into the club budget, organizing the fundraisers, and other logistics surrounding the campaign. When you have a White Cane chair designated, please send his or her name and contact information to Kim at [kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org) or at 404-325-3630 x313.

## Do you know the difference between regular club giving and White Cane giving?

Gifts to the Lighthouse that are designated for White Cane are used only for our eye surgery program. Regular club gifts can be used for any of the services the Lighthouse provides. These include vision clinics, eye glasses, and digital hearing aids for low-income Georgians. If a club gift is not designated, it is automatically considered a "regular" donation. When your club donates to White Cane, be sure to designate it as such so it gets credited the way you intend.

Thank you!

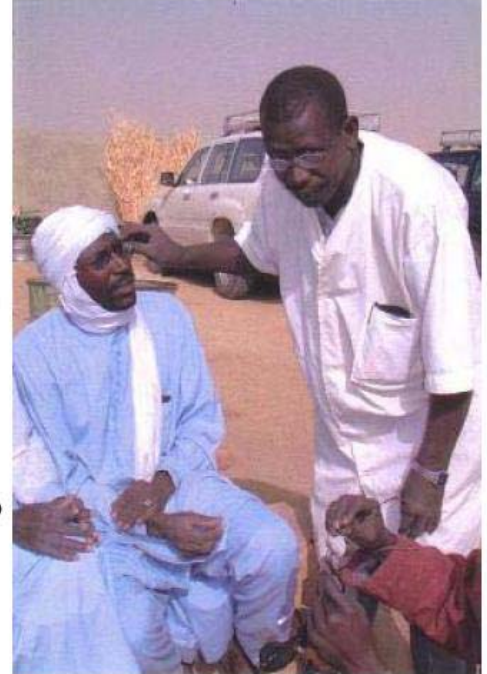


# Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

## Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

Every year over 100,000 glasses are donated to the Lions Lighthouse Foundation. With the help of the Lions clubs we take in prescription glasses, reading glasses, and non-prescription sunglasses.

The prescription glasses can only be distributed outside the United States, so we have trouble getting them out as quickly as we get them in. Are you going on a mission trip soon? Do you know someone who is? If you would like to bring glasses with you, please let us know! Also, please tell us whether you want the prescriptions included with the glasses. If you just want to bring the glasses for people to try on and see whether they can see out of them, there is no need for a prescription. However, if you are bringing an optician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist who can test what prescriptions the people will need, we can measure the prescriptions here and include them with the glasses.



If you have any glasses to donate, or if you have a mission trip coming up and would like to bring glasses with you, please contact your recycling committee representative.

**District A**  
Louie Davis  
770-995-9247

**District B**  
Steve Stevens  
912-727-3353  
[pogo1pix@yahoo.com](mailto:pogo1pix@yahoo.com)

**District C**  
Herbert Hughes  
229-273-7660  
[verout@planttel.net](mailto:verout@planttel.net)

**District D**  
Judy Stamsen  
770-995-9274  
[eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)

**District E**  
Larry Shultz  
770-228-6850  
[larryschultzsr@comcast.net](mailto:larryschultzsr@comcast.net)

**District F**  
Olin Newby  
706-678-7790  
[newby@nu-z.net](mailto:newby@nu-z.net)

## eBay "Giving Works"



The Lighthouse is now part of eBay's "Giving Works" program. If you sell an item on eBay, you can opt to donate 10 to 100% of the proceeds to the Lighthouse. Giving Works items are given a special icon, and are searchable on the Giving Works page, so they tend to get more bids and go for a higher selling price than regular eBay items. To learn more or get started, please visit [http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP\\_ID=33501](http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=33501)



**Does your club have an AD?** Associate Directors (ADs) are the liaisons between the Lighthouse and the Lions clubs. They will receive our monthly financial report as well as information on volunteer opportunities, individual and club giving, upcoming screenings and clinics, and special events. If you have not assigned an AD, please add it to the agenda for your club's next meeting. Once an AD is assigned, please e-mail his or her name and preferred contact information to Kim\*.

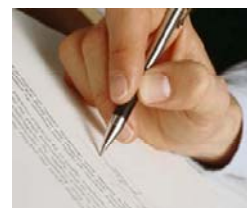
**Have you set a White Cane goal?** The Lighthouse hopes to raise \$167,500 for sight-saving surgeries this year. Please discuss White Cane at your next meeting, and make sure your club has a goal written into the budget. In addition, you may want to assign a White Cane chair who is separate from your Associate Director. The chair will get information from the Lighthouse about White Cane, and will be responsible for managing the campaign for your club this year. If you assign a White Cane chair, please send his or her name and contact information to Kim\*.

\*Kim Fletcher's contact information:  
kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org  
404-325-3630 x313



**Planned Giving Once You Give It Away, You Can Give It Away Again!**

Take a survey of any twenty people on the street, and chances are that most, if not all, will tell you that once you've given something away, that's it. It's gone. Done deal. And, of course, this is true almost all of the time. But did you know that there is an estate planning concept that actually makes it possible for you to give all or a portion of your estate away twice upon your death? We call it the Give It Twice Trust, and it's a simple planning option that has particular appeal to those with small to medium-sized estates.



In a nutshell, here's how the concept works:

1. Let's use a \$500,000 estate as our example. At death (in the case of a husband and wife, we're talking about the second death), estate assets are transferred into a Trust.
2. This Trust generates annual income to charity.
3. Simultaneously, each year one-tenth of the Trust principal is transferred to family. At the conclusion of the ten-year period the original Trust amount -- \$500,000 -- has been transferred to family without tax; and the income generated by the Trust has been transferred to charity, also without any tax due. In other words, thanks to a little planning, the husband and wife have managed to give the \$500,000 value of their estate away, twice!

This plan also has appeal in many situations because it allows parents to transfer an inheritance to children over time, thus insuring a level of management even after the parents are gone. The possibility of giving it twice means that many people have found a way to accomplish two important objectives - the desire to bestow an inheritance on family and the desire to see philanthropic dreams realized.

For more information on this and other planned giving options please contact Sarah Epting at 404-325-3630.

**Limited Edition Signed Art Print by Tonia and Gable Marynell, Eye Surgery Recipients**

Tonia and her son Gable are both artists who have studied at the Ringley School of Design, one of the top design schools in the country. The painting "The Lion and the Lighthouse" was a joint effort on their part to express appreciation to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Limited edition signed copies of the 11x14" print are now on sale for \$40.



When Gable was a young boy, he needed multiple eye surgeries. As a single mother on a fixed income Tonia could not afford to pay for the surgery, and she turned to the Lighthouse. Years later, Tonia's own vision started to rapidly decline due to cataracts. Through the foundation's eye surgery program, both she and her son were pulled out of their worlds of darkness. Gable will soon graduate from Ringley with a degree in computer animation, and Tonia teaches painting to seniors in her community. Through art, she strives to help her students learn to see in a whole new way.

If you are interested in supporting your Lighthouse by purchasing one of these paintings, please contact Kim Fletcher at 404-325-3630 or kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org.



From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:

As many of you know I have no problem talking. I generally don't struggle to find words; unless the topic is very close to my heart. As I set out to surmise this summer, I feel as though my words are so inadequate. How do I even begin to explain such a life altering event? Know that what you are going to read is just a small part of what went on at camp. It will be just a tiny taste of life lived out "On the Flipside." I will start by saying that I have never felt more honor to be a part of something. My joy is still abundant and my cup runneth over. Every time I think of this summer I can't help but smile and a part of me longs for those days back. I could tell you all about my experiences, but I will let their words and their stories do the talking. As you read these next few lines step inside their world. Imagine yourself as one who is blind saying these things. Hopefully, after you read these words, your heart will swell with pride knowing that it's because of your investment that these people got to experience this.

When asked "What did you learn while at camp?" here are some of the responses:

*"To be there for one another"*

*"More positive attitude toward disability"*

*"Don't give up"*

*"Not to be scared"*

*"Overcome my fears"*

*"How to live"*

*"Perseverance, conquering fear"*



Ms. Carolyn Jude is a lady whom we here at the camp have come to love. She has a hereditary disease that has slowly taken not only her eyesight but her ability to be mobile. We asked her about her favorite part of camp. Here is her response.

“Horseback riding takes first place. I would have never thought that I’d be riding a horse for the first time at 55 years old! Second place was the fishing. I caught the most fish- Nine!! And that Ms. Kristen she caught the biggest one. She was just a screaming and laughing. She made me laugh and laugh hard, all week long. Picking all those blueberries and eating them right there; I ate two bowls of them. And that mud pit- I can’t remember playing in a mud puddle with a lot of friends and having that much fun. The bubbly foam had all of us laughing, squealing like a bunch of children. All those people climbing that rock wall so-o-o high. I just couldn’t believe they’d do it. Just being outside in the country, away from the telephone, TV, sirens, and all those loud city noises—it was so peaceful just being there with folks who were just like me. I’ll be ready to go back to the camp every time I get a chance.”



So, from the depths of my heart, thank you for providing such an amazing, life altering place!



The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind has kicked off its annual raffle fund-raiser. This year you can win a John Deere Gator CX or \$5,000 in cash. Tickets were sent or given to every Lions Club. Each Lion has 10 tickets to either sell or purchase. If every ticket is sold, Don’t stop at selling 10 tickets! I was told that one of the Lions in our District has already sold over 100 tickets. Just phone or email your respective District Vice President if you need more tickets. Two clubs have already asked—one needs 500 more tickets. As soon as you sell your tickets, forward the stubs and money to your District Vice President. Set a club goal to sell or purchase 100% of the tickets sent—of more! Drawing for the Gator will be at the winter Camp meeting on February 7, 2010. All stubs and money need to be returned to me not later than February 1—sooner if possible. Call if you need more tickets or just more information about our Camp.

Last page needs to be upcoming events.

Upcoming events are: Winterfest 09 – December 4-6, 2009

Camp Meeting – February 5-7, 2010

Work Weekend - March 26-28, 2010

Work Weekend - April 16-18, 2010



*October 2009*

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| 25     | 26     | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31<br><b>Sight Night<br/>Collect Glasses</b> |

*November 2009*

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| 8      | 9      | 10      | 11        | 12       | 13     | 14<br><b>54th District<br/>18-D Rally,<br/>Gainesville, GA.</b> |
| 15     | 16     | 17      | 18        | 19       | 20     | 21<br><b>Council of<br/>Governors Mtg,<br/>Decatur, GA.</b>     |
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## *December 2009*

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### A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,  
 I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.  
 My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,  
 My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.  
 Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,  
 Transforming the yard to a winter delight.  
 The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,  
 Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve  
 My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,  
 Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.  
 In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,  
 So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.  
 The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,  
 But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.  
 Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the  
 sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.  
 My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,  
 And I crept to the door just to see who was near.  
 Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,  
 A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.  
 A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,  
 Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.  
 Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,  
 Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.  
 "What are you doing?" I asked without fear,  
 "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!  
 Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,  
 You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"  
 For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,  
 Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..  
 To the window that danced with a warm fire's light  
 Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,  
 I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,  
 That separates you from the darkest of times.  
 No one had to ask or beg or implore me,  
 I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.  
 My Gramps died at ' Pearl on a day in December,"  
 Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."  
 My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ' Nam ',  
 And now it is my turn and so, here I am.  
 I've not seen my own son in more than a while,  
 But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.  
 Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,  
 The red, white, and blue... an American flag.  
 I can live through the cold and the being alone,  
 Away from my family, my house and my home.  
 I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,  
 I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.  
 I can carry the weight of killing another,  
 Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..  
 Who stand at the front against any and all,  
 To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."  
 "So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,  
 Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."  
 "But isn't there something I can do, at the least,  
 "Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?  
 It seems all too little for all that you've done,  
 For being away from your wife and your son."  
 Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,  
 "Just tell us you love us, and never forget.  
 To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,  
 To stand your own watch, no matter how long.  
 For when we come home, either standing or dead,  
 To know you remember we fought and we bled.  
 Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,  
 That we mattered to you as you mattered to us.

*January 2010*

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| 10   | 11     | 12      | 13<br><i>Melvin Jones<br/>Birthday</i> | 14       | 15     | 16   |
| 17   | 18     | 19      | 20                                     | 21       | 22     | 23 <b>GA Lions<br/>Lighthouse<br/>Winter Meeting</b> |
| 24 <b>GA Lions<br/>Lighthouse<br/>Winter<br/>Meeting</b> | 25     | 26      | 27                                     | 28       | 29     | 30   |
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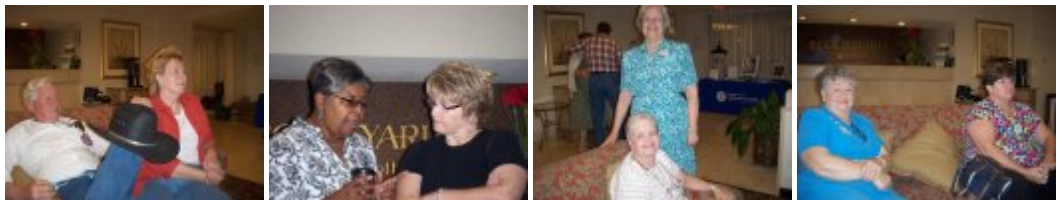
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| 7 <b>Camp for<br/>Blind Mtg<br/>Warner Robins,<br/>GA. Election of<br/>Officers</b> | 8      | 9       | 10        | 11       | 12     | 13 <b>18-E<br/>Convention,<br/>Columbus, GA</b>  |
| 14  | 15     | 16      | 17        | 18       | 19     | 20 <b>18-B<br/>Convention, Port<br/>Wentworth, GA.</b>                                     |
| 21  | 22     | 23      | 24        | 25       | 26     | 27 <b>18-C<br/>Convention,<br/>Plains, GA.</b>   |
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Pictures courtesy of PDG Georgia Taylor. She took 128, check with her on where to find them.







*And then there was .....*

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**



***WHAT DID YOU MISS ?***



Shirin Fatah is the President of the Kurdistan Lions Club from Erbil, Iraq with our own PCC Kembra Smith Council Advisor



Pictures courtesy of Lion William Lowe - Louisiana



The Georgia Lions group picture is a perfect example of the difficulty of herding cats.





## Other Project News



The kids at Mellen Elementary School found a great thing five years ago – Leader Dog’s Kids N’ Coins program. They enjoyed the program so much that yearly participation has become sort of a tradition.

“All the classrooms pick a team name then we set out buckets so the kids can see how many coins they have collected,” said Ruth Gilgen, Mellen’s title one and reading specialist. “The team that donates the most money gets an ice cream party sponsored by our local Lions Club. I think our best year was around 700 dollars, which isn’t bad for a school our size.”



The 1st grade class was one of the top two fundraisers in 2009. They are pictured with their teacher, Cheryl Larson, and Lion Jim Doty, Lion Kevin Quinn and Superintendent Jim Schuchardt.

Ruth’s favorite part about the program is the awareness it brings to the kids. “Just reaching out and doing something, the community service aspect of it. And even though Leader Dog is pretty far away from us, it’s really world-wide and I like the kids to know they can make a difference in the world and not just in our little niche in Wisconsin.”

The kid’s favorite part about the program is the dogs, though they always enjoy watching the DVD about Leader Dog. “The video just brings a tear to my eye every time I watch it - and I have been watching it for years.”

The kids get so involved in this program that sometimes, unbeknownst to their parents, they try to donate a larger sum...say a hundred dollar bill. When one girl brought in a hundred dollars, Ruth called the parents to let them know. They replaced the donation with one that was more affordable for them.

“It really touches me how much the kids want to help and it’s not just the competition, they really want to help these people and the dogs,” Ruth said. “They want to make a difference.”

If you’d like to bring Kids N’ Coins to your community, visit [leaderdog.org/kidsncoins](http://leaderdog.org/kidsncoins).



### Wounded Veteran Initiative

Canine Companions for Independence has provided many assistance dogs to US war veterans across the country. With the increase in wounded veterans who could benefit from an assistance dog, we want to do more. For a veteran making a new start putting their life back together from an injury, an assistance dog can provide the help they need to regain independence.

Canine Companions was the first assistance dog organization to be ADI Accredited, and have provided assistance dogs to over 3000 people.



[Read stories](#) of veterans with CCI assistance dogs.

**Are you ready for an assistance dog?** Here are some traits of current veteran graduates:

- Disabled in combat
- Uses a manual wheelchair
- Paraplegic or amputee
- Full (or mostly full) mobility of both arms; good upper body strength
- Good cognitive ability and clear speech
- Stable home life to provide for a dog's basic needs
- Completely fenced yard
- Ready for the benefits of an assistance dog
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**Watch** how assistance dogs help veterans by going to <http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4011033/k.D44E/Veterans.htm>.

- [Apply](#) for an assistance dog
- Learn more about the [four types of CCI dogs](#)
- Read about how CCI dogs are [trained](#)
- **Read [stories](#) about veterans with assistance dogs**
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Questions? Please [email us](#) or call 800-572-BARK (2275).



### ***Institutional Membership***

If you represent a school, agency or other institution, you can enroll your educational site as an Institutional Member on behalf of your students with proper [certification](#)\*.

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- Easy-to-use online catalog
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- Various audiobook downloadable formats, including DAISY and WMA (Windows Media Audio)
- Free web-based teacher training, research summaries and other classroom support materials
- Free teacher support website at [www.learningthroughlistening.org](http://www.learningthroughlistening.org)

### **Membership Fees**

*RFB&D will continue to provide specific services geared for educational institutions, teachers, and the classroom environment that help students achieve their educational goals. As a nonprofit organization RFB&D works to provide these services through other grants, private funding, and our institutional membership fees.*

Membership fees are as follows:

| Level   | # Audiobooks | Typical # Students Served | Annual Fee |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Level 1 | 25           | 1-12                      | \$350      |
| Level 2 | 50           | 13-25                     | \$500      |
| Level 3 | 100          | 26-40                     | \$950      |

Fees for Plus Packages will be:

| Add-on Package | # Audiobooks | Annual Fee |
|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Plus 1         | 10           | \$150      |
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| Plus 3         | 50           | \$475      |
| Plus 4         | 100          | \$900      |

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For information and assistance on our state and institutional programs, please contact James Higgins, Vice President of Programs and Services at [jhiggins@rfgd.org](mailto:jhiggins@rfgd.org) or by phone at **609-243-7092**.

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### ***Individual Membership***

**RFB&D Individual Membership is now FREE.**

Thanks to major funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Grant #H327D090001 and support of private donors, RFB&D Individual Membership is now free to individuals with proper [certification](#)\*.

Member benefits include:

- FREE access to the nation's largest audiobook library of textbooks and literature titles
- Human-narrated audiobooks with descriptions of images, tables and graphs
- Easy-to-use online catalog
- 24/7 online member services and phone support
- Various audiobook downloadable formats, including DAISY and WMA (Windows Media Audio)

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If you need further assistance, please contact Member Services at [custserv@rfgd.org](mailto:custserv@rfgd.org) or **800-221-4792** or [visit our FAQ, Training & Support section](#).

### ***RFB&D Connects with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act***

The 2004 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that students with disabilities are provided a free and appropriate public education. There are three specific areas of this law within which RFB&D can be of assistance.

1. Individual Education Programs (IEP): During the IEP planning process the team must consider whether a child needs assistive technology or services, and then add the identified needs to the IEP. RFB&D's Learning Through Listening programs and services are an affordable, research-based accommodation that provides students with print disabilities access to educational materials.

Read RFB&D's Effectiveness Research Summary in either a PDF or RTF Format.

[Download in PDF format](#)

[Download in RTF format](#)

2. Transition and the Summary of Performance: When a student is due to graduate from high school, the IEP team must provide a summary of the student's academic achievement and functional performance, including any recommendations for assistance or services that the student will need in meeting his postsecondary goals. RFB&D provides access to educational materials to students with print disabilities enabling them to pursue their academic, personal and professional endeavors.

Read more about RFB&D on its website at [www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)

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4. Response to Intervention (RtI): The 2004 revisions of IDEA give authority to the local educational agency to use a procedure termed "Response to Intervention" as one form of evaluation when determining eligibility for students with learning disabilities. RtI requires the school to evaluate a student's response to scientific, research-based interventions. RFB&D is a research-based intervention that provides students with print disabilities access to the printed word.
  - o RFB&D supplements nearly any reading intervention program. RFB&D's AudioPlus® and AudioAccessSM books complement the independent reading, vocabulary development, comprehension and language development portions of any reading program.
  - o RFB&D enables students to access all other subject areas, such as social studies, science and math, by providing the necessary textbooks in audio format.
  - o RFB&D provides students with audio-versions of authentic literature, i.e. *Catcher in the Rye*, *A Raisin in the Sun* and *Holes*.

Again, we encourage you to read more about RFB&D on its website at [www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org).

## Additional Resources

US Department of Education Home Page: <http://www.ed.gov>

IDEA Partnership: <http://www.ideapartnership.org/>

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**Tiffany**

If you ask Tiffany about her new guide dog, Andre, the question can make her smile or bring tears of joy. "I don't even want to call him a dog because he's like a human to me," she says.

Tiffany, a Sarasota, Florida resident, lost her vision in 2002 and began using a wheelchair not long afterward. For a while, she didn't want to leave her apartment – but getting Andre changed that. Now she looks forward to returning to school, riding horses, and someday raising horses on her own horse farm, a business she learned from her grandfather.

Southeastern Guide Dogs trainers taught Andre to walk unfazed in front of Tiffany's electric wheelchair and lead her, himself, and the chair down sidewalks, around obstacles, through doorways and into elevators. "It takes a special dog to do what he does," says Andre's trainer Michael Mancini.

Tiffany agrees. "I did not feel safe in this chair until Andre came along," she says. "He won't take me anywhere that's not safe. I'm very, very grateful to have him guiding me."





## All About Diabetes

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

There are 23.6 million children and adults in the United States, or 7.8% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 17.9 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 5.7 million people (or nearly one quarter) are unaware that they have the disease.



In order to determine whether or not a patient has pre-diabetes or diabetes, health care providers conduct a Fasting Plasma Glucose Test (FPG) or an Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT). Either test can be used to diagnose pre-diabetes or diabetes. The American Diabetes Association recommends the FPG because it is easier, faster, and less expensive to perform.

With the FPG test, a fasting blood glucose level between 100 and 125 mg/dl signals pre-diabetes. A person with a fasting blood glucose level of 126 mg/dl or higher has diabetes.

In the OGTT test, a person's blood glucose level is measured after a fast and two hours after drinking a glucose-rich beverage. If the two-hour blood glucose level is between 140 and 199 mg/dl, the person tested has pre-diabetes. If the two-hour blood glucose level is at 200 mg/dl or higher, the person tested has diabetes.

### Major Types of Diabetes

#### Type 1 diabetes

Results from the body's failure to produce insulin, the hormone that "unlocks" the cells of the body, allowing glucose to enter and fuel them. It is

estimated that 5-10% of Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes have type 1 diabetes.

#### Type 2 diabetes

Results from insulin resistance (a condition in which the body fails to properly use insulin), combined with relative insulin deficiency. Most Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes have type 2 diabetes.

#### Gestational diabetes

Immediately after pregnancy, 5% to 10% of women with gestational diabetes are found to have diabetes, usually, type 2.

#### Pre-diabetes

Pre-diabetes is a condition that occurs when a person's blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough for a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes. There are 57 million Americans who have pre-diabetes, in addition to the 23.6 million with diabetes.



**Register and Win!!!** Register your school for School Walk for Diabetes and win a chance to receive:

\*\* 10 of the first 200 schools to register will win a fist from the author of Fernando's Fun-tastic Friends (Register for School Walk between August 1, 2009 and December 15, 2009 to be eligible.)

\*\* 20 of the first 200 schools to register will win a \$150 faculty luncheon sponsored by Boar's Head (Register for School Walk between August 1, 2009 and December 4, 2009 to be eligible.)

These contests are provided by Boar's Head Provisions Co., Inc., promotional sponsor of School Walk for Diabetes.



**School Walk for Diabetes is an educational school fund-raising program that promotes healthy living, school spirit and community involvement.**

While raising money for the American Diabetes Association, students learn about diabetes and the importance of making healthy choices including eating nutritional foods and exercising every day. The money raised through School Walk for Diabetes helps to fund diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the mission of the American Diabetes Association.



"Peace Begins  
With Me"  
2008-09  
Grand  
Prize Winner

**2008-09 Finalists** = checkout all 24 pictures go to:  
[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth\\_peace\\_poster.php3#](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_peace_poster.php3#) = look for 2008-09 Finalists on right Side

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District Bulletin Editors,  
Please spread the word about the Leo Leadership Workshop I am hosting in Gainesville November 14, 2009 from 9-11 a.m. 18-D is sponsoring this Workshop but it is available to all districts. It is open to Leo club Officers, Advisors, Faculty Advisors, and Lions-PARTICULARLY those that are interested in starting or re-activating a Leo club-and will have information and materials that should be beneficial to all who attend. I ESPECIALLY want to encourage our Leo leaders-and future leaders-to attend.

This Workshop is the same day as the 18-D District Rally. Registrants will have the opportunity to attend the Rally (starts at noon) at the regular price. Lion Herman Jones is the Rally Chair (see 18-D Directory for contact information). Lion Herman has asked that I get pre-Registration for the Workshop (room size) and Rally (meal #). I am setting a registration deadline of October 15th, which should allow enough time.

Please spread the word and encourage attendance. The number of Leo clubs in MD18 is growing each year and I want to continue to encourage that but we also need to give our Leos the tools they need to be confident, well-prepared leaders - both of their clubs now and in their adult service lives (hopefully as Lions!).

**Lions Family Cub Program** — A frequent question is: How do we keep the children interested and involved? The answer is the Lions Family Cub Program which comes complete with a **30-page activity guide**. The guide offers complete, step-by-step procedures that will help make Lion Cubs an integral part of your club. The **Lions Family Cub Program** will be an important part of making family membership a positive experience for parents as well as children. Please consider it as a part of our responsibility as Lion Leaders to serve our members and put their needs first. Remember that our Lion Cubs are the greatest potential source of Lions Club members in the future.

- \*\* LEO LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS WILL BE PRESENTED IN EACH DISTRICT FOR LEO CLUB OFFICERS, ADVISORS, FACULTY ADVISORS, AND LIONS
- \*\* UPDATING ALL MD18 LEO CLUB OFFICER/ADVISOR/FACULTY ADVISOR CONTACTS
- \*\* LCI IS LAUNCHING A NEW LEO BRAND CAMPAIGN FOR 2009-2010 USING A RESEARCH-ORIENTED APPROACH TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE LEO CLUBS
- \*\* OCTOBER IS LEO CLUB GROWTH MONTH
- \*\* OCTOBER IS ALSO TIME FOR SIGHT NIGHT TO COLLECT USED EYEGLASSES, CELL PHONES, AND HEARING AIDS (Early County LEOs were the first in the State to participate in Sight Night)
- \*\* PLANS ARE TO HAVE A STATE LEO WEBSITE SOON
- \*\* THE INITIAL PLANNING PHASES FOR THE 2009-2010 MD-18 LEO GATHERING/ CONVENTION AT THE CAMP FOR THE BLIND HAS BEGUN WITH THE INITIAL DATE OF THE LAST WEEKEND IN JANUARY. THIS YEAR'S THEME WILL BE "THE GEORGIA LEO-LYMPICS." PLAN FOR A LOT OF FUN EVENTS AND COMPLETION OF CAMP PROJECTS. START MAKING LEO PLANS NOW!

## Leo Club Excellence Award Winners 2008-2009

*EARLY COUNTY 18 C USA  
CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL 18 D USA*

Out of over 5700 Leo clubs worldwide only 47 in the world, 22 in the U.S., and 2 in Georgia were selected to receive the most prestigious award given to a Leo club.



## GLASB Mission

The Georgia Lions All State Band is a Georgia Lions supported youth activity with the goal of providing a great opportunity for middle and high school musicians from across the state of Georgia to enjoy a rewarding musical experience with some of the best directors in Georgia.



**Participation allows the student the opportunity to showcase their musical talents with other gifted musicians from across the state. The band each year performs before the Lions of Georgia each year at its State Convention.**



*Youth Becoming  
Music Ambassadors  
To The World*



## LIBERTY DAY—YOUR LIONS CLUB

Our two most successful programs involve teaching 8-11 year olds questions & answers about the Constitution and planning a fun, interactive event where they get to quiz adults about what they have learned at locations such as state capitols, post offices, universities, and municipal forums.

The second program involves scheduling speakers with civic service and government experience into classrooms, then students complete assignments related to the Constitutional message. Liberty Day is a registered trademark. Our goal is to help future generations of leaders understand the nature of our government as intended – these documents belong to the people. Our slogan is "A Constitution in every pocket." We have no political agenda. Educating Americans is our future.

Young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models—Lions. For more information, go to <http://www.libertyday.org>

If your Lions Club is interested in sponsoring a Liberty Day project with a Scout group, please contact your District Liberty Day Chair or Lil Shurtleff, MD Liberty Day Chair.



LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
U.S. CONSTITUTION





# 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 ?

== NOW – GO TO THESE WEB SITE's AND CHECK IT OUT ==

<http://ca.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>  
<http://www.myspace.com/lionsclubsorg>

<http://twitter.com/lionsclubsorg>  
facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/2792222491>



## Sight Night – Have Fun, Collect Eyeglasses

Have fun, get noticed in the community and collect eyeglasses for those in need by joining Lions and volunteers in Sight Night. A partnership between OneSight and Lions Clubs International, Sight Night has had more than 165,000 collect more than 1 million pair of eyeglasses in the last 10 years.

[SightNight resources](#) are available to help you get started with your collection.

## Vision Van

OneSight's Vision Vans, "Seemore and Iris" travel across North America providing free eye exams and new eyewear to thousands of children in need each year. Staffed by local doctors and volunteers, these 40-foot vans are the equivalent of an optical lab on wheels, equipped with everything needed for an eye exam and new pair of eyewear.

Atlanta, GA  
Jan 21 - 23



## E-Clubhouse Gives Lions Free Web Site

Lions clubs around the world can find a new home on the Internet with the e-Clubhouse. The [e-Clubhouse](#) enables clubs to build a Web site and enhance their presence on the Web. Located in the Member Center on the Lions Clubs International Web site, the e-Clubhouse provides fill-in-the-blank fields and pre-formatted templates to simplify the process while providing clubs with a Web site possessing a polished and tech-savvy appearance. The e-Clubhouse also gives consistency to the new Lions branding while enabling clubs to preserve their individuality. And the best part – it's free.

The site template includes a club calendar, club projects, photo gallery and contact us page to help tell others about their Lions club. Up to five more pages can be added.

In the coming development phases, the e-Clubhouse will be equipped with social networking tools and a password-protected member only area. All official languages will also be supported.



## Lions In Sight

Lions have gained worldwide recognition for our work to improve sight. But we are not always "in sight" of the general public. That's why International President Eberhard J. Wirfs is asking every club, district and multiple district to organize a major public relations activity during the last two weeks of January 2010. Make yourself visible—while making a difference in your community. Read the Lions in Sight press release, showcase your favorite service project or review a list of suggested activities on the [Lions in Sight Web page](#).



## November – Lions Diabetes Awareness Opportunities

Diabetes prevention is proven, possible and powerful. Eating healthier and getting 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week are two simple lifestyle changes that can delay or prevent diabetes.

In November, Lions have two special opportunities to promote diabetes awareness: November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14 is [World Diabetes Day](#).

[Learn more](#) about activities to commemorate Lions Diabetes Awareness Month and increase your club's visibility in the community. Organize an enjoyable and exciting event that can attract families, community residents and prospective members to your club while promoting diabetes awareness in your area. Learn how you can make a positive difference through the [Strides Walk Program](#). You will find educational materials online that you can download and print, or [complete an order form](#) to receive materials.



## Submit Lions Club Activity Reports for 2009-2010

Encourage your club secretary to include your monthly club accomplishments in the online [Lions Club Activity Report](#).

Club secretaries should submit their club's activity report information on-line every month from July 16, 2009 through July 15, 2010. A final report at the end of the year creates a global overview of Lions club activities. If you have questions about the Lions Club Activity Report, e-mail: [activityreports@lionsclubs.org](mailto:activityreports@lionsclubs.org)



## Sight for Kids Screens 10 Millionth Child

In September, [Sight for Kids](#), a program of Lions Clubs International Foundation and partner, Johnson & Johnson, will screen its 10 millionth child. The program, established in 2002, screens children for refractive error and other vision problems, including myopia (nearsightedness), which causes significant vision loss in more than 15 percent of children under the age of 15 in many Asian countries.

## Lions Quest 25th Anniversary

In recognition of Lions Quest's 25-year anniversary, Lions Clubs International Foundation will support a number of exciting activities throughout the upcoming year. The celebration started at the 92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, where Lions had many opportunities to learn more about the positive youth development program and show their support for Lions Quest. Anniversary materials, including buttons, brochures and a new [Lions Quest DVD](#) will be available throughout the year. As Lions Quest embarks on an exciting year of celebration, share the great success of the program with your fellow Lions and communities. For more information, please visit [Lions Quest](#) online.

## One Million Children Screened through Preschool Vision Screening Program

In the beginning of August, the Preschool Vision Screening Program screened the [one-millionth child](#) helped through the foundation-based program. The milestone screening is part of [United We Serve](#), a nationwide call to participate in community service. Lions were encouraged to coordinate a project during Health Week to support the summer long initiative. Register your local project [on-line](#).

## Applications for the NEI's 2010 Healthy Vision Community Awards Program Available

The 2010 Healthy Vision Community Awards (HVCA) program applications are [now available](#). If chosen, winners could be awarded up to US\$10,000 for the implementation of eye health education and promotion activities that support the Healthy Vision 2010 objectives and the Healthy People 2010 goals to reduce health disparities and improve quality of life.

## Free Eye Health Materials for Lions Clubs in the United States

Lions Clubs International Foundation's Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) and the National Eye Institute's National Eye Health Education Health Partnership (NEHEP) are collaborating to develop co-branded Lions eye health resources. These materials will be available by the end of 2009/beginning of 2010. In the meantime, Lions are able to access and order current NEHEP materials for free. These materials are perfect for community eye health education, health fairs and speaking events. A broad range of materials in regards to eye health and eye diseases are available. The catalog of materials can be found [online](#). Orders can be placed by email to [Kym Collins](#) or [Rosie Janiszewski](#) or phone at 301-496-5248. You must identify yourself as a Lion in order to access materials for free.

### New Videos Available

Several new videos are now available about the foundation, including Jimmy Carter Recognizes Lions, LCIF Partnering for Service, Lions Quarterly: LCIF Highlights, and Lions Quest: Skills for Life. All videos can be viewed [on-line](#).

### Grants Approved

At the Board Meeting in Minneapolis, 57 grants were approved. During fiscal year 2008-2009, 453 grants were approved by the Foundation, totaling more than \$28 million in humanitarian support worldwide.

## Melvin Jones Fellowship

Seventy percent (70%) of LCIF's donations come from Melvin Jones Fellowships

- The MJF Program was established in 1973
- There are more than 280,000 MJFs and PMJFs as of September 2008. These Fellowships represent US\$338 million in LCIF funding.
- The names of all Melvin Jones Fellows are displayed on a rotating computer list in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA
- Each year, Fellowship recipients are invited to attend the Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon at the International Convention
- Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program, but only an individual can receive the recognition
- Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual
- Only unrestricted donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships unless otherwise approved by the LCIF Executive Committee.
- The MJF donation does not need to be paid at once; minimum installments to LCIF of US\$100 can be paid over a five-year period to total US\$1,000, at which time donor applies for the MJF

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## Supporting Our Work

LCIF is Lions helping Lions serve others. Through LCIF, Lions ease pain and suffering and bring healing and hope to people worldwide.

Contributions to LCIF are a great way to make a difference in people's lives. Every dollar donated to LCIF goes toward a grant. (The foundation's administrative costs are paid for by interest on investments.) Every donation helps someone lead a healthier or more productive life.

US\$20 can provide cataract surgery to restore an individual's sight, US\$100 will provide low vision exams and glasses and US\$2,000 can build a water well to provide clean water.

Every dollar donated goes directly to a humanitarian project that will improve the lives of thousands of people. Administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments.

Recognition is available to individuals, clubs, districts and corporations and can include pins, plaques, acknowledgement cards and other forms of appreciation.

## Make A Donation

Thank you for supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation's humanitarian work worldwide. US\$20 can provide cataract surgery to restore an individual's sight, US\$100 will provide low vision exams and glasses and US\$2,000 can build a water well to provide clean water.

Every dollar donated goes directly to a humanitarian project that will improve the lives of thousands of people. Administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments.

Ways to donate:

- [Donate Online](#)
- [Check](#)
- [Wire Transfer](#)
- Over the phone, by calling 630-468-6954

There are a number of [recognition programs](#) available to you in appreciation of your donation.

The Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible, as allowed under the Internal Revenue Service code.

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## Four Stars for LCIF

An updated review on [Charity Navigator](#), an independent charity evaluator, recently awarded LCIF four stars, the highest ranking a charity is able to receive. More than 5,400 of America's largest charities are ranked on the Web site, where LCIF received higher rankings than both the Red Cross and Feeding America. The four star ranking demonstrates LCIF's commitment to using funds as effective and efficiently as possible, and remaining committed to serving those in need.

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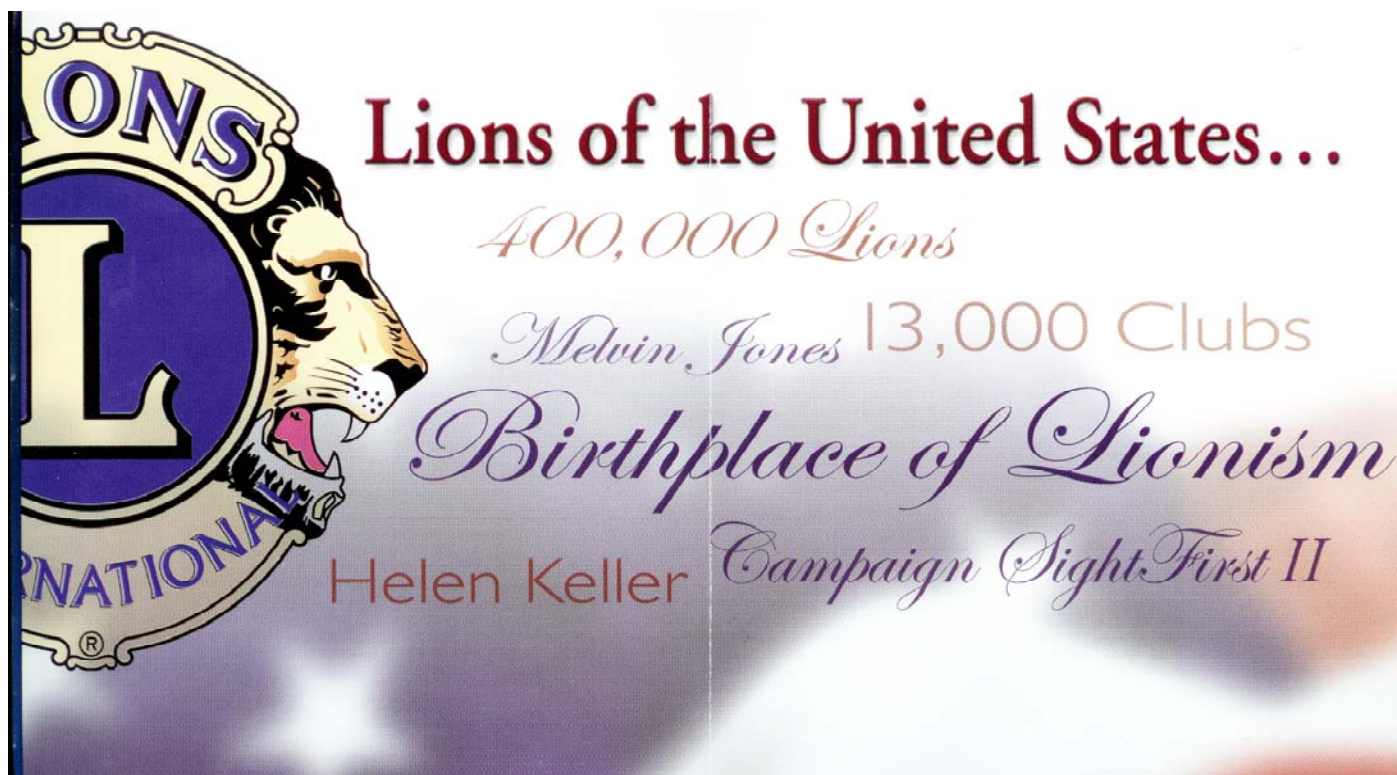
## Foundation Featured in the News

Lions Clubs International Foundation is featured in select editions of the [USA Today](#) U.S. newspaper Vision Care supplement to be published on October 2. A story on the SightFirst program and Lions efforts to prevent blindness appears on page 11, along with a half page ad on LCIF.

**We Give Sight = We Support Youth  
We Provide Disaster Relief = We Combat  
Disability = We Serve.**



# NEW BOOK DETAILS HISTORY OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



**OAK BROOK, IL, USA, February 2, 2009** – “Lions Clubs in the 21st Century,” a newly released book detailing the history and success of Lions Clubs International, is now available for purchase through the association and select online retailers.

Written by Paul Martin and former LION Magazine senior editor Robert Kleinfelder, the book traces the development of Lions Clubs International from its birth in 1917 at Chicago’s LaSalle Hotel through its growth into a globally recognized humanitarian and service organization of 1.3 million members.

“This book is the story of the world’s largest voluntary service club organization, but it’s also a story of the human spirit,” said Kleinfelder. “The compassion and self-sacrifice of Lions for 90 years are an inspiration. That’s what this book is about.”

Published by AuthorHouse in late 2008, the 396-page book also delves into the success of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the SightFirst program and SightFirst II campaign, as well as the advent of family, cyber and other new types of clubs.

“Lions Clubs in the 21st Century” is available for purchase through the Club Supplies Department of Lions Clubs International by visiting the **Lions Store** or calling 630-571-5466, and through select online retailers.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in more than 200 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. Learn more at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).



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