

# Lions of Georgia



The Lighthouse was the dream of a blind man, Atlanta Lions Club member Tom Bingham. In 1949, the Atlanta Lions Club led by Bingham, along with Moultrie and Albany Lions, each contributed \$1,000, and the Lighthouse was born. Since then, Lions Clubs have served as the cornerstone of the organization and maintain a vital role in the growth and reach of our mission: to create a better Georgia by bringing individuals into a world of sight and sound. Together we continue to set the standard for service and equal access vision and hearing care for Georgians in need.

In the last year, we have served more people than ever before, providing vision and hearing care to over 7,000 people of all ages. With the help of our collaborative network of partners throughout the state, we are committed to meet a growing need for comprehensive vision and hearing care throughout the state.

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## State News



*Council received reports or comments as follows:*

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

PIP Jim Ervin thanked everyone for the cards, letters and calls from everyone when he had his hip replacement. He thanked Kembra for the great job she is doing. He recognized PIDs Dr. John Pearce, Myers Banister and Beverly Roberts for their continued support. PIP Ervin stated that they have continuously tried to keep the Executive Officers in touch with President Carter and with the Carter Center and all the staff to keep our programs doing well and let them have a real clear understanding of the importance of it not only for Lions Clubs International but for the Lions of Georgia. On February 12 and 13 the International President and his wife, VP Corlew and his wife, and chairman of the Foundation will be there, and ID Kembra Smith will be there representing MD 18.

PIP Ervin discussed the KidSight Program. He asked Governors to go through the material and to see how exciting this program is. There is a lot of opportunity to use the material. He stated this is a great opportunity to screen six month to six year old children and also offers the chance for membership growth.

PIP Ervin discussed the Centennial Program. The GMT Program was discussed. PIP Ervin stated that MD 18 is losing clubs and members and he felt not enough effort was being made to keep the membership up.

CC Newby stated that it has been suggested that possibly the Lighthouse Directors from each District might head up the KidSight Program Committee. DG Hubbard, 18-I, made a motion that the District Lighthouse Directors be the District representatives to KidSight. DG Nedza, 18-N, seconded the motion. Discussion followed. DG Andrews, 18-L, stated that he was worried that the District Director might be overloaded. Vote taken - Motion carried.

### **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION KEMBRA SMITH:**

ID Smith stated it was good to be back in Georgia. She stated that Board Members have been advised about the International Convention bids, but they will not receive them for another 60 days or so. She pointed out that she is already getting mailings from some of the other cities who are bidding, so hopefully the Atlanta Convention Center will get something out. She stated she has been distributing the peanut pins.

ID Smith asked PIP Jim Ervin to bring Council up to date on the Board Meeting Proposal for Savannah. PIP Ervin stated that Dr. Yamada and staff will be in Savannah the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> for about 4 days. PDG Chris Barbieri is the host Chair in Savannah, and he has asked some of the people in this room and others to be a part of the Committee and they will meet on Tuesday morning the 3<sup>rd</sup>, so that they can get a full update of what the host committee's responsibilities are, and after that they will come to the Council with a proposed budget, possible fund raising efforts, special uniform, and some special events that can be held.

CC Newby thanked ID Kembra for her efforts on behalf of the Lions of Georgia and her representation on the International Board.

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – Dr. BEVERLY ROBERTS:**

Dr. Roberts thanked the Council for the work they are doing. She stated that exciting things are coming up, and she knows the Council is looking forward to these. Dr. Roberts discussed Protocol. She stated that Protocol is good manners, and shows that you have respect for visiting dignitaries. She stated that she has worked with some of the Governors and Convention Chairs, and that she is available to help and advise in any way possible. This can be done over the computer, or the phone. PID Roberts stated that we have a great state and great Lions and we need to impress our visiting dignitaries and not embarrass ourselves.

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – W. MYERS BANISTER :**

PID Banister congratulated the Council on the work accomplished up to this point. He apologized that he was not able to attend the last two Council Meetings due to health issues. He stated that he would not be able to attend any of the District Conventions other than 18-I this year.

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. JOHN PEARCE:**

Dr. Pearce stated that he was going to defer to more important parts on the agenda this morning.

### **REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION – LION BONNIE KELLY, DG 18-0:**

A. DG Kelly stated that Georgia Taylor, Convention General Chair for the 2015 Tifton State Convention, could not be present today. DG Kelly talked with PDG Georgia via phone and items were discussed as follows: Hospitality Room will be in the building behind the Holiday Inn Express. The caterer will also handle food for the Hospitality Room. Total registrations at this time -130. The PDG Reception will be held at the College. The Wednesday night pre Council Meeting and the Thursday morning Council Meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn & Suites. CC Newby encouraged District Governors to promote and advertise the Tifton Convention and try to get at least 300 to attend the Convention. The Convention Agenda is being finalized by the Council. The Committee needs to know the number of rooms needed for Training and Seminars, and the seating needed for each. Committee also needs to know how much space they will need for Vendors. If the DGs know of any vendors, please put them in contact with PDG Taylor, so they will know how to plan for that. The Past District Governors Reception has been planned for and the \$2.00 per person has been included in the fee being paid. Each District was asked to remit their \$150.00 to the Committee (for the Hospitality Room) at least a month before the Convention. A speaker for the Convention has not yet been secured, but this is being handled, and information will be forthcoming.

B. CC Newby stated that the 2016 Callaway Gardens Convention contract has been approved and work begun on that Convention.

C. Council Chair Newby stated that the Convention Committee is still working with Jekyll Island to try to get the costs down. There will be a report before the end of the year. He stated the Atlanta Peachtree Lions Club is in a holding pattern until it is known if Jekyll will work out for 2017.

D. CC Newby encouraged anyone interested in pursuing a convention for the Lions of Georgia to get preliminary information and submit it to the State Convention Committee for their investigation or to the State Office or Council Chair.

**REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION CHIP NEDZA, DG 18-N:**

DG Nedza stated that the information on the Convention is the same as at the last meeting. There is still no information on the Southeastern Breakfast being hosted by Florida.

The Jamboree will be held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. This will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, which is where the DGE will attend their school. All paperwork has been filled out and sent in from the Multiple District to participate in the parade.

A. 2020 Atlanta International Convention Bid: PIP Jim Ervin stated that he has spoken with PCC Richard Brown, and the bid for the 2020 International Convention has been submitted. This will be distributed to Board Members for their perusal and vote at the Board Meeting. There are five bids being studied.

**REPORT OF MD 18 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR – LION PDG MARK RICE:**

The Long Range Planning Committee has distributed the survey results to CC Olin. Hopefully these have distributed to the appropriate committees and Lions so the information can be acted upon to improve the events and services for the Lions of Georgia. The Committee stands ready to assist with anything the Council needs assistance with. Please let me know how we may be of assistance. CC Newby encouraged Governors to share the results of the survey with the Lions in their District.

**REPORT OF MD 18 CHAIR, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – LION C. MARK MILLER, PCC:**

PCC Miller stated that the Council has received three previous drafts for the revision of the MD 18 Constitution and By-Laws. PCC Miller stated that he has arranged for a conference that will be available for members of the Council and the Vice District Governors, since this will go into next year, together with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee via a web conference. They will receive an invitation on Monday to join in at 5:30 PM, February 16<sup>th</sup> for the conference. The Committee will meet in conference prior to this, and then with the Council and VDGs. They will go through the last revision provided, which was the standard Constitution for a Multiple District, as the Constitution and the standard constitution for a district as the By-Laws to that document. We will go through that with what else should be added to make it a Georgia document.

**REPORT OF STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND MD 18 LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, PDG:**

PDG Hashbarger distributed copies of the latest Magazine. He stated that he needs more information from the Governors to include in the magazine. PDG Hashbarger asked Council and VDGs to try to find someone willing to take on the position of State Magazine Editor.

PDG Hashbarger discussed LCIF. He stated that all clubs in the state should donate to LCIF. He distributed a listing to the Governors of which clubs have donated. Lion Ed will continue as LCIF Chair for another three years. He would like to have 100% participation from all clubs in the state. He needs two persons from each District to serve on LCIF.

He distributed a listing of donations of clubs in each District. He pointed out that there is no reason why a club cannot give \$25.00 to each of the four Georgia Lions initiatives: Lighthouse, Camp, LCIF, and Leader Dogs. He asked each Governor to encourage donations to all.

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

CC Newby reported that Lion Mizell was unable to attend the meeting this weekend due to work, however he is available to attend the District Conventions, if asked.

**REPORT OF MD 18 CENTENNIAL CHAIR – LION PDG CATHY THREATT:**

Lion Threatt stated that information on the program can be found at lions100.org. The initial goal is to be able to serve one hundred million by the end of the centennial anniversary. The table of organization is on the website as well. The next service challenge is the Environment program scheduled for April. She asked Governors to please urge Clubs when they do their MMR reports to check any of those programs in which they participated. She discussed the posters which will be at the Atlanta Airport. DG Hubbard pointed out that the Gwinnett College Campus Club has already earned their Centennial Patch.

**REPORT ON SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS:**

DG Kelly, 18-O, stated that Lion Steve Humphry has asked to be relieved of his duties as Representative for Southeastern Guide Dogs, due to health issues.

The Leader Dog Program was voted on and is a project of the Lions of Georgia. The Lions Clubs of Georgia may also support Southeastern Guide Dogs, but it is not an official project of Georgia Lions.

**REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP NEDZA:**

DG Nedza presented a printed report: The Lion Magazine has been published continuously since November, 1918. The State Historian is collecting back issues to display in the Museum. Most wanted are issues before 1980. If you have any back issues pre 1980, please bring them to the January meeting of the Council of Governors. Council congratulated DG Nedza for the article on the Museum in the Lions Magazine.

**Old Business:**

A. Georgia Towels. CC Newby stated that the Towels have been ordered.

B. State Pins have been ordered and should be here in December.

C. KidSight Program. DG Hubbard, 18-I, made a motion that this program be approved; motion seconded by DG Andrews, 18-L, and motion carried.

**New Business:**

A. DG Hubbard, 18-I, made a motion that Council move forward with the Ethics Program, each Governor to assign a committee member within the next two weeks, and this will be included in the training at the State Convention. DG Nedza seconded the motion, and motion carried.

B. DG Kelly, 18-O, made a motion that the Georgia Lions Camp be allowed to conduct a Basket Fundraiser as they have in the past at the State Convention. Motion seconded by DG Hubbard, 18-I, and motion carried.

C. DG Andrews, 18-L, presented information on the US Blind Golf Association. This organization promotes golf to the blind and youth in general. They have decided to have their version of the US Open in Georgia this year at the Marietta City Club in August. They are asking the Lions to help with promotional information and volunteering. Lion Andrews distributed brochures. This is a free program. He encouraged all Governors to promote this, and asked Governors to recommend persons to work on a steering committee. PIP Jim Ervin suggested that Lion Andrews talk with PIP Sid Scruggs. Council did not object to sending out information on this project to the Clubs.



Garner Andrews  
DISTRICT "L"

**CONGRATS to**  
**DGE Fred Carlson**  
**1stVDGE Leslie Miller**  
**2ndVDGE Teri Chambers-Rice**



**You're Convention**



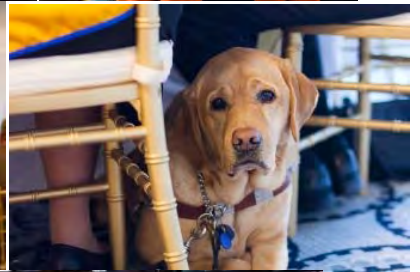


**Vicki Hubbard**  
**DISTRICT "T"**

**CONGRATS to**  
**DGE Anne Mundy**  
**1stVDGE Bob Norton**  
**2ndVDGE Mark Bradley**



**You're Convention**





Bonnie Kelly  
DISTRICT "O"

CONGRATS to  
DGE Hannah Flynn  
1stVDGE Willie Cooper  
2ndVDGE Tammera Sears



You're Convention





CONGRATS to  
DGE Larry Varnadoe  
1stVDGE Frank Lane  
2ndVDGE Len Cutuli



Chip Nedza  
DISTRICT "N"

## YOU'RE CONVENTION





# Lions Clubs International



**Membership** = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/index.php>

Dear Lion,

I want to share some exciting news with you. As you know, Lions Clubs International is about to celebrate 100 years of service, and we're getting ready for our next 100 years!

The **Centennial Celebration Membership Awards** provides **all** Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.

Click on the link below and learn how you can receive special awards for helping to grow your club!

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**INVITE A NEW MEMBER!**

**Be recognized as a...**

### Centennial Sponsor

Sponsor a new member and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Sponsor to receive a *Limited Edition* pin and certificate.



**HELP CHARTER A NEW CLUB!**

**Be recognized as a...**

### Centennial Club Organizer

Help organize a new club and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Club Organizer to receive a *Limited Edition* pin and certificate.



## EARN MORE AWARDS!

The longer new members and new clubs stay active, the more awards a Lion or Lions club can earn!

## Centennial Membership Awards Questions

- 1) What are the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards?** The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards recognize Lions and Lions clubs that contribute to membership growth during our Centennial Celebration. Lions and Lions clubs can earn special recognition based on their efforts in two categories: 1. sponsoring new members and 2. chartering new clubs.
- 2) When does the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards begin?** The Awards program begins on April 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2018.
- 3) Can any Lion or Lions club earn recognition?** All Lions and Lions clubs have the opportunity to earn recognition.

### Individual Lion Recognition

1. Sponsor a new member and be recognized as a **Centennial Sponsor**
2. Help charter a new club and be recognized as a **Centennial Club Organizer**

After a Lion completes one of the above actions, they automatically qualify to earn progressive levels of Centennial Lion Awards:

- **Silver Centennial Lion** – Earned once the new member/club remains in good standing for a consecutive year and a day
- **Gold Centennial Lion** – Earned once the new member/club remains in good standing for two consecutive years and a day
- **Diamond Centennial Lion** – Earned once the new member/club remains in good standing for three consecutive years and a day

### Lions Club Recognition

#### Premier Centennial Club

1. Induct at least three (3) new members during a fiscal year during the Centennial Celebration, and the new members remain active for **two** years and a day

#### OR

2. Sponsor a new Lions club during the Centennial Celebration and the new club remains active for **two** years and a day

#### World Class Centennial Club

1. Induct at least three new members in **each** of the three fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration, and the new members remain in good standing throughout the Centennial Celebration.

#### AND

2. Sponsor a new Lions club during at least **one** of the fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration and the new club remains active for a year and a day.

- 4) How will Lions be recognized for their achievements?** Lions who sponsor a new member will receive a “limited edition” Centennial Sponsor Pin and Centennial Sponsor Certificate. Items will be distributed in Lions Clubs International’s New Member Kits. Lions who help organize a new club will receive a “limited edition” Centennial Club Organizer Pin and Centennial Club Organizer Certificate. Items will be mailed to the current district governor of each district with the new club’s official Lions Clubs International Charter. The progressive awards for Centennial Sponsors and Centennial Club Organizers will be based on the amount of time the new member or new club remains active.

#### *Silver Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements:*

- Member will receive a “limited edition” silver pin
- Recognition on the LCI Centennial website

#### *Gold Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements:*

- Member will receive a “limited edition” gold pin
- Recognition on the LCI Centennial website
- Recognition at area forums, MD and district conventions

#### *Diamond Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements:*

- Member will receive a special “limited edition” pin and certificate
- Photo featured on LCI Centennial website
- Recognition at area forums, MD and district conventions
- Recognition at international convention
- Featured with fellow achievers in LION Magazine

- 5) How will clubs be recognized for their achievements?**

#### *Premier Centennial Clubs will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements:*

- Club will receive a “limited edition” banner patch
- Recognition on the LCI Centennial website
- Recognition on the LCI club locator with a virtual banner icon
- Recognition at area forums, MD and district conventions

#### *World Class Centennial Clubs will be recognized in the following ways for their achievements:*

- Club will receive a “limited edition” banner patch and special award presented by the district governor during the following fiscal year
- A special “limited edition” pin will be given to each active member of the club

- Recognition in LION Magazine and on the LCI Centennial website
- Recognition on the LCI club locator with a virtual banner icon
- Special recognition at area forums, multiple district conventions and international convention

**6) When are the individual and club level qualification periods for earning Membership Awards?**

Award Type	Qualification Period
Silver Centennial Lion	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
Gold Centennial Lion	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
Diamond Centennial Lion	April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
Premier Centennial Club	(2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)*
World Class Centennial Club	(2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)*

\* Qualification periods are based on full fiscal years.

**7) How many progressive level pins can a Lion earn during the Centennial Membership Awards Program?** Centennial Sponsors and Centennial Club Organizers will receive one award of the same type. For example, a Lion who sponsors multiple new Lions will receive one Silver Centennial Lion Award when the first new Lion they sponsor stays for a year and a day. However, a Lion who sponsors a new member **and** helps charter a new club can earn a progressive level award for both. Once the new member and new club stays a year and a day, the Lion is eligible to receive the Silver Centennial Lion Award for both.

**8) When must new members and new clubs be submitted to LCI in order to be counted towards the Centennial Membership Awards Program?** The qualification period for the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards program begins April 1, 2015 and runs through June 30, 2018. Any new members sponsored or clubs chartered during this time will count towards Centennial Celebration Membership Awards recognition.

**9) If a new member joins an existing club, drops after 6-months of membership and is reinstated, will I still receive credit towards the progressive Centennial Lion Award?** No. New members must remain active for a consecutive year(s). Once a member drops for any reason, the sponsor cannot receive credit for that new member.

**10) How will Lions and clubs know if they earned a Centennial Celebration Membership Award?**  
Award notification will be mailed by LCI to club secretaries along with the award.

**11) Where should I send questions I have about the program?**  
Send questions to the following email address: [CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org).

**12) Where can I find additional information on the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards?**  
Learn more at [lionsclubs.org/CentennialMembership](http://lionsclubs.org/CentennialMembership)

## EARN MORE AWARDS!

The longer new members and new clubs stay active, the more awards a Lion or Lions club can earn! Lions automatically qualify to earn additional awards once they sponsor a new member or help organize a new club.

The longer new members and new clubs stay active and in good standing, the more rewards a Lion can earn!



### *Silver Centennial Lion*

Earn the Silver Centennial Lion award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for **1 year and a day**.

Silver Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways:

- A *Limited Edition* Silver Centennial pin
- Name featured on the LCI Centennial website

### *Gold Centennial Lion*

Earn the Gold Centennial Lion award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for **2 years and a day**.

Gold Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways:

- Member will receive a *Limited Edition* Gold Centennial pin
- Name featured on the LCI Centennial website
- Recognition at area forums and district conventions

### *Diamond Centennial Lion*

Earn the Diamond Centennial Lion award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for **3 years and a day**.

Diamond Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their special achievement:

- A special *Limited Edition* Diamond Centennial pin and certificate
- Featured with fellow achievers in LION Magazine
- Photo featured on the LCI Centennial website
- Recognition at LCI's International Convention
- Recognition at area forums and district conventions

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## ***REPORT OF MD 18 GMT CHAIR – LION JANE PRICE, PDG:***

All MD18 districts continue to actively work on new club development and club-rebuilding. The Gwinnett College campus club was chartered in October and conducted their charter celebration in November. There are currently 9 clubs in formation: 4 regular clubs; 4 branch clubs; and 1 campus club. A few membership stats for the 1st half of this Lions year:

		DG Goals	Actual YTD	To Do
New Clubs	Regular	4	0	4
	Campus	2	1	1
	Leo	2	1	1
New Members		785	335	450
Net Membership Gain		16	-116	132

Retention remains an on-going issue. Old, small clubs are failing. Some are not accepting assistance to re-build, so they will most likely slowly go away. However, there are some challenged clubs that are asking for assistance, but the District Governors and the District GMTs are having trouble finding **qualified** Certified Guiding Lions to assign to help them. There also continues to be a lack of communication between the zone chairs and the district GMTs. This results in the GMTs not receiving current information on the status of the clubs' health and activity. I would like to request the districts make a plan to do the following:

1. Place a strong emphasis on chartering the new clubs currently in formation;
2. Make renewed efforts to improve communications between the zone chairs and the GMTs;
3. Form a task force to address club-rebuilding including identifying failing clubs and training and assigning qualified Certified Guiding Lions to help them;
4. Continue to identify under-served areas in each district and begin the groundwork to form clubs in those areas.

The districts in MD18 have been struggling with membership issues for years. There have been successes as well as failures. There is no one membership plan that seems to work well for all. It might be time for the DG teams, GMTs & GLTs (state & district), and other to-be identified leaders to get together in one room and share ideas for membership success going forward. It might be time to try a different approach to membership and club vitality to ensure the continuance of our Lions legacy in MD18 Georgia. Please let me know how I can help you.

DG Andrews, 18-L, stated that there was talk at the work session last night about having a task force in each district. He asked PDG Price to send each Governor a list of qualifications for people to serve on that task force. PDG Ed Hashbarger asked if the Lions of Georgia could attach something such as information on the state organization to the posters being used in connection with the Centennial Program at the Airport. DG Andrews, 18-L, made a motion that Council pursue the membership thrust; motion seconded by DG Hubbard, 18-I, and motion carried. PDG Price will begin to put together a plan for Council approval.



## The Global Leadership Team (GLT) Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant

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Upon finishing this tutorial you will be able to register, log in and actively participate in a webinar

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

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

**2015 Webinars Schedule:** Click on the date and webinar name to view more details.

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p><b>You've Been a Club President...What's Next?</b></p> <p>Follow the journey of three Past Club Presidents as they continue their Lionism at the club, district, and zone levels. Content includes discussion of creating a personal mission statement, the district committee structure, one path to the zone chairperson role and suggestions for continued service at the club level.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> Current and past club presidents who want to explore district-level opportunities</p> <p><b>Lionism as a Past District Governor</b></p> <p>Lionism as a Past District Governor is an honor which offers both challenges and opportunities. In this webinar we will explore the characteristics and qualities of a Past District Governor, the unique challenges of Lionism as a Past District Governor, and possible roles a Past District Governor could pursue that are both personally satisfying and that further the mission and goals of LCI.</p> <p><b>Intended Audience:</b> District Governors and Past District Governor</p>	<p><b>Register for a session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Wednesday, 4/1/15, 12:00pm, CDT</a></li> <li><a href="#">Friday, 4/10/15, 7:00pm, CDT</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Register for a session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Wednesday, 5/6/15, 12:00pm, CDT</a></li> <li><a href="#">Friday, 5/8/15, 7:00pm, CDT</a></li> </ul>

### REPORT OF SOUTHEAST AREA GLT COORDINATOR – LION MARK MILLER, PCC:

#### **MARK MILLER, PCC:**

PCC Miller called attention to a printed report in each file. District Governors Elect and Vice District Governor Training is scheduled for April 10-12 (6:30 pm-11:00 am) Jasper (Woodbridge Inn). Reservations have been made starting on that Friday night. If for some reason you cannot attend, please let him know. He would like to talk with the First Vice District Governors about the logistics for that weekend and what they would like to see take place. They will meet with PCC Miller as soon as this meeting adjourns.

PCC Miller pointed out that there are two Dynamic Club Workshops: April 18, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Baxley (District N) and May 2, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Jasper (District L). He would like to do that program in Districts I and O also. Per directions at the last Council Meeting concerning Lions University, PCC Miller is hoping to do an Officer training school in the north and the south that would cover all Lions of Georgia and call it Lions University. It will be held on June 13, 9:30-4:00 in Cordele (South) and June 27, 9:30-4:00 at the Lighthouse (North).

During the State Convention on Friday Morning PID Brian Sheehan will do a class on “Membership: Coming and Going.” He suggested that if there is a Task Force to look at membership in the state, it should be mandatory that all members of that task force attend this workshop on Friday morning. There will be nine topics for Saturday afternoon training including Ethics.

PCC Miller called attention to other events:

Faculty Development Institute: May 31 – June 3, 2015

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: September 17-19 1st VDG Fred is putting together a bus for Georgia Lions to attend. The Breakfast meeting would be Friday morning with the International President; this is just for Georgia Lions in attendance at the Forum.

PCC Miller asked if Council would be interested in submitting a bid for the Forum, if Atlanta is not successful in its bid for the 2020 Convention. Any investigation into this possibility will wait until after the Board has made a decision on the 2020 International Convention. DG Hubbard, 18-I, made a motion to approve the criteria presented for the new award. Motion seconded by DG Kelly, 18-O, and motion carried.



Dear Lion Leaders,

I'm sharing a message sent to all district governors. I'm asking district governors to continue focusing their efforts on chartering new clubs, inviting new members and increasing membership satisfaction in their clubs. I'm also encouraging leaders to promote service as a way to engage existing members and help find new ones. Please work with your district governor on these important efforts to strengthen our membership in all of our districts.

Together in service,

Joe Preston  
Your International President

Dear District Governor,

We set out to accomplish great things this year by setting a goal to grow membership in each of our districts. In order to achieve our goals, we will need to keep working hard over the next six months.

I'm asking each of you to stay focused on the key action steps that will help you achieve your goals and earn your recognition in Period 2 of the Lions Pride Award:



Start One is more than a slogan. It's the key to positive growth in your district. It's also the key to maximizing your recognition in the Lions Pride Award. So Start One club to earn a paw for your pin, and we'll share your photo on the Lions Pride website!



Ask One. It takes a great leader to strengthen a district, but it takes active members to strengthen a club. Keep encouraging your clubs to invite new members, and remind Lions that it's the responsibility of all members to Ask One friend or family member to join the club.



Keep One. Inviting new members is critical to club growth, but keeping existing members is just as important. Make sure your clubs are using great tools like the Membership Satisfaction Guide, New Member Orientation and the Lions Mentoring Program to increase membership satisfaction and keep all members happy.

Remember, our year to lead is more than half way over, so do everything you can as district governor to strengthen your district!

*Together in service,*

Joe Preston  
Your International President

## Ask One!

Just imagine if every one of our 1.35 million Lions asked one person to join their club. Imagine the huge impact it would have on membership growth and the amount of service we can provide.

It starts by inviting one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join. Give them the opportunity to be a Lion, and give your club the opportunity to grow. Click the Ask1 image to get the tools you need to invite new members, then Ask One today!



*Have you seen this sign around?  
Let us know what you think*

## Lions Pride Award

Get the new year off to a great start by maximizing your recognition in Period 2:

- **Membership Growth** – Promote **Ask One** and **Keep One** to help your clubs add and retain members. Go for a Gold Paw by achieving positive growth in your district!
- **Charter Members** – **Charter One** club to earn a paw for your pin, and beat your 5-year average to make it a gold!
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Remember, Period 2 is your last chance to earn recognition in the [Lions Pride Award](#), so don't miss out on your opportunity to be recognized!

### The Power of Service

We became Lions to serve our communities, and it's service that keeps us coming back year after year. Here are some great ways to remind clubs just how important service really is:

- Champion service as a way to keep clubs active and members happy.
- Encourage clubs to promote their projects through local media and social media to attract new members.
- Remind clubs they can earn recognition in the [Centennial Service Challenge](#) by reporting their activities to LCI.
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Let's work together to strengthen our clubs through service!

# 100 SIMPLE SERVICE IDEAS from LCI web site

## *Youth*

- Organize a community event to promote activities like safe cycling
- Collect and donate clothes for a home for boys or girls
- Paint a playground involving local youth
- Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for the young people in your community
- Donate books to a school library
- Host a dance or youth social at a community center
- Organize a clothing drive to provide young people with formal gowns and suits for school dances
- Host an alcohol/drug awareness seminar in the community
- Host a game night for local youth to promote healthy social events that don't involve drugs or alcohol
- Donate computers to a school or library
- Tutor at an after school program
- Volunteer with youth at a senior center or local food pantry
- Organize a job fair to help young people identify their career goals
- Plant a garden at a school
- Host a speech contest in your community
- Organize a college visit day
- Provide a diversity awareness training to educate youth on global culture
- Implement a reading program at a school or library
- Organize a health fair or seminar at a local school
- Schedule a visit to a local fire or police station
- Organize a ceremony to recognize outstanding youth in your community
- Mentor a youth
- Host a seminar on social media safety
- Clean-up a local park or school and include youth
- Volunteer with local youth at a special needs camp

## *Children*

- Make hygiene kits for children at an orphanage
- Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations
- Make baby supply kits for newborns in need
- Read to a child
- Collect/donate coats for needy children
- Donate toys to a local children's hospital
- Host an arts and crafts day at a local center or church
- Organize a beep baseball tournament
- Have a play day at an orphanage
- Assemble school supplies
- Host a music day at a local center or church
- Repair furniture at a school
- Provide snacks for children in childcare facilities
- Volunteer at a camp serving children with special needs
- Have children make cards and write letters for military personnel
- Provide ID bracelets to children
- Donate backpacks to school children
- Host a fishing derby for blind/visually impaired children
- Donate shoes to an orphanage
- Work with children ages 3-5 to prepare for kindergarten
- Build a wheelchair access ramp for disabled children
- Donate a Braille machine to a school or library for the visually impaired
- Donate books to a school
- Repaint/repair a playground
- Host a community sports day for children

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## *Health/Nutrition*

- Volunteer at a clinic or hospital
- Make/donate hygiene kits to homeless shelters
- Invite healthcare professionals to a communitywide event to demonstrate proper hand washing
- Donate blood at a medical clinic/hospital
- Plant a vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food
- Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need
- Collect/provide clean water to elderly members in community
- Create a cookbook of easy to make, nutritious recipes and distribute in the community
- Volunteer at a food bank/soup kitchen
- Collect food to replenish a local food pantry
- Prepare sandwiches for homeless/street children
- Arrange transportation services to a doctor appointment or grocery shopping for persons who are blind/visually impaired
- Collect items to include in care packages and send to military personnel
- Host a seminar on nutrition in your community
- Host a fitness day
- Donate nutritious snacks to an after school program
- Host CPR training at a local community center
- Work with local health professionals to provide free vision, hearing and diabetes screenings
- Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for local community
- Work with local medical personnel to administer free HIV tests
- Cook or deliver meals to needy residents
- Help provide immunizations
- Assist medical professionals
- Provide dental/medical check-ups
- Host a community walk

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## *Environment*

- Raise awareness about eco-friendly lifestyle choices
  - Plant a tree
  - Organize a community-wide bike to work/school day
  - Collect recyclables in the community and take them to a recycling center
  - Plant a flower garden at a senior home
  - Clean up a park
  - Clean the yard of elderly residents in the community
  - Volunteer at a recycling center
  - Clean a community center
  - Organize a carpooling campaign
  - Recycle books
  - Construct bird feeders for a senior home or school
  - Clean a highway
  - Donate recycled paper goods to a food pantry or soup kitchen
  - Install energy efficient light bulbs at a school or community center
  - Recycle items such as phones, computers and printer cartridges
  - Clean up a local body of water
  - Host an environmental seminar in your community
  - Clean up a vacant lot or parking lot in your community
  - Host a beach clean-up
  - Create compost in your own backyard by mixing food scraps and leaves with the soil and letting them decompose
  - Recycle plastic shopping bags
  - Raise awareness about harmful substances in homes and the community
  - Organize a project to protect endangered animals or plants
  - Organize a nature walk
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## *Recipes for Success*

Let's get some ideas out there – seems we do the same old thing –now maybe we can do something different.

### **SERVICE PROJECTS and also COMBINE FUNDRAISING with SERVICE PROJECTS**

(Don't forget your Lion vests)

- 1. Meals on Wheels:** Club delivers meals to shut-ins. Schedules are prepared in advance and meals are delivered by teams of two. Not a difficult project but members need to be able to walk and climb stairs.
- 2. Delta Ponds Restoration:** Club works four times per year helping to eliminate non-native plants, protect desirable plants from predation by nutria and beavers, plant native plants, pick up trash, and participate in habitat studies.
- 3. Pocket Park Maintenance:** Club helps maintain a small corner of a Park called the "Pocket Park", adjacent to a popular biking, running, walking trail. Jobs include weeding, mowing, planting, edging, periodic painting and in general keeping the park attractive and neat.
- 4. Community Flags:** Club puts up and takes down American flags on all major holidays. Solicit \$100 donation from businesses by letter each September following 9/11 or Veterans Day. **Manpower Needs** – Varies club members and/or LEO's, Scouts. **Costs:** Cost of flags and holders.
- 5. Tag Sale (Garage Sale):** Conduct a garage sale of donated items. Manpower includes storing, pricing, manning sale, and cleanup. Or rent 10 X 10 spaces for a garage sale.
- 6. Wine Raffle:** Club obtains wine from local wine buyer at a discounted price and sells raffle tickets.
- 7. Adopt-a-Christmas Family:** Club contacts School principal at a low income school in area to provide name of a deserving family. Club gets a reasonable wish list from the family and purchases items with budgeted funds and member donations. Budget \$300/family
- 8. Donate a meal for Homebound Seniors:** Lions volunteer to pass out cards at selected super markets that customers may take to the checkout register and donate one meal for a day, a week, or a month. The cost added to their grocery bill.
- 9. Pet pageants:** For a small entry fee, local pet owners can enter their pets in a pet pageant. Don't be afraid to make up your own categories; the "Furriest Pet" or the "Most Unusual Pet" or "Best Dressed Pet". This will certainly add to the entertainment value of this fundraising event.
- 10. Adopt a School:** Each month club takes something to school such as school supplies, coats, socks, etc. Do flags for first graders. Sponsor a read-a-thon with prizes. Do a "Bunny Backpack Program".

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## Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need.



Dear Georgia Lions!

PCC Clower presented a printed report as follows:

Our Georgia Lions Lighthouse is continuing to grow our services. We have recently added two new clinics; one in Sumter County, and one in Douglas County. We now have 30 clinics all over Georgia. Our volunteers in the Recycling Center have done a great job renovating and organizing our recycling process. We still have not received approval to be a Certified Recycling Center from LCI, but we are continuing to recycle eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. We are in need of more volunteers to help us out in the Recycling Center.

The Pediatric Hearing Program launched January 1st. We are now accepting children birth – 19 years old with family income up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. We are also growing the Frame Kit Program. A presentation will be made on this program at the Joint Meeting. Our Governance Committee will be presenting a revision to our Constitution for a vote of the Lions of Georgia at the Joint Meeting. The Lighthouse stands ready to partner with the Lions of Georgia to implement the KidSight USA Program as soon as the details are released by LCI.

Below is a short summary of other items:

**Services and Costs:** In this fiscal year, at our 30 clinics, the Lighthouse provided eye exams to 1203 clients and furnished 2300 eyeglasses. We provided 396 surgical procedures at a cost of \$137,328.77. The hearing aid program had a total of 1183 applications processed with 388 approved.

**Finances:** The Lighthouse received grants from LCIF, Kaiser, and Healthcare of Georgia totaling \$175,000. This will enable us to purchase updated clinic equipment, expand the Recycling Center, fund diabetic eye surgeries and fund new clinics. Our Lions giving totaled \$55,796.53 as of December 31, 2014. Thanks to those clubs and individuals who have supported the Lighthouse with their giving. Work is beginning on the Night of Spectacles. It will be held at the Atlanta Train Depot on April 25, 2015. We hope to see the entire Council there!

### **The Board of Directors and Staff:**

The election of Lighthouse Officers will be held at the Joint Meeting. District Directors for Districts L and O will be elected at their respective District conventions. We have had some changes in our Board recently. PDG John Rudert stepped down as Treasurer, and that vacancy was filled by PDG Tim Chisholm. As a result of PDG Tim Chisholm moving up as Treasurer, that created a vacancy in his Member-at-Large position. That vacancy was filled by PDG Cathy Threatt. Lion Kristy Allison stepped down as a Member-at-Large, and that vacancy was filled by PDG Vanessa Stanley. Thanks to these Lions who have stepped up to serve our Lighthouse.

The Board of Directors and the Staff of our Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation appreciate the support of the Lions of Georgia as we continue to serve more people all over Georgia.

## Summer Service Numbers 1Jul2014 – 31Dec2014

### **District L**

Eye Exams: 562  
Eye Glasses: 1,232  
Eye Surgeries: 213  
Hearing Aids: 495

### **District I**

Eye Exams: 341  
Eye Glasses: 842  
Eye Surgeries: 75  
Hearing Aids: 281

### **District O**

Eye Exams: 212  
Eye Glasses: 314  
Eye Surgeries: 107  
Hearing Aids: 250

### **District N**

Eye Exams: 424  
Eye Glasses: 650  
Eye Surgeries: 83  
Hearing Aids: 192

### **Fiscal Year Totals:**

Eye Exams: 1,539  
Eye Glasses: 3,038  
Eye Surgeries: 478  
Hearing Aids: 1,219

### **Service Numbers**

Service Numbers have hit all-time highs in the past several months! With over 6,500 services projected by year end, our goal for 2014-15 is over 7,000.

“When you give a little,  
you get a lot.”  
-Lion Bret Wagenhorst, M.D.

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





## New Welch Allyn Spot Screeners

Lighthouse Staff took the time this month to make trips to all four district conventions (Districts N, I pictured above respectively). You will notice in the above District I convention; a fun Hawaiian theme was incorporated into the day's activities. Very special thanks to all Lions and Lighthouse Team who were able to make it in support of the Lighthouse and thank you to all Lions Clubs for their hospitality and service!



## **25 Million Kids Need You, So Get Involved Today!**

Lions of the USA are pleased to announce **Lions KidSight USA**, a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months through 6 years.



This month, through collaboration with LCI's KidSight USA Program and the YMCA of Buckhead, the Lighthouse was able to conduct vision and hearing screenings on 65 children. 18 children were referred for eye exams and 4 for hearing exams. Healthy vision and

hearing is crucial to the proper development in a child's social skills and educational achievements.

Lighthouse Staff and Lions from around the state visited the Lighthouse to get certified on how to use our new Welch Allyn Spot Screeners. Screeners will be used throughout the state to screen children and adults in need. These devices are industry standard when it comes to conducting a vision screening on children. However, a comprehensive eye exam by a doctor is still recommended even after a screening.

## **A must watch for Lions.**

<http://www.charlierose.com/watch/60378567>



## **GLLF Lions Club Museum**

To schedule a visit contact: Chip Nedza, Lions Club Historian |  
chip993@msn.com |  
912.756.3215 visit  
[www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org)

## **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Staff**

Main Line: 404-325-3630

### **Executive Director**

Roberta Green, Ext. 301

### **Vision Services - Questions,**

### **Patient Care, Clinics =**

CFO and Vision

### **Program Director** Morgan

Alexander, Ext. 302

### **Hearing Services - Questions,**

### **Patient Care**

Hearing Services Manager

Anna Knippel, Ext. 305

### **Eye Surgery Services -**

### **Questions, Patient Care**

Eye Surgery Director –

Victoria Jordan, Ext. 303

### **Development Opportunities -**

### **Fundraising, Club Giving, Donations**

Chief Development Officer –

Kembra Landry, Ext. 322

### **Marketing Opportunities - Club**

### **Materials, Promotions, Website,**

### **Social Media**

Marketing Director –

Alison Kuhlke, Ext. 306

### **Volunteer Services - Questions, Scheduling**

Outreach Director -

Marsha Marshall, Ext. 345

### **Volunteer Manager –**

Lion Harold Walker

Phone: 404-376-2126

### **Volunteer Assistant Manager –**

Lion Albert Green

Phone: 404-861-4371

### **Recycling Center - Questions,**

### **Drop-off Pick-up = 404-844-**

0121 Ext #329

Email address -

[recycle@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:recycle@lionslighthouse.org)

◀ Mar 2015	~ April 2015 ~					May 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LEO Club Awareness Month	Protecting Our Environment	Global Service Action	1 Campaign Month	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16	17	18 Dynamic Club Workshops: April 18 9:00-3:30pm Baxley, (District N)
19	20	21	22 Earth Day / Administrative Professionals Day	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28	29	30 Club Excellence Award ENDS	Notes:	

◀ Apr 2015	~ May 2015 ~					Jun 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Dynamic Club Workshops: May 2 9:00-3:30pm Jasper, (District L)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 Council of Governors Mtg, Tifton, Georgia	15 MD-18 State	16 Armed Forces Day Convention
17 Tifton, GA	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					

◀ May 2015	~ June 2015 ~					Jul 2015 ▶
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Lions University: June 13 9:30-4:00 Cordele (South)
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 International Picnic Day	19	20
21 Father's Day / Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26	27 June 27 9:30-4:00 Lighthouse (North)
					98th	International
28 Convention	29 Honolulu,	30 Hawaii	Notes:			

◀ Jun 2015	~ July 2015 ~					Aug 2015 ▶
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>CAMP FOR THE BLIND</b> 38th Summer CAMP Lions Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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◀ Jul 2015	~ August 2015 ~					Sep 2015 ▶
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2 International Friendship Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 International Left-Handers Day	14	15 Leader Dog at Braves Game
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes:				

◀ Aug 2015	~ September 2015 ~					Oct 2015 ▶
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6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day 9/11	12
13	14	15	16	17 USA/	18 Canada Grand Rapids,	19 Forum Michigan
20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23 Fall Begins	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes:		



### **REPORT OF GEORGIA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND – LION SCOTT EISENHART:**

Lion Eisenhart presented the following printed report.

The first thing to say is that the Camp is currently in “recovery” mode. The crisis has passed, we have qualified candidates to fill the vacancy of Executive Director, a plan for being solvent at least through the next 2 camping seasons, and that is without the expected income that will be generated with the new ideas, plans, and grant writing that the new E.D. will bring. However, that brings me to the points needing addressed. The first is that while we do not have hard numbers, as I haven’t received them from PDG Paul May, I do know that in the last 2 weeks, the camp has received 2 checks, one from the Marietta Lions Club in the amount of \$1750 and one from the Garden City Lions Club in the amount of \$2000. That would indicate that the trend of withholding monies from the camp while waiting to see the outcome of the leadership changes has passed and the Clubs are more willing to send their funds. This is important because if WE the Lions of Georgia do not believe enough to contribute, then how can we expect other individuals and corporations to give us grant money?

That brings me to the second point. At the last Joint meeting, during what ended up being an open personnel committee meeting, Lion Charles Lauderdale posed a solution to the immediate funding problems facing the camp. His proposal was simple, and would have not only met, but gone over the needed funds for a full fiscal year. His proposal was that every Lion in Georgia write a check in the amount between \$80 and \$100 to the camp. At \$100 per Lion, and roughly 6,000 Lions in the state, not only would we have the \$400k needed to “balance the budget” but we would have had extra to repay, and even build up, the trust fund. I bring this up because while most of you cannot do that on a “regular” basis, just one check a year would keep the camp in a balanced budget condition and give us money to build the trust fund as well as meet growth and repair needs. At the last meeting, there were 5 checks written, and even after an appeal was sent to all the Lions of GA, I don’t believe that anyone else answered the call. So I am making the request again. If you did not write a check at the last joint meeting, I am asking you to do so today. \$100 per-year is less than \$10/month, which is less than what most of us pay for a cheap lunch or dinner out. ONE time a month.

Finally, to bring us to the best news this Camp has had in a very long time. The personnel committee did their job. They identified an appropriate number of candidates, created an interview committee, and interviewed the candidates and have narrowed our choices to the best of the best. I won’t go too far into the process, but I will say that the top 3 candidates all presented similar ideas on the best way to not only gain solid footing, but to grow in our initial mission of giving recreational and educational opportunities to blind campers and to become more relevant in the Waycross area with regards to community service. Their plan would also bring in more revenue in the form of grants, in-kind donations, and commercial rental fees. We are in recovery. Funds are coming in. Employees are being hired, publicity is being readied, and programming plans are being made. But it is up to the Lions of Georgia, and their leadership, YOU, to quell the rumors of the camp closing, to quell the divisiveness regarding camp leadership, and to honor the mission and vision of the fine gentlemen who started the camp to provide recreational and educational opportunities to the blind people of Georgia, and space permitting, the surrounding areas. I have one final thing to say. Being involved in the Camp brings satisfaction in a way that no other activity can. I’m not sure if it is the outdoor setting, seeing the campers discover their inner self confidence, or knowing that with the right leadership, this camp can be here when my grandchildren are old enough to be LIONS and do the work that we are currently doing. Notice I did not say my children, because my children are already Lions, as are the children of many of you here. Let’s keep this going so that our grandchildren can have the same satisfaction we get. Like you, I am a LION, and I believe in the mission of the camp.

DG Hubbard, 18-I, asked about the investment fund of the Camp and why it was not shown on the financial reports. She stated that Council also was concerned that the Trustees had not met in a few years; and that the trustees should be involved in the decision to move money from the investment fund to the general operating account. If they have not met, how does that function happen? Lion Eisenhart stated that the Trustees are meeting this afternoon, and all Trustees are actively involved in matters of the Camp. PDG Paul May, Treasurer of the Camp, stated that he is a member of the Trustees. He stated that he would be glad to add a line item to the financial report showing the investment fund. This year the investment fund was \$318,080.05. Interest rolls back over into the account. A month ago it was \$312,000.00. A year ago the amount

was \$285,000.00; three years ago \$259,000.00; Five years ago \$592,000.00. PDG May stated that in the last six years \$320,000.00 was taken from the fund; in the last two years, \$75,000.00. Lion Eisenhart stated that he felt next year they would need to pull out between \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Maybe \$15,000.00 for this year.

Lion Eisenhart stated that the Camp has budgeted \$50,000.00 as an annual salary for the Executive Director of the Camp. In addition, housing and utilities are supplied. Health Insurance is provided up to \$300.00 a month. Lion Eisenhart stated that he felt all of the questions asked in the recent letter from the Task Force have been answered.



## Georgia Lions Camp 2015 Silent Auction

Excitement is in the air and we need ALL Lions, Lioness and LEO's of Georgia to participate in the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction during the State Convention. We are challenging all clubs to step up and support the Camp by donating a theme basket. Here are a few ideas: "Apple of My Eye"; "Garden Delights"; "Hammer Time"; "Passion for Pasta"; "Sew What"; "Tee Time"; "Wooden It Be Nice". Please remember to list the value of the items in the basket, the value of the basket as a whole and the name of the club donating the basket. The silent auction is a fun and exciting way to help the Camp. Come and check out all the baskets.

The Silent Auction will be held in UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center and volunteers will receive your baskets on Friday or early on Saturday. Baskets will be displayed with bidding sheets in an orderly manner, so the bidding process runs as smoothly as possible. Come early, bid often and keep an eye on how your favorite baskets are doing. Enjoy a little friendly competition and socialize with your friends from around the state. Bidding will end at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. After the banquet, winners will be posted for you to pick up your basket(s) and pay for immediately after the banquet.

The Camp needs your support in order to continue its important mission. If a club is not able to donate a theme basket to the auction, a monetary contribution to the Camp would be greatly appreciated. Questions regarding the Silent Auction or if your club is donating a theme basket, please email: Dimple Forrest at [forrestfamily@windstream.net](mailto:forrestfamily@windstream.net) or Alice Staggs at [alice.oakhill@gmail.com](mailto:alice.oakhill@gmail.com) or Helen Troha at [htrohagalion@hotmail.com](mailto:htrohagalion@hotmail.com).

New expenditures concerns are:

1. Electricity looks like it might end up over budget.
2. Office supplies is already over budget for the year due to having to purchase stamps and new checks and envelopes.

As discussed before, the Maintenance HVAC and General accounts are already over budget for the year due to several major equipment failures and bulk purchase of gasoline (which should reduce the Vehicle - Gasoline account.)

**The MAIN CONCERN is that Income is under budget by \$44,700 mainly due to Club Contributions. We are \$31,390 behind from last year's Clubs contributions.**

A summary of the Clubs Contributions are:

**July 1 to Dec. 31, 2014**

18-L: 18 Clubs for \$19,625  
18-I: 24 Clubs for \$13,597  
18-O: 24 Clubs for \$19,134  
18-N: 21 Clubs for \$13,506  
Total MD 18: 87 Clubs for \$65,862

**for July 1 to Nov. 2013**

18-L: 21 Clubs for \$29,818  
18-I: 23 Clubs for \$19,759  
18-O: 22 Clubs for \$12,516  
18-N: 25 Clubs for \$22,860  
Total MD-18: 91 Clubs for \$84,953

*If you wish to get more information – check with your District Camp Vice-President*



Dear Lions,

Welcome to Lions100 – a website devoted to all things related to our Lions Clubs International Centennial celebration. It will be your main source of up-to-date information throughout the 3½ year celebration. I'm Past International President Frank Moore, and I'm honored to serve as the Centennial celebration chairperson.

We officially launched our Centennial celebration July 8th, 2014 at our International Convention in Toronto with the announcement of our Centennial Service Challenge. The service challenge is an ambitious call to action for Lions around the world to serve 100 million people from now until June 30th, 2018.

Our centennial celebration will focus on three main points:

1. Honoring Our Past
2. Highlighting Our Present
3. Planning For Our Future

We have a vibrant past, built around our founder Melvin Jones' famous quote, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." It was upon that principle that our motto "We Serve" emerged. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Our organization has grown from humble beginnings and continued to grow and evolve to meet the needs of communities around the world. Today, we are the world's largest service club organization, perhaps even surpassing the vision of our founder. With Melvin Jones' vision in mind, our Centennial celebration slogan is "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion." This is as true today as it was in 1917.

The Centennial celebration is designed to engage every Lions member, every Lions club, in every country and geographic area. This site will continue to expand as elements of our Centennial plan begin to unfold.

This is our time to ROAR! Get ready to celebrate!!

Sincerely,

J. Frank Moore, III



## Join the Centennial Service Challenge!

*There's never been a better time to serve than now! For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities and impacted millions of people around the world. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal, and your club can earn special Centennial recognition when you serve!*

## Earn Special Centennial Recognition for Your Club!



## Earn Up to Four Centennial Banner Patches

Your club can earn up to four Centennial Banner Patches by participating in each year of the Centennial Service Challenge. Qualifying donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation will also count toward your Centennial Banner Patch.

All Centennial service activities must be reported through MyLCI's Service Activity Report to receive credit. Districts can also earn Centennial Banner Patches based on the participation of their clubs.



**In this issue of *Update***

**2014 The Year in Review**: What an exciting year at Leader Dogs for the Blind as we celebrated our 75th Anniversary! But we didn't just spend the year reflecting on our past accomplishments; we made advances throughout 2014 and worked at setting Leader Dog up for the next 75 years.

**My 'Around the World' Puppy**: In 2006, Amy Schupska returned Future Leader Dog Louie to Leader Dogs for the Blind for training. Eight years later, Amy connected with the client who received Leader Dog Louie and was invited to visit them in Taiwan!



**Leader Dog YouTube =**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/leaderdogvideos>

**Take a Virtual Tour!**  
<http://www.leaderdog.org/about-us/facilities/virtual-tour>



**More articles from this issue of Update »**  
<http://www.leaderdog.org/news-and-events/newsletters/update/issue-1-2015>

**REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND – LION PAM SCHLOEMER:**  
Lion Schloemer asked Lion Larry Varnadoe, 1stVDG, to tell about the 1st VDGs trip to Leader Dog. Lion Varnadoe reported that the VDGs had a great visit, but that it was even more outstanding when the Director of Leader Dogs stood up and said, "I am proud to report that the state of Georgia was 100% in club participation to Leader Dogs." She stated that she is talking with someone else who may be willing to take over the position of MD 18 Representative to Leader Dogs. If the Governors have any recommendations of someone willing to serve, please let Lion Pam know.

There will be another game this year. She asked for Governors' participation and promotion of the program. She encouraged bringing youth groups to the game. PCC Miller stated that following the Forum on Sunday, Leader Dogs will have a bus tour from Grand Rapids over to Leader Dogs. This will offer a great opportunity to visit the Leader Dog School. CC Newby stated that every Council member agreed to get behind the ballgame and support this. CC Newby pointed out that PCC Bill Craig had addressed the Council last night, asking for support for the Capital improvements at the Leader Dog School. DG Nedza, 18-N, made a motion that Council sanction this capital campaign and offer their support and promotion of this renovation. DG Hubbard, 18-I, seconded this motion and motion carried.



**Southeast Region**



The Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence has been making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities since 1989. The Southeast Region Training Center, an 8-acre campus, opened on Independence Day, July 4, 2000, and serves the states of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. The campus, named in recognition of Anheuser-Busch/SeaWorld's million dollar gift, consists of four buildings with a total of 32,000 square feet. It is a state-of-the-art facility where training, education and caring come together.

**Raise a Dog, Change a Life** If you are interested in becoming a puppy raiser, please call LeAnn Siefferman at 407-522-3304 for further information. Puppy classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for current puppy raisers in the Orlando area. **NOTE:** The Puppy Class Roster is for the use of puppy raisers in Central Florida. If you are visiting Central Florida and would like to come to a puppy class on campus, please [email](#) LeAnn Siefferman to find out what time you should attend.



**Tours of the campus are given every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Click <http://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Contact/ContactUs.asp?ievent=289722&en=7qLDIOOrH6IMLYOuH5LJKUNEJiLPL6NIJfJJK1MDK9ILIUOWHcLMLVPuGfKYIdI> for more information and to fill out a tour request form. Tours are not available during Team Training - February 2-13; May 4-15; August 3-14; October 26-November 6. School tours are offered on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2 pm and are reserved for school groups only.

**Presentations are offered for schools, civic groups, and meetings.** We love to share our story. Please check out the [presentation page](#) for more information and to submit your request for a guest speaker from our organization. <http://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Contact/ContactUs.asp?ievent=307932&en=7qLDLOOrH6JMKYMuG5KJLUPEKjLIKWMIKiKK1ODL9KLIUNwFbJNL0PBJiLXLdL>

**Ways to Help**  
*Wish List*

Canine Companions depends on the generosity of our friends as we strive to provide highly trained assistance dogs for people with disabilities – free of charge. We have identified some in-kind items that can help us carry out our mission. Your caring gift is guaranteed to make a difference. Check out our current [wish list](#). [http://www.cci.org/atf/cf/%7Bd369f549-15c4-46ee-bee3-52b190502f3f%7D/WISH%20LIST\\_CCI.PDF](http://www.cci.org/atf/cf/%7Bd369f549-15c4-46ee-bee3-52b190502f3f%7D/WISH%20LIST_CCI.PDF)



**Fred Smith**  
lionfredsmith@gmail.com

## Building Sense of Self

We'll help you discover why resiliency, self-advocacy and connecting with peers are the keys to long-term success. Together we'll show you how to foster these traits in your children.

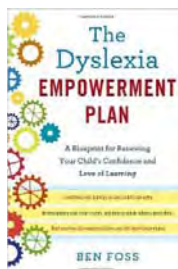
## Here's how to get started

## Step 1 = Understand your child's strengths and talents

Dyslexia has been described as an isolated weakness in a sea of strengths. It is important for parents to help their children view dyslexia from this perspective. Strengths, talents and interests should be fostered and developed so that children have the opportunity to experience authentic success and enjoyment in their lives.

## The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan

## Empower your child to embrace her dyslexia

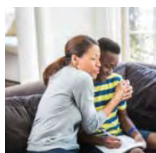


## Step 2 = Build resiliency skills in your child

Resilience implies an ability to recover from setbacks, trauma or adversity. Parents can provide their children with a set of beliefs and strategies to counteract any self doubt or low self-esteem. It's important for kids with learning disabilities to feel appreciated, set personal goals and empathize with others.

## Building Resilience in Children

A webinar with Dr. Michael Hart



### Step 3 = Create a support network for you and your child

Building relationships with peers, mentors and with community resources can be a lifeline for many individuals who learn differently. It helps to know you are not alone and to have a network of supporters to turn to. Some of the best information and support comes from those who understand our journeys and who have first hand-knowledge to share.



Explore 1in5

## Sharing personal stories

### Step 4 = Help your child learn to advocate for themselves

Self-advocacy is an important skill for all children, but especially for those who learn differently. Children have to understand their unique needs and have the confidence to speak up and ask for what they require to be successful. They should be taught to be active participants in the decisions being made about them in school and life.

## Self Advocacy

### Encourage your child to speak up



### Southeastern Guide Dogs

“Twenty years ago, my husband Jeff and I were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Ciara Haley Hall. Born with congenital glaucoma, her childhood was spent enduring eye surgeries. It broke our hearts to see her vision slip away.

It's scary to send your child out into the world, knowing she can't see. I wish I could be with her every second, but I can't.

As a teenager, Ciara talked about getting a guide dog. She started college with her cane, and then received the call that would change her life forever. She would soon start her guide dog journey!

Tears streamed down my face when Ciara called me after her first walk with Norman. When she took Norman's harness and walked with her head high, she said she felt like she was flying!



Moms want to protect their children, so it comforts me to know that Norman looks out for her. On campus, Norman showed his “intelligent disobedience” and “body blocking” when there was a wet floor sign in Ciara’s path. Norman refused to go forward so that Ciara wouldn’t be hurt.

Norman helps in other ways, too. Students who were once nervous now stop to chat. When Ciara is feeling sad, Norman comforts her with sloppy kisses.

As a mom, Norman has given me peace of mind. I am relieved that Ciara is never alone and that he helps keep her safe. His constant presence has allowed me to let go and has enabled Ciara to spread her wings. There is no limit to what she will accomplish with Norman by her side. God has big plans!“

- Wendy Hall



## 2015 Atlanta Tour de Cure



**When:** Saturday, May 30, 2015

**Where:** Boundary Waters Park

**Address:** 5000 GA HWY 92 North/166 East, Douglasville GA 30135

Registration Fee: \$15

Fundraising Minimum: \$200

Route Distances: 2, 14, 28, 37, 65 & 100 miles

Contact event manager, Adrienne Harrison: [aharrison@diabetes.org](mailto:aharrison@diabetes.org) or (404) 320-7100 x3045

**Register. Ask a Friend. Start a Team. Stop Diabetes.**

Please mail checks to our local office:

American Diabetes Association  
ATTN: Tour de Cure  
233 Peachtree Street  
Suite 2225  
Atlanta, GA 30303

**Join us!** = [http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr\\_id=10142&type=fr\\_informational&sid=15800](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=informational&fr_id=10142&type=fr_informational&sid=15800)



Our Goal: \$700,000.00 | We've Raised: \$52,101.11

**Welcome to the 2015 Atlanta Tour de Cure!** Atlanta Tour de Cure is a one-day celebration bringing together cyclists of all ages and levels to Stop Diabetes. Starting at the beautiful Boundary Waters Park in Douglasville all of our routes, except for our family ride, will allow you to enjoy the rolling hills of the well-known “Silk Sheets”, popular among riders throughout Georgia. Our 2-mile family ride takes place on a paved path within the park. With five route lengths we have a distance for all skill levels. Routes include rest stops with snacks and refreshments, mechanical support, and medical volunteers. Following your ride, celebrate with us at the post ride festival, which includes a delicious lunch, massage, kid’s zone, vendor village and live entertainment. Riders in the Tour de Cure help to raise critical funds for diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the American Diabetes Association. We’re looking forward to having you ride with us! **Whether you are an occasional rider or an experienced cyclist, there is a route just for you:**

Route Length	100 Mile	65 Mile	37 Mile	28 Mile	14 Mile
Check-In Time	6:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Start Time	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
End Time	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	2:00 PM
Avg Ride Time	12.5 MPH	9 MPH	6 MPH	6 MPH	6 MPH

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## Do-It-Yourself Fundraising & Local Events

Are you looking to set up an online fundraiser? We have four ways for you to do it.

### Join Team Diabetes

By joining Team Diabetes you can participate in an athletic event of your choice — a marathon or triathlon, for example — while helping to raise vital funds to support the mission of the American Diabetes Association. Register as an individual, start a team, or join a team. You will get a personalized web page with powerful fundraising tools to help you spread the word to friends, family members, and others you want to have support your event.

[Read more about Team Diabetes.](http://main.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TD_home&loc=DIYfundraising) [http://main.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TD\\_home&loc=DIYfundraising](http://main.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TD_home&loc=DIYfundraising)

### Create a Local Fundraiser

Whipping up a bake sale?      Hosting a golf event?  
Want to use your efforts to support the American Diabetes Association?

Use our peer-to-peer online fundraising system to get the word out to your friends and family, and give them the opportunity to make an online donation to support your efforts on behalf of the Association.

[Read more about Creating a Local Fundraiser.](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-personalfundraising?pg=tgreeting&fr_id=5721&loc=DIYfundraising)  
[http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-personalfundraising?pg=tgreeting&fr\\_id=5721&loc=DIYfundraising](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-personalfundraising?pg=tgreeting&fr_id=5721&loc=DIYfundraising)

# GOVERNOR Nathan Deal PROCLAIMS...

## "Georgia Casual Week"

*April 20-24 2015*

### *A Challenge to ALL Georgia Companies and Organizations for the Benefit of the Georgia Academy for the Blind.*

I would like to share this information with you and invite you to participate. Several school systems in Georgia have already signed on, along with many community focused companies and organizations. Please consider joining in.

Governor Nathan Deal has issued an official Proclamation challenging all businesses and organizations throughout the state of Georgia to participate in "Georgia Casual Week" April 20-24, 2015. "Georgia Casual Week" is a statewide campaign to raise awareness and support for Georgia's only state school for children and youth with visual impairments and/or multiple disabilities. The Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon , Georgia , has been serving the needs of children throughout Georgia for over 150 years. The academy is a state school and does not have the benefit of local tax resources.

"Georgia Casual Week" is an employee-choice fundraiser, at NO COST to the employer, whereby employers encourage and allow their employees (or staff and students) to dress casually for the week of April 20-24, 2015. For that privilege, an employee would make a small donation (\$5-\$10 or whatever your school decides), which would go to support the vital programs of the Georgia Academy for the Blind.

The academy's student fund, which is funded solely through donations, is essential for student's welfare and growth in a variety of areas. The Student Fund funds field trips, athletics, personal items including clothes for those who need them, adaptive equipment and devices, special events including camps that are designed for children, tuition for college or other training programs for youth with visual and multiple impairments. These programs are vital to the development of these children. We have the power to make a difference.

By engaging in the education and welfare of Georgia 's visually impaired children, the business community has and will continue to benefit from the academy's outstanding work in educating and creating a better qualified workforce of independent, tax-paying citizens.

Please consider joining in this effort, along with many other community focused organizations and school partners throughout the state, for the week of April 20-24, 2015. It takes very little effort to participate and this small gesture will help to empower these children to rise above their disabilities and find their rightful place in society.

As parents of a GAB student, we support this effort to help give these children the resources they need and deserve. We are so pleased that Governor Deal has so quickly endorsed this cause to help bring awareness and support for these children, staff and school.

Please pass this information to your schools and any organizations or companies that you think would be interested in helping. For more information or to let us know that you plan on participating, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/gacasualweekorg/Home> or contact Tommy or Rachel Towery = [rtowery@bellsouth.net](mailto:rtowery@bellsouth.net) – 912-537-4926. Money collected can be sent to: Ga. Academy for the Blind "Student Fund", Attn: Dr. Cindy Gibson, School Principal, 2895 Vineville Ave., Macon GA 31204.

We thank you for your consideration and would be honored to have you partner with us. We greatly appreciate the generosity of Georgia schools and corporations who participated in the past to make Georgia Casual Week a success. Each person who made a donation made a difference in the lives of the students at GAB and we look forward to being able to provide the same opportunities this year as a result of your willingness to participate.

Sincerely, Tommy and Rachel Towery



**"Share Peace"**

## Peace Poster Contest

### Annual Art Contest for Kids

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.



The theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest is **"Share Peace."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

### Peace Poster Contest Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

### Peace Poster Contest Awards

International winners will be notified on or before February 1.

- One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony.
- Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US\$500 and a certificate of achievement.

### Peace Poster Contest Participant Information

To learn more about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, please view our [brochure](#), [contest rules](#) and [deadlines](#), call 630-203-3812 or contact the [Lions Clubs Audio Visuals & Events Department](#).

## Member Resources

To access member resources – including contest deadlines and instructions for ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits – please visit the [Peace Poster Contest section](#) of our Member Center.

Winner of 2014-15 Peace Poster =



## Lions International Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest is **"Share Peace."**

Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

### Essay Contest Guidelines

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. [Read the complete essay contest rules and entry form.](#)

Winner of 2014-15 Essay Contest =



**ORDER NOW AND ALLOW THE KIDS TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT DURING SUMMER BREAK. ONCE SCHOOL BEGINS – THEY CAN MAKE FINISHING TOUCH-UPS WHERE NEED BE.**

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### REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG:

CC Newby called attention to a printed report in each file. Lion Helwig was unable to attend the meeting.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR! There has not been much activity to report since November but with the 2014 Holiday season behind us we're all gearing up again.

The 2015 MD18 LEO Gathering and Conference will be held at our Georgia Lions Camp March 20-22. The theme will be "Strengthen the LEO Pride". The packets will be sent to all Georgia Leo clubs no later than the end of this month. DG's please contact your respective Leo Chairs and work with them to encourage your Leos to attend. As with past events we will have a mix of fun and fellowship, work on projects to benefit our Camp, and hold segments in keeping with this year's theme. We will hold an MD18 LEO Council meeting and conduct elections for next year's LEO Council. Please encourage your Leos to run for one of the offices - it will make our multiple district stronger and it looks REALLY good on a college application!

My fellow committee members and I will be contacting our clubs regarding the various awards available to Leos/Leo clubs. One club in each district is eligible to receive the highest award from LCI, the Leo Club Excellence Award. I would like to see a recipient for all four districts this year (has never before happened). Clubs will need to send their applications to you and your DC's for both of you to review and determine. The Leo of the Year is the highest individual award a Leo can receive. Each district may submit one application to the Leo Committee and Council Chair to review and select. LCI must receive our selection no later than April 1st so set your timetable accordingly.

The Georgia Leo Club Service Award is not a contest but recognition of the efforts of each Georgia Leo club during the past year. The criteria will be included with all the other awards from the state, Lighthouse, Camp, and LCI. Most have a submission deadline of April 30.

I will be working with the State Convention committee regarding Leo participation in Tifton. Both the Leos and Lions have enjoyed interacting at previous conventions and I'd like to see our relationship grow even stronger. If our Leos are tomorrow's Lions - and Lion leaders - we have a responsibility to guide and encourage them to maximize their leadership potential and develop their hearts for service!



### Important Dates For Your 2015 Calendar

We're excited about all the events in store for 2015, which is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for these important dates and events in the coming year:

- \* R-word Rally, Atlanta, April 15th
- \* Over the Edge, Atlanta, May 2nd
- \* State Summer Games, Atlanta, May 29th-31st



- \* Duck Pluck, Atlanta, August 14th
- \* State Masters Bowling Tournament, Warner Robins, August 21st-23rd
- \* State Fall Games and the State Horse Show, October 9th-11th

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### Color Foam 5K

#### April 25<sup>th</sup> Conyers

We need runners and volunteers to participate in the **Color Foam 5K**, benefiting Special Olympics Georgia, April 25th at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. [Click here](#) to sign up to run and use the code OLYMPICS to receive 50% off the registration fee. [Click here](#) for details about volunteering and to sign up.



Volunteers are needed to represent Special Olympics Georgia at this colorful fun run. [Click here](#) for details and to sign up. If you're interested in volunteering, contact [Morgan Sumner](#).

### Web Site Focus Group

Do you work in Web design or digital media? We may be looking for you to participate in a Web site focus group to help us decide the next direction of the Special Olympics Georgia Web site. If interested, email [Wendy Bigham](#) by March 12th.

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### Over the Edge

#### May 2nd

Over the Edge is back for its fourth year! On Saturday, May 2nd, "edgers" will rappel 20 stories off the Buckhead Tower in Atlanta for Special Olympics Georgia. Register at [www.oteatlanta2015.org](http://www.oteatlanta2015.org). For more information contact [Lucy Faxon](#) or 770-414-9390 x118.



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### Miss Amazing Pageant

#### May 9th

Attention athletes: Join in the fun in the Miss Amazing Pageant Saturday, May 9th, where you'll participate in three categories: introduction, interview, and evening wear. There is an optional talent showcase Friday, May 8th. There is no cost to participate. Complete an application by contacting [Annie Demsey](#) or visiting [missamazingpageant.com](http://missamazingpageant.com) and bring five canned goods the day of the pageant for the food drive. [Click here](#) for the event flyer.



Betsy Lucas, a senior at Early County High School, was named the 2015 Lions Young Ambassador / LEO of the Year for District 18-O at the Lions of Georgia District 18-O Convention held February 28, 2015 in Americus, Georgia. Lucas was sponsored by the Early County LEO Club and Cordele Lions Club in this event.



## LCI NEWS

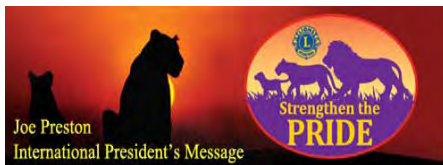


### Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site  
– click on Lions Newswire or check out  
Lions News Network  
• LQ-Lions Quarterly ?

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### International President Joe Preston



### Join Lions Helping Children in Need this May



Children are some of the most vulnerable members of society. This May 16-22, join us for the Lions

Worldwide Week of Service, where Lions all over the world will host projects to improve the lives of youth in their communities. Visit the [Worldwide Week of Service website](#) for project ideas and resources to help share your event with friends and family. And remember, no matter how you choose to serve, use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your communications. Your club's photos could be featured on the LCI Facebook page!

### Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in May

Since its beginning, Lions Clubs International has been dedicated to benefiting the lives of the world's most vulnerable populations. And there's no more vulnerable group in our community than children. That's why, this **May 16-22**, we're kicking off the Lions Worldwide Week of Service to help positively impact the lives of youth in our communities and around the world.

This year, International President Joe Preston has made serving children in need one of our international service goals, so consider hosting a project benefiting youth in your community. From organizing a book drive to remodeling a playground, there are [countless ways](#) to get involved. It's easy. Just visit the [Lions Worldwide Week of Service webpage](#) to download the club brochure and start planning your project today.

No matter how you choose to participate, you'll qualify for a Centennial Service Challenge banner patch when you report your service project benefiting Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment on the MyLCI Service Activity Report! And remember to bring your cameras, because we'll be sharing our favorite Worldwide Week of Service photos on the [LCI Facebook page](#). Just use the hashtag #Lions100 when you share your images on social media.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of the special Centennial moment. Start planning your projects today!

### Brianna Leitten Speaks about #LDUN Experience



If it weren't for a Lions vision screening at her local elementary school, Brianna Leitten might not be here today. After receiving an irregular result from the Lions, she went in for further testing and discovered a cancerous tumor in her eye. The Lions saved [Brianna's life](#) –and now she is telling her story!

On March 7, 2015 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, 7-year-old Brianna Leitten spoke to over 500 Lions and UN leaders who were gathered for the 37th annual Lions Day with the United Nations. There, she was on a panel with her mother and Lion Mike Bartle discussing the importance of vision screenings.

Watch the videos below of Brianna speaking on Good Day Rochester as she continues to spread the word about vision screenings!

#### Watch video part one

[http://www.foxrochester.com/news/features/good-day-rochester/stories/7yearold-addresses-un-pt-1-2077.shtml#.VQbdr07F\\_HX](http://www.foxrochester.com/news/features/good-day-rochester/stories/7yearold-addresses-un-pt-1-2077.shtml#.VQbdr07F_HX)

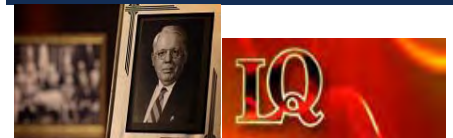
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Lions Clubs International

### LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch LQ to see the second in a series of Centennial videos and learn about Melvin's commitment to the success of Lions Clubs International.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### President's Service Blog

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

### CONTESTS

#### 2015-2016 Peace Poster Kits

Purchase a kit for this year's theme, "Share Peace."

### EVENTS

#### Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

#### #LCIcon Honolulu

Register for the 2015 Lions International Convention

#### #LeoRoar

Celebrate Leo Club Awareness this month.

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





## Lions and LCIF Are Committed to Saving Sight

Dear Lions,

As Chairperson of your Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), I have the privilege of traveling the globe to see the amazing work you Lions are doing. Every day, you provide disaster relief, empower our young people and serve our communities. You also remain committed to saving sight. Whether you are conducting vision screenings, distributing eyeglasses or medicine, you are giving the gift of sight.

Together with LCIF and partners like The Carter Center, Lions have helped to restore sight to 7.7 million people through cataract surgeries; prevented serious vision loss for more than 30 million; provided over 271 million treatments for river blindness; built or expanded 660 eye care hospitals and clinics; and trained 681,000 eye care specialists and eye health workers. Congratulations, Lions!

As we celebrate these achievements, know that there is still much work to be done. With your [contribution](#), LCIF will be able to support Lions all over the world who continue making a positive impact in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Thank you for commitment to saving and restoring sight.

*Sincerely,*

*Lion Barry J. Palmer  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*



## Lions Quest Recognized by UN



Last week, the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) held its 58<sup>th</sup> Session in Vienna, focused on the issue of drug use among youth worldwide.

The CND meeting is the largest anti-drug event on the UN's calendar. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) staff was on hand to discuss how Lions Quest has been proven a successful tool in addressing this problem around the world. During the "Innovations in Youth Drug Prevention" seminar, Lions Quest was recognized alongside a number of other leading programs. Michael Botticelli, Director of the US Office National Drug Control Policy, listed Lions Quest among the programs known to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors that help

prevent drug use among young people. LCIF staff presented the results of different studies that show that Lions Quest has successfully reduced alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use in multiple countries, including the US, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, Japan and Czech Republic.

A panel discussion about "The Role of School-Based Social Emotional Skill-Building in Youth Prevention" highlighted the effective [collaboration between LCIF and the UNODC in Serbia](#). Gilberto Gerra, Chief of the UN's Office of Drug Control (UNODC) Drug Prevention and Health Branch, congratulated LCIF for sponsoring an evidence-based program that has proven successful in so many countries.

At a separate panel discussion, leading experts presented results of a cost-benefit analysis of various drug use prevention programs. That [analysis](#) shows that every US\$1 invested in Lions Quest's *Skills for Adolescence* saves more than US\$5 in future costs. Lions Quest programs are active in more than 90 countries, impacting 13 million youth all over the world. As more and more governments and NGOs take notice of the program's accomplishments, LCIF continues to find new partners to help expand the program. A newly revised curriculum will be available soon.

Learn more about how Lions Quest [prevents substance abuse](#) = <http://www.lions-quest.org/substanceabuse.php> and how your local Lions club can [get involved](#) = <http://www.lions-quest.org/materials.php>

## Providing Treatment for River Blindness



[River blindness](#) is a parasitic infection that occurs through the bite of a black fly, and may lead to low vision or irreversible blindness, as well as disfiguring skin diseases. River blindness is endemic to Central, East and West Africa, parts of Latin America and the Middle Eastern country of Yemen.

A SightFirst grant of US\$384,298 was recently awarded to Cameroon's National Onchocerciasis Control Program. The grant will allow for continued river blindness treatment activities in the North, Far North and Adamaoua regions. More than 1.5 million Mectizan® treatments will be provided to impacted populations.

One of Merck's strongest allies has been Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). To date, Merck has donated just over 153 million treatments of Mectizan® to LCIF, making the program the longest-running medicine donation commitment in history. Not only have so many people been spared from this debilitating disease, but river blindness is on its way to being an affliction of the past; two Latin American countries—Colombia and Ecuador—have announced its complete eradication, and more countries are to follow. Merck and LCIF remain committed to this goal until it is achieved.

"Colombia's successful effort in halting onchocerciasis transmission is a landmark achievement in public health," said Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Founder of The Carter Center. "This remarkable progress would not be possible without the dedicated health workers and volunteers working at the community level and the invaluable public-private partnership with Merck and the Mectizan® Donation Program."



THIS TIME OF THE YEAR MOST CLUBS CONSIDER HONORING THEIR MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK. PURCHASING A MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP IS THE BEST SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THAT MEMBER AND THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.



### **Melvin Jones Fellowship**

Established in 1973, the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of US\$1,000. With more than 329,896 Melvin Jones Fellows worldwide, the MJF program is the backbone of LCIF and provides 75 percent of the Foundation's revenue. Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts, in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of US\$100 over a five-year period.

### **MJF Recognition:**

- MJFs receive an attractive lapel pin, plaque and congratulatory letter.
- All MJFs are invited to an annual luncheon at the Lions Clubs International Convention.
- MJF names are listed on a scrolling list at International Headquarters.
- Clubs receive an MJF banner patch and chevron the first time a member receives an MJF; each subsequent year the club receives a chevron for the first member to receive an MJF

### **Areas of Giving**

**Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will now be able to help more people than ever before. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) eligibility now includes donations to five special program areas. Donors will now be able to receive MJF and PMJF credit when directing their support to:**

- **Area of Greatest Need:** Supports all program areas and allows LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.
- **Disaster:** Enables LCIF to direct the funds to the area's most in need following disasters to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief.
- **Sight:** Funds seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.
- **Youth:** Supports the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.
- **Humanitarian Needs:** Funds projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

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L.C.I.F. DISTRICT COORDINATOR

**Remember \$1 can save a child from death from Measles**

- 11. State/County Highway Cleanup:** Club picks up trash along highway.
- 12. Christmas Dinner and Toys for Tots Drive:** Club sponsors dinner and collects toys for local children ages 0-18.
- 13. Senior Breakfast:** Club prepares and serves a free breakfast for area seniors on New Year's Day in cooperation with the Senior Center.
- 14. Run/Walk for Sight:** Club conducts a 5k run/walk each fall. Sell ads to local businesses and publish the ads in a booklet that is distributed 5-6 weeks prior to the event encouraging people to patronize the business. Charge an entrance fee and provide a t-shirt with entry fee. Ribbons and plaques are awarded. In-kind donations are solicited and a drawing is conducted for gifts with a grand prize. **Manpower** – varies. **Costs:** \$200. **Potential Revenue:** \$4000 or more.
- 15. Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus:** Breakfast with eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, hot chocolate. Event also includes selling baked goods, holiday wreaths, local arts and crafts, cookie decorating for children and a children's bike raffle. **Manpower** – varies. **Potential Revenue:** \$1,500 or more.
- 16. Golf Ball Drop:** Lions sell 2,500 numbered golf balls for \$25. The balls are released by airplane over a golf course. The **winner of the ball that comes closest to the hole receives \$10,000.** **Manpower** – varies.
- 17. Supermarket Sweep:** Club and supermarket sells tickets for \$5 – quantity 500-1,000 tickets. Winner has 5 minutes to fill grocery cart(s) of food. **Manpower** – varies.
- 18. 50/50 Raffle:** This is one of the best cheap fundraising ideas, because the only cost to the club is a roll of raffle tickets. Sell raffle tickets to donors and split the money evenly with the winner. Positive cash flow is immediate.
- 19. Chili cook-offs:** Many families have a favorite chili recipe. By organizing a friendly competition, you can help determine which chili really deserves bragging rights as the best overall. For the cost of a trophy, your club can raise a sizable amount of money.
- 20. Buckets for Donations:** EASY- This fundraiser is perfect to collect the change given at countless stores in your town. Gather old coffee cans and cover them with your cover sheet. Approach store manager and have a professional cover sheet that explains your charity and your goals of fundraising. Send a member to the store once a week to empty cans. Make sure to update the store manager on your club's progress.

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## ***Georgia Fund Raising Companies Ideas For Your Next Fundraiser***

**Alexander Haas Martin & Partners (ahmp.com)** - Comprehensive services include capital campaigns, planning studies, annual fund, planned giving, major gifts prospect research, training. [Atlanta, Georgia]

**All Star Fund Raising Programs (allstarfundraising.com)** - Bed sheet fundraisers are one of the newest and most practical ideas to hit the fundraising scene. [Woodstock, Georgia]

**Applebee's Supporting Our Neighbors <http://flapjackfunds.com/program.php?id=1>** - Applebee's wants to help your organization raise funds with a Flapjack Fundraiser - a delicious and "fun" way to start your weekend!

**Batteries For Dollars (batteriesfordollars.com)** - Is your organization tired of selling over priced products for fundraisers? Our unique battery fundraiser provides the industry's best batteries to the consumer at comparable prices. [Lawrenceville, Georgia, Georgia]

**Braddy Farms, Inc. (vidalia-onions.org)** - We have Vidalia onion fund raiser packages to fit your particular fund raising program. [Mt. Vernon, Georgia]

**E7 Graphics (e7graphics.com)** - We are your source for fundraising t-shirt printing. We offer the best quality t-shirt printing and no setup fees. [Stone Mountain, Georgia]

**EarthFriendly Communications (earthfriendly.com)** - Helps non-profits find alternative tools for fundraising. Our main platform based on finding business and residential communications solutions that are also used as fundraising vehicles. [Roswell, Georgia]

**Glennville Produce Co.(glennvilleproduce.com)** - We provide a fundraising alternative with Vidalia® sweet onions to multiple organizations that include many civic groups, schools and churches. Our quality is second to none and we go the extra mile in our services to make sure that your needs are met with our product. [Glennville, Georgia]

**Gotcha Dreaming Bed Sheet Co. (gotchadreaming.com)** - Our bed sheets are a perfect fit for your next fundraiser! Begin anytime and last as long as you want. [Canton, Georgia]

**Innovative Fundraising (innovativefundraiser.com)** - Since the inception of our bed sheet fundraiser, groups have shattered their fundraising records. [Atlanta, Georgia]

**JK Linens (jklinens.com)** - Thank you for your interest in our bed sheet fundraising opportunities. No organization is too large or too small. [Conyers, Georgia]

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts (augustadoughnut.home.mindspring.com)** - Find out why we call it fundraising!! Serving the central Savannah River area for nearly 60 years! Call us if your group or organization is looking for a fun alternative fundraiser to earn money fast!! [Augusta, Georgia]

**MatWorks Ltd (matworks.com)** - Offers front door mats in your colors printed with your name and logo or mascot for fund raising. Look under "Promotional". [Alpharetta, Georgia]

**Morris Farms (sweetonion.com)** - We have Vidalia sweet onion fund raiser packages to fit your particular fund raising program. [Uvalda, Georgia]

**ORT Honey From the Heart (orthoney.com)** fundraiser, where you can buy our 100% pure Kosher clover honey to give for Rosh Hashanah. [Atlanta, Georgia]

**Tags For Pets (tagsforpets.com)** - Purchase a fundraising pack from us and resell our personalized pet tags as part of your fundraising project. [Alpharetta]

**T.S. Outfitters (tsoutfitters.com)** - Raise over \$2,000 with a choice of over 50 apparel items or woven afghans. Customized to your school fundraising program. [Atlanta, Georgia]

**VidaliaOnionFundraising.com (vidaliaonionfundraising.com)** - Selling Vidalia sweet onions is quickly becoming one of the more popular ways of raising large amounts of money with little risk for many groups. [Vidalia, Georgia]

**Or go here: [www.fundraising-ideas.org/location/georgia.htm](http://www.fundraising-ideas.org/location/georgia.htm)**



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2015 MD 18 CONVENTION  
THE UGA TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER  
15 RDC ROAD, TIFTON, GA  
MAY 15 – 17, 2015



## HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed	# Hospitality Books	# MJF Luncheon tickets	Lion (Check)	Guest (Check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

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

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

	At 2014 Convention	June 2 – Aug. 30, 2014	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2014
Cost of Hospitality Book:	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$120.00
	Dec. 1, 2014 – Mar. 31, 2015	April 1– April 30, 2015	After deadline, May 1, 2015
	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$145.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.	\$
MJF Luncheon	#	@	\$25 each	Total Amt.	\$
Make Checks Payable To: <b>Lions of Georgia MD Convention</b>				Total Amount Due:	\$
Check #/Cash		Date Paid		Amount Paid:	\$

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LIONS OF GEORGIA MD18 CONVENTION**  
**SEND FORM AND CHECK TO: Lion PDG Duncan Sinclair, Convention Treasurer**  
**569 Minisee Road, Moultrie, GA 31768**

**We're having a Luau! Dress Hawaiian and join the fun.**

The official hotels are off I-75 - Exit 62 & Highway 82:

**Comfort Inn & Suites** (905 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8250) \$85\* per night.

**Country Inn & Suites** (901 7<sup>th</sup> St W, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8100) \$85\* per night.

Rooms are also available at:

**Holiday Inn Express** (814 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-3300) \$95\* per night.

**Days Inn & Suites** (1199 82W, Tifton GA 31794, 229-382-8505) \$65\* per night.

\*Applicable taxes will be added to all room rates.

Don't forget to mention that you are with the Lions of Georgia.

There is a lot to see and do – from the Agrirama ( Georgia 's MUSEUM OF Agriculture and Historic Village ),  
National Peanut Museum , The Golf Club of Georgia, to downtown Tifton with its great shops!



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