

Lions of Georgia

In my travels around the state – what I found was two areas that our Leaders and Chairpersons seem to lack:



Communicating

Leaders have the responsibility of communicating their message in a way that motivates others to action. The greatest of communication skills won't help you if you're not using them to talk about the results that matter. Leaders must always at all cost talk about the right things to the right people at the right time. Whether you like the person **or** not – **listen and ask questions**. One example that many Lions do not know - Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club check out page 10. Check out page 33

As I have always said

"Communication is the KEY"

Goal

The GOAL of any organizational project is to close the GAP between where we are and where we want to be, so leaders must be able to identify the problems, consider various solutions and then select the best options.

Many problems could be solved if we had unlimited people, material resources, money, and time. Leaders are good at assessing how much change is possible giving the constraints of reality. Leaders answer the question, "What will it take to get from here to there?" To adequately assess what needs to be done to close the gap, leaders quantify: How much? How many? How well? How fast? How often?

Goals define the results that will be achieved. Goals if reached by accident are seldom repeated and can't be replicated so a leader must be able to develop forward-looking executable plans to keep the team moving forward.



Hmmmm = Does your Lions Club have this Highway Sign outside of your city limits?
Show your PRIDE and let people know you do exist and alive and well.

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



State News



Council received reports or comments as follows:

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT – LION JAMES E. “JIM”

ERVIN: PIP Ervin thanked ID Kembra for the excellent leadership she is providing for Lions in Georgia and Lionism worldwide.

He reminded Governors that they are part of a team in their District. This includes the two Vice District Governors, the District GLT and GMT Coordinators, and the Zone Chairmen. As District Governors they need to be aware of their responsibility to utilize and manage them to the benefit of the District. He pointed out that there are many membership webinars that are held by LCI. He suggested that Governors sit in and listen. He stated it was amazing how many great ideas are available by listening to those who are having success with membership development. He stated that Governors should look to find areas able to sustain a Lions Club.

PIP Ervin discussed the International Board Meeting to be held in Savannah. He stated that after the Board meets and decides what they will do, Georgia will decide the venue for the Host night. He stated that they need a key person in the Savannah area who has a lot of contacts and can help us to raise some funds to help cover the expenses of hosting the Board Meeting for the International Family. He stated that the Lighthouse will be working to put on a mini Night of Spectacles; this will help to share the mission of the Lighthouse and Camp, and give the International Family a chance to see what we are doing in Georgia.

PIP Ervin reminded Governors that ID Smith will be working with each District Governor to decide who will be the speaker for each District Convention. Once that speaker is confirmed, it is still imperative that the DG fill out a speaker request form and send it in to LCI.

He stated that he will be in contact with Bob Corlew to see if Tennessee would like to host the Southeastern Breakfast this year, rather than Georgia. PIP Ervin stated that 4 certified Delegates from Georgia did not vote. He stated that everyone who is registered to vote should take the time to vote.

PIP Ervin stated that everyone knows that Past President Jimmy Carter has been diagnosed with Cancer. He asked that all Lions keep President Carter in their prayers; he is a wonderful Lion and a great example of Lionism not only for Georgia, but to the Lions of the world.

He asked that everyone go home and read the Lions Code of Ethics. He stated that sometimes Lions forget how important this code is. He asked all to live under the Code of Ethics and to work in harmony and to get any dissention out now.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION KEMBRA SMITH:

Director Smith stated that she is currently serving on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee which means not only do they review the Constitution and By-Laws, and the Policy Manual updates, they also address governance issues.

ID Smith encouraged Governors to not take much action on their Constitution and By-Laws because a lot of changes are coming. Some were implemented this year and some will be coming next year. Rather than rewriting the constitution this year, wait until after the convention in 2017. This year's Board Policy Manual was changed to put less emphasis on meeting attendance. Emphasis is not on attending meetings but on participation; so that you are in a position to talk to your secretaries about counting attendance at service projects or fund raisers and that is more important than just attending meetings.

Episodic Volunteers...bringing involvement in an episode of volunteering instead of a full lifetime commitment to Lions. She stated that the Governors will probably be surveyed about this. One of the things they are talking about is cruises ... a Lions Cruise that would go and do service projects in third world countries and that would be a Lions endeavor sponsored by Lions but not necessarily involving people who are traditional Lions.

ID Smith discussed Leadership Development. Faculty Development and Emerging Lions and Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes applications were all up this year and as a result the Board approved more training. In some areas there were non-functioning GMT and GLT coordinators. There is now a policy in place to approve a replacement of these positions at the International level when the DG does not feel comfortable handling it.

In coordination with the Global Development Team, which is a new program which was put into place last year at the International level, this incorporates service and fundraising. The purpose of this is to get Lions more involved with new partnerships for service and for financial backing; trying to get partnerships with government and corporations.

ID Smith discussed World Service Week. She stated that the exciting thing about this week of service is that typically in any given week, Lions Clubs around the world do about 450,000 acts of service. During the Weeks of Service, we registered over 5 million acts of service.

She stated that Governors should encourage their clubs to focus on involvement, not attendance; the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws will be changed. Clubs should be encouraged to not repeat Presidents, Secretaries, to use new people in these positions and this would hold true on the District level as well.

A publicity Grant was discussed. A District or Multiple District can request the \$15,000.00 grant; however the District or Multiple District would have to have matching funds.

She pointed out that the Board approved a deficit budget at the International level. Some of that was due to a reduction in the investments, and some money had to be moved over. She stated that they are making as many changes as they can to offset this deficit. They are doing away with First Class Flights for those who currently get those; and suggesting things to reduce the budget.

ID Smith stated that there are a lot of changes coming down to the Constitution and By-Laws. She encouraged Governors to wait on any changes they might want to the MD constitution until these changes are in place. The Board Policy Manual has been changed to include that if a person has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude they cannot be a member of LCI.

Lion ID Smith discussed reallocation of representation on the Board. There has been a restructuring of the Board for LCIF. International Directors are no longer members of the Board of Directors for LCIF. This is an effort to involve more corporations and government positions.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – LION HAYNES

TOWNSEND: PID Townsend stated that he enjoyed serving as Announcer for the International Parade in Honolulu. He stated that he has had the privilege to serve as Vice Chair on the Centennial committee for Constitutional Area One. He was also appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee, a new Committee appointed by PIP Joe Preston to look at the resumes of those candidates running for International Executive Office. Two fine endorsed candidates have been chosen. He commended the Council for the work they are doing. ID Kembra Smith thanked PID Townsend for his work on the Elections Task Force.

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR – DR. BEVERLY

ROBERTS: PID Roberts reminded Governors to work as a team not only on the Council but with their cabinet and district officers. She pointed out that Governors should work within the Constitution not only in the MD but in the LCI Constitution. Governors should not get too far away from and

should stay within those confines.

PID Roberts pointed out that Protocol is not just how to set up a Head Table; Protocol is doing the right thing at the right time, for the right people and for the right reason. There are certain ways that you do certain things. She stated that we certainly don't want to embarrass Georgia or our Past International President when we inadvertently do something we should not have done.

She offered her help in any way possible and wished them much success in their year.

REPORT OF COUNCIL SECRETARY and STATE CONVENTION – LION HANNAH FLYNN, DG 18-0:

DG Flynn called attention to a State Office Report in each file. DG Flynn asked for approval of the State Office Lease, which is year to year at \$150.00 per month. DG Mundy, 18-I, made a motion to approve the State Office Lease; motion seconded by DG Flynn, 18-O, and motion carried.

STATE CONVENTION

Two bids were received for the 2017 State Convention. DG Carlson, 18-L, made a motion to have the 2017 State Convention at the Hilton Atlanta Airport on May 24-28, 2017. Motion seconded by DG Mundy, 18-I. Motion was approved with one DG abstaining. Mark Miller will be the local Convention Chair with DG Fred Carlson assisting. Jasper and Bartow County Lions Clubs have agreed to co-host the convention. Scheduled speaker will be then International President Bob Corlew.

A. PDG Georgia Taylor presented a Final Report on the 2015 Tifton State Convention.

B. PDG Dave Forrest discussed the Callaway Gardens Convention in 2016. There are about 160 paid registrations at this time. He asked the Council to promote attendance at the convention. He asked the Council to stop early enough on Saturday afternoon during the convention so that families can have an opportunity to visit the gardens. If there is anything which needs to be scheduled for the Convention, please contact PDG Dave Forrest to reserve the space. Lion David McDonald, Convention Treasurer, distributed information about those registered, and a by district list. Council would like to have updates each time the committee meets and has new information. When you make your room reservations at Callaway Gardens, be sure to do it under the group name Lions of Georgia.

C. 2017 convention. PCC Miller stated that a signed contract is still needed for the Atlanta Airport Hilton. The Convention will be an a la carte option, so that each person attending the convention would pay a base fee, but then be allowed to choose which of the additionally funded activities that they would like to participate in, which meal's they would like to attend. It will be cheaper to take the whole package, including the breakfast, MJF Luncheon, etc. The Committee will be asking Council approval to have this type of option for the convention, at the next Council Meeting. Registrations for the convention will be taken online. People will be able to register and pay for their housing online before this year's state convention. Committee does not feel they will need any advance from the Council. They feel they will surpass the 350 attendance in the contract and that they will have 800 for the banquet. DG Mundy, 18-I, made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Motion seconded by DG Flynn, 18-O, and motion carried. CC May will sign the contract today.

D. Future Conventions. CC May encouraged all Governors to seek out areas willing and able to host a State Convention, and to try to keep it on a rotating basis by District. The 2018 convention should be held in 18-I in keeping with this rotation.

REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIR – LION FRED CARLSON, DG 18-L: DG Carlson stated that this year is Georgia's turn to host the Southeastern Breakfast. Since Bob Corlew is from Tennessee, they might like to take over the Breakfast this year. CC May asked PIP Ervin and ID Kembra Smith to find out if Tennessee wants to host this year's Southeastern Breakfast.

DG Carlson stated that the Council would like to revise the Jamboree and make it a signature event in 2017. There are plans to possibly partner with the Lighthouse in this endeavor. A change in the International Parade Uniform was discussed. DG Mundy and Kathy Carlson are working on this. PIP Ervin stated that if a different uniform is selected, he would like for them to use the Lions Centennial Logo on it.

A. CC May stated that PCC Richard Brown has submitted the following letter from the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau concerning the proposed bid for the 2021 International Convention to be held in Atlanta: *As we have discussed, at this time, we are unable to move forward with the 2021 bid for the initial dates offered of 6/30/21-7/9/21. Based on changes in our availability and the time frame of the decision making process, the dates will not be available. We offered alternate dates where we could ensure a first option hold, but unfortunately they did not fall in the time frame necessary to host the Lions Club International Convention. I apologize about any inconvenience this has caused and look forward to working with you in the future. Thank you so much for all of your support and help that you've provided in our bid processes.*

REPORT OF MD 18 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR – LION PCC BILL CRAIG: PCC Craig stated that he is looking for direction from the Council about what they would like for the Committee to work on this year.

REPORT OF MD 18 CHAIR, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – LION C. MARK MILLER, PCC: PCC Miller stated that each Governor has received a copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws a few weeks ago. That is the Constitution that ID Kembra and her committee together with the Standard Constitution attached as By-Laws for a District. The current Georgia Constitution has been revised so much and it has been the recommendation to start over with the Standard Multiple District and District Constitution which is combined in that document. That is where the Committee is starting. It is his intent, based on what he has heard from the Council that the Committee will be moving forward and will present a new Constitution in total based on the Standard MD Constitution at this year's convention. The document will be presented at the next Council Meeting. It is imperative that each DG talk with the Committee member in their district and decide what they want added to the document over and above the model.

REPORT OF STATE MAGAZINE EDITOR AND MD 18 LCIF CHAIR – LION ED HASHBARGER, PDG: He distributed reports to each Governor showing contributions from clubs in each District. Also included are LCIF suggested speaking points for use by DGs and VDGs during their club visits. LCIF goal this year is Fifty million dollars from around the world. PDG Hashbarger included an application for MJF in each file.

You may not know that the History of Club Donations, Status of Installments, MJF Listing and LCIF Recap are forwarded to each of your District LCIF Chairs. At the present time — we need one more in the northern part of District L. The position is a 3 year commitment and dedication in getting the word out on LCIF. The goal is to have two (2) Coordinators within each District. Charitable contributions have decreased for some reason I do not know. In my travels around I found out that we still have a problem in getting the word out. I highly recommend to the upcoming District Governor's and Vice District Governor's that they make sure that they take 2 minutes to say something about LCIF and ask each club to give a donation - \$20.00 minimum surely this is not too much to ask for and set yourself a goal at being a 100% District. At present, if your District meets its goal — you and the District Coordinator will get the LCIF Chairperson's Medal. You can also get a Certificate if your District is 100%.

Also, again, I found that not all clubs know about many of the other Lions projects we have and never received any programs on these projects — I encourage you to get your Chairs involved and travel. Again, some of the clubs have been worried only about what is going on within their own communities — this is fine — but they have to realize that sometime in the future — monies might be needed to help restore their community. Much

has been given and we have received a good amount in return.

REPORT OF MD 18 REPRESENTATIVE TO LEADER DOGS –

LION BILL GRAHAM: Lion Graham submitted a written report, and distributed other material to the Governors. Leader Dog for the Blind Donations 2014/2015

I have previously sent out the results Leader Dog published in July 2015 for Lion Year 2014/2015. We had good participation from each district. No district had 100% participation. I have attached each districts report as information.

MD-18 State Leader Dog Representative's Goals for Lion Year 2015/2016: Leader Dog Annual Giving - 100% for MD-18. I am going to encourage each District Leader Dog Representative to adopt this goal also. I have had some difficulty in contacting all of the District Leader Dog Representatives. The only one I have made definite contact with is Herbert Hughes from District 18-0. In addition to visiting clubs, I am asking the Leader Dog Representatives to ask the Zone Chairs to encourage the clubs to participate in Leader Dog Annual Giving and the Canine Development Program, which is covered below.

I am also encouraging each District Leader Dog Representative to consider assigning a Co-Chair. This will allow more coverage and develop future Leader Dog Representatives.

- Leader Dog Canine Development Project - 100% MD-18 participation spread over 3 years The Canine Development Project is a one-time special giving program akin to the campaign the GA Lighthouse had several years ago. Leader Dog is asking each club to consider making a one-time gift of 150% of their average annual giving. If this is a problem for the club's budget they are suggesting spreading the gift over three years. More information on this project can be found at <http://www.leaderdog.org>. I will send out additional information to the District Leader Dog Representatives and encourage them to cover this at District Cabinet meetings, clubs they visit and to encourage their Zone Chairs to cover this project with the clubs they visit.

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

CC May called attention to a report in each file from the Lion Tamer, who was unable to attend since he is out of town for business. His report was as follows:

I am out of several sizes of the parade shirt. We will need to decide on continuing the shirt. We had been working through 1st VDG Leslie Miller. We will need to find out if the supplier still has the type of shirt and if they are willing to provide another order of shirts. If available, I will put together an order. I signed up today for a new Square reader for the store. There is a cost of \$49.00 for this reader which will allow reading of the new chip embedded credit cards. I will be charged at the time of shipment which is late this year. Once shipped they will credit any processing fees for 3 months. We may get some of the expense back depending on when they ship and how close to the District Conventions. This is 3.75% of the transactions.

REPORT OF MD 18 CENTENNIAL CHAIR – LION PDG

CATHY THREATT: PIP Jim Ervin stated that for the next four months ads will be placed in 70 different movie theaters throughout the United States.

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN – LION CHIP NEDZA: The Newest addition to the Georgia Lions Museum is the "Peach Bowl Exhibit." The family of PID George P. Crumbley has donated his entire collection of Peach Bowl Memorabilia to our Georgia Lions Museum, item included in this collection are: Peach Bowl Programs, Plaques, Awards, Banners and other significant items from 1968 to 1985 when the Peach Bowl was sponsored by the Lions of MD18. At this time the memorabilia is being Photographed and cataloged and should be available for display next spring.

REPORT ON DIABETES AWARENESS: Lion DeMarks discussed the Strides Walk in Georgia. She is planning to work with the ADA to see about organizing a Strides Walk.

Old Business:

A. Campus Club Fees: CC May stated that last year's Council voted to reduce the State dues by 50% to be in line with International. This information needs to be sent to all Campus Clubs, all Secretaries, and to all students in Lions Clubs. Each District Cabinet will have to decide whether or not they will reduce the amount of district dues.

B. Ethics Committee: PID Beverly Roberts stated that she and Dr. John Pearce have been putting together the Ethics Program. Dr. Pearce will attend the Virginia Lions presentation on Ethics at the Forum. She stated that she has participated in a webinar on this, and they should be prepared to do what the Council wants them to do with this after the USA/Canada Forum. Governors were asked to turn in their Ethics Committee appointment to the State Office so that the Ethics Committee can begin to function.

New Business:

A. 2016 Georgia Lions Towels: CC May stated that the Council has decided to have the Towels this year. Governors will get together and decide the number and color of towels to be ordered. Council Advisor Newby will work to put the order together.

B. Georgia Lions Pins: CC May stated that there is a report from Don Wagner in each file. The Pin Traders Committee would like to have Council approval to order 250 pins for their organization, and 300 pins for the Council. DG Mundy, 18-I, made a motion that Council approve the design for the 2016 State Pin as submitted by the Pin Traders and approve an order of 300 of the State Pins. Motion seconded by DG Carlson, 18-L, and motion carried.

C. State Directories: DG Mundy, 18-I, stated that Council has discussed moving the State Directory to totally electronic. She stated that Districts I, O, and N are currently available on the State Website. District L will be sent to the website next week. The Directory can be downloaded and saved to a Lion's computer. District Governors have agreed that those Clubs needing hard copies, the Governors will print them out and get them to the Club. The State Office will put all the Districts and State material together into one pdf document. DG Mundy, 18-I, made a motion to move away from paper directories to electronic. Council will work with State Office and Rick Mizell to get all of the information into one document. DG Varnadoe, 18-N, seconded the motion and motion carried.

D. Lions Museum: CC May thanked the Lighthouse for providing the space, renovations and cabinets for the museum. DG Carlson, 18-L, made a motion that the Lighthouse be recognized with a special award for their participation in the housing and other considerations for the museum. DG Anne Mundy will work on this award. DG Mundy, 18-I, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(1) CC May stated that Council would like for the Long Range Planning Committee to come up with some guidelines on the items in the Museum. PIP Ervin stated that he felt the Lighthouse, the Long Range Planning Committee, and the Historian should work together to formulate guidelines concerning items in the museum. Ownership of the items in the museum should be determined; are they the property of MD 18, the individual owner of the item, etc.

(2) CC May stated that when he visited the museum there was a donation box, and \$34.00 had been donated. He turned the money in to the State Office.

E. DG Anne Mundy stated that they would like to have the Chair of the State Awards Committee and the State Lion Tamer available at the October meeting so that the Council can ask some questions of them.

F. CC May stated that the next Council Meeting will be October 31st in Warner Robins at the Hilton Garden Inn. Council Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Please make reservations through the hotel so that the meeting space will be at no charge. The Lighthouse will meet at 1:00 PM, followed by the Camp.

G. DG Larry Varnadoe thanked all the Governors and other Lions who extended help and encouragement to him when he was ill.



Fred Carlson
DISTRICT "L"

Griffin Lions Club



Griffin Lions "Cub Camp Safety Day Camp" May 2016. Thanks to all the Public Service men and women who came and gave their time to the youth of Spalding County and the City of Griffin. Griffin Lions Club and Griffin Fire-Rescue Cub Safety Camp will be held on Saturday, May 17th, 9-2. Free and lunch will be provided. Participants will be, county fire department, DARE, water safety, helicopter, safety house and much more. Call 678-758-5178 to register. Mardi Gras Ball Fundraiser February 2016. Great job Griffin Lions Club!

The Griffin LC will celebrate its 64th year as a member of the Lions of GA family on 10/25/2015. The Griffin LC has sponsored several clubs and provided three District Governors in 1964, 1970 and 2012.

In recent years club membership maintains an average of 26 multicultural, multi-gender members. These members whose ages are from 21 to 77 years, offer new and exciting programs and services to the Southern end of District 18 L.

Each year the club holds a festive Mardi Gras event, participates in the Spalding County Great Mayfling Fair, 4th of July Parade, The Doc Holliday Celebration, The Kiwanis County Fair and the Griffin City Christmas Parade. The exposure and participation in these events aids the club to expand its Vision and Hearing services in local schools. More citizens seek humanitarian services due to the club's visibility. Our Leo and Cub programs are enhanced with more community children exposed to club programs.



Anne Mundy
DISTRICT "T"

Norcross Lions Club

Norcross Lions Club became the first Lions Club within Gwinnett County - Chartered 14 March 1944. The charter members included the City of Norcross Mayor and all Councilman, Bank President, Police Chief, Gwinnet County Deputy Sheriff, plus other leaders within Norcross. In fact Norcross had Lion Roy Carlyle who was a national celebrity and major league baseball player who still held the world record for hitting a baseball farthest in an official game – 618 feet on 4 July 1929.

The Club was granted permission to use a parcel of land owned by the Gwinnet County School Board and build their club house. The Lions built the football stands around the Norcross High School football field and helped with the field for the Dixie League. They sold brooms and mops, the famous light bulbs many remember (and we still had a couple hidden in a back room). They supported the High School – members completely rewired the old High School for electric lights, all done in one weekend. They provided funds for the athletic field house and basketball court that was later constructed adjacent to the football field and also supported spring and fall track meets. A scholarship was given each year until the HOPE program started. They also supported the Girls Scouts, held pancakes breakfasts in support of Lions Quest, held turkey shoots and sold Xmas trees. The Norcross Lions organized the first festival within Gwinnet County – Pinckneyville Festival. They rebuilt a small park now called Lions Norcross Park. They also did an annual tree lighting ceremony during the Christmas season.

Those were the good days and now since 2010 times have changed. The new Mayor and City Council came in and with lack of communication did not know anything about what the Lions had been doing within the community. The City took over many of the projects the Lions were doing. Now, as in many other clubs, we are a few and struggling in finding new members.

We still are able to participate on the 4th of July, was able to participate in the British Car Show, trying to get our foot in the door with what is called the Arts Festival, provide hot cocoa during the Xmas tree lighting – in order to gain funds to support our 4 major projects – Lighthouse, Camp, Leader Dog and LCIF. We also give a \$100 to a Norcross High School student each month during the school season. We also try to support other community affairs.

Our main services recently has been eye screening. At a Back to School event at a local Baptist church the Norcross Lions Club provided eye screening for children and adults in preparation for the beginning of school on August 10. We screened 70 children and referred 15 to eye doctors. Of those children there were 16 children under the age of 6 with 4 referred to eye doctors. (KidsSight USA). In addition we screened 31 adults and referred 7 to eye doctors. We also performed eye exams at Norcross Elementary School in Norcross, Georgia. The Lions screened 454 children and 9 adults and found 90 children and 4 adults had to be referred for further eye exams and possibly get much needed glasses. The timing was perfect as it was during Children's Dignity Week. Also scanned approximately 101 at Meadowcreek High School in Norcross. All during August and we are expected to do more in September and October.





Hannah Flynn
DISTRICT "O"

Warner Robins Lions Club

Lions breaks ground on new hall and park

On Monday, 31 August guests and members of the Warner Robins Lions Club celebrated the beginning of a new meeting/banquet hall and community park with a groundbreaking ceremony. Some of the guests in attendance were Houston County and city of Warner Robins employees and Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms.



"I would like to thank all of the Lions Club members for all they do for our city," said Toms. "It's exciting to see this vision come alive, breaking the ground."

Treasurer Randall Dodd said the Lions Club has sort of operated in the shadows. *"The Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world. There are over 1.4 million members in 210 different countries and geographical areas. Here in Warner Robins, the Lions Club was first started in 1947."*

Dodd said they never really had their own meeting hall. He said over the years they have just moved from place to place. The park will include a couple of pavilions, swings and swings made for the handicapped.

"Children in wheelchairs never get to experience the fun of a park," said Dodd. "Well, now they have equipment designed to hold wheelchairs and we plan to bring that here in Warner Robins. There will be swings and hoping to get a merry-go-round as well."

Even though the Warner Robins Lions Club has been around for 68 years, Dodd said not many people know about them.

"We plan to change that," said Dodd.





Larry Varnadoe
DISTRICT "N"

Milledgeville Lions Club

Discussed upcoming events. Approved \$100.00 donation to "Christmas in July" for GA Lions Camp at the Camp on July 18th. Ordered new Banner. 18 N First Cabinet Meeting July 25, 2015 Two Lions attended this event in Baxley, GA. Lions Wade Hodges and PDG Paul May. There was Secretary and other training at the event. Members: Lions Therry Deal and PDG Paul May serve food to the needy weekly at Café Central. Donation at Lions Day at the Camp Sponsored a camper to attend the GA Lions Camp in Waycross, GA. Four Lions: Wade Hodges, Ed Menger, PDG Paul May and Mary Anne May attended the festivities at our GA Lions Camp in Waycross Contributed to "Christmas in July"

First meeting chaired by our President David Self. He conducted/presented our program. Program presented by Brione Burrows with the Central Ga Technical School. He outlined various services for education provided, one of which was for 150 CNA's for new Bostic hospital for aging prisoners to be built on current Central State Hospital Campus. Lions PDG Paul May and Therry Deal worked at soup kitchen at Café Central each Tuesday assisting with serving meals 475 to the homeless. They assist with cleanup as well. \$50 Donation to GA Sherriff's Youth Home Proposal to recruit "Empty Nesters". Motion to pursue new pond venue for Fish-a-thon carried. Currently scheduled for 5-14-16 at Baldwin Recreation Dept. LCI member survey in progress. Kitchens Family Fall Festival set for November 14-15th Actions reported to LCI this month. New uniform shirts and felt awards banner have been ordered.

Melvin Jones. Awarded Melvin Jones to Lion Kenneth Herbst accrued from our account.



Veterans Cookout. Milledgeville Lions cooked hamburgers June 6th for the GA War Veterans at the GA War Veterans Home during their Spring Fling. Lion's spouse, Sue Wright cleaned eye glasses for them. Lion Therry Deal entertained with fun songs. Lions Batson, Powelski and Herbst grill hamburgers and wieners



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>



“Ask One” Begins At Home

Lions volunteering with family is a great way for families to have fun and feel closer. It is even better when family members become Lions! If you ask one, you should ask your closest friend, the person you trust most – your loving spouse and partner. Share your commitment and enthusiasm for Lions with your family members. Families that serve together as Lions establish a family tradition of serving others.

Membership Webinars

Membership webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Panelists are made up of Lions from around the world and Membership Development Division staff. Below contains a list of webinars with the link.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/membership-webinars.php>

Global Membership Team Specialists

The multiple district and district GMT coordinators will develop two teams of Lions to serve as the **Membership and New Club Growth Team** and the **Club Success Team** based on identified needs. These two teams are appointed for a three-year term. Multiple district teams are appointed by the council of governors in consultation with the MD GMT coordinator and the GMT area leader. District teams are appointed by the DG Team in consultation with the multiple district GMT coordinator and the district GMT coordinator.

Membership and New Club Growth Team

Responsibilities:

- Identifies opportunities for **building new clubs** = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/tk1.pdf>
- Encourages **outreach to new members** = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me300.pdf>

Examples of Membership and New Club Growth Team Specialists:

• **Campus Club Specialist** = Campus club specialists contribute to the success of their districts through the development of Campus Lions clubs and continual support. Appointed at the district and multiple district level, campus specialists encourage students and the campus community to bring new energy, inspire fresh ideas for service and grow Lions Clubs to increase hands for service.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/global-membership-team/gmt-campus-specialist.php#sthash.uHUA15KO.dpuf>

• **New Club Development Specialist** = New club development specialists are members of the GMT for a district or multiple district. These specialists serve three-year terms to oversee the growth of new Lions clubs throughout the district or multiple district. This position is important because it helps identify communities in need that are not currently served by Lions and then helps charter new Lions clubs in these communities. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/gmt706.pdf>

• **Family & Women’s Specialist** = Family and Women’s Specialists are members of the GMT for a district or multiple district. These specialists serve three-year terms to oversee the growth and participation of women and family members throughout the district or multiple district. - <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/global-membership-team/gmt-family-women-specialist.php#sthash.tM3EBnwX.dpuf>

• **Special Interest Club Specialist** = Special interest club specialists are members of the GMT for a district or multiple district. These specialists serve three-year terms to oversee the growth of new special interest Lions clubs, or place new members into existing special interest Lions clubs throughout the district or multiple district. This position is important because it helps identify what special interests prospective Lions are passionate about, and helps them facilitate service projects that match their interests. They also help connect prospective members with others in their community who share their interests. - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/gmt705.pdf>



• **Young Adult Specialist** = Young adult specialists are members of the GMT for a district or multiple district. These specialists serve three-year terms in which he/she oversees the growth and participation of young adult members in the district or multiple district. Because young adults have great potential for Lions growth, this position is critically important to the overall health and vitality of the association. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/gmt702.pdf>

Club Success Team

Responsibilities:

- Focuses on engaging Lions in [community service projects](#) and identifying new service opportunities.
- Promotes [member satisfaction](#).
- Fosters healthy clubs to maintain and engage members, and assists in the rebuilding of struggling clubs.

Examples of Club Success Team Specialists:

- Community Service Specialist
- Member/Membership Satisfaction Specialist
- Mentoring Specialist
- Publications Specialist
- Rebuilding Specialist
- Service Reporting Specialist
- Technology Specialist

Dear U.S. Lion,

We are pleased to share that Lions Clubs International is extending the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* pilot program through **June 30, 2016**. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions club in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Visit the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* web page to download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release.

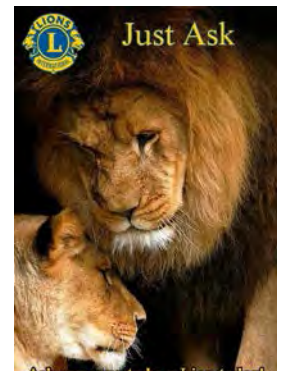
[Learn More](#)

http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/us-veteran-program.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5803%20Veterans%20Prog%20extension%20EN

Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely,

Membership Development Division
Lions Clubs International



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

As MD 18 GMT Chair, PDG Price submitted the following printed report:

This year, all of the district governors have committed to starting two new clubs and achieve positive net membership growth in each district. For this to happen, we are obviously going to have to have a large team approach. The zone chairs are a critical piece to the success of these goals. The GLTs training programs will be vital to provide the tools needed.

The GMTs will be calling the zone chairs monthly for club information. We will also be encouraging club health, not numbers, by promoting LCI membership initiatives, including the My Club, My Way program, the Club Quality Initiative (formerly called CEP), Membership Satisfaction Guide, and the Just Ask! Series. I have asked the district GMTs to make as many club visits as they can and to initiate two positions in each district: Membership and New Club Growth Team and the Club Success Team. The district GMTs also will assist each District Governor with recruiting quality members to be trained as certified guiding lions.

Hopefully, through these initiatives and others be implemented around the state, we will end this year with a strong, happy Lions membership.

DG Larry Varnadoe stated that the St. Mary's Club will be a Branch Club of the Golden Isles Lions Club. CC May pointed out that the newest Lions Club is the Chamblee Lighthouse Lions Club, and that they started out as a Branch Club.



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

Go to this web site: <http://lions.alkonhosting.com/EN/webinar/player.html>

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](#).

Online courses in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) provide Lions with the opportunity to develop leadership skills. Download [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (pdf). **New Improved Login:** Create a personal profile to take courses and keep a record of your completed courses. View a [quick video](#) on this process <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/login-video.php>. Go to the [Course Registration Page](#) to login.

LOGIN

<https://secure.starfieldtms.com/lci/TMS/Security/Login.aspx?Url=%2f%2fdefault.aspx&culture=en-US>

Note: The Lions Learning Center (LLC) is a separate system from MyLCI. To create an account and log into the LLC you will use your Lions Member ID number and create your own Password.

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

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p>Meeting Management Effective and efficient club meetings are an indispensable way to sustain member satisfaction. This webinar provides the basics of good meeting management including planning, agenda preparation, essential facilitation skills, and post-meeting evaluation.</p> <hr/> <p>Conflict Resolution Webinar disarms the idea of conflict by revealing the benefits of conflict, the five typical ways conflict is managed, the pros and cons of various approaches and conflict management “best practices.”</p>	<p>Register for a session: Wednesday, 7 October 2015, 1:00pm Friday, 16 October 2015, 8:00pm</p> <hr/> <p> Wednesday, 4 November 2015, 1:00pm Friday, 6 November 2015, 8:00pm</p>

Involve the Next Generation! Learn how to Start a Campus Club!

Start planning today so you are prepared for the start of the school year. Forming a campus club provides students an opportunity to have a local impact on their community. Join us to learn about tools and strategies for forming and supporting a campus club.

Listen [Copy and paste the below for the entire Membership Webinar calendar and past webinars](#) = <https://vimeo.com/lionsclubs/review/128404434/b3f8858d20#5.20%20Webinar>

Service Activity Webinars = A webinar is a virtual lecture or training session presented live on the Internet. The session includes PowerPoint presentation, handouts, video, interactive questions and answers. There is also an audio component that is available either over the phone or over the Internet. Webinars are a great way for Lions to conference or train together over the Internet. Throughout the year we will offer broadcasted service-activity presentations. You can attend a webinar in your office or at home at your own convenience.

[Copy and paste the below for the entire Service Activities Webinar calendar and past webinars](#) = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/service-activity-webinars.php>

Looking ahead for Future Events Coming

GLT Area Leader Joe Pitts invites you to a Presenters' Workshop on Saturday, October 31 at Jackson State Community College in Humboldt, TN. The attached application gives all the details that you need. There is no registration, and no prerequisites to attend; however, participants will have to pay their own way to and from the meeting. Lunch will be provided. The purpose of this workshop is to improve your presentation skills. The outcome of this workshop would be for you to make meaningful and worthwhile presentations in your district. Contact PCC Joe Pitts, PO Box 6113, Chappells, SC 29037, or email me at joepitts6@msn.com to get an application form.

Lions Leadership Institute of the South in Florida, April 14-17, 2016 and in Mississippi, June 2-4, 2016.

Leadership Resource Center

The Global Leadership Team = **Leadership** is critical to the overall success of any organization, including Lions Clubs International. An effective leadership team provides the vision, guidance and motivation necessary for our association to continue to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to communities around the world. - <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/global-leadership-team/index.php#sthash.8OllqEK9.dpuf>

The Global Leadership Team (GLT) provides for an enhanced focus on leadership development, which is critical to the future vitality of our association. The GLT directs its efforts toward identifying and cultivating effective leaders through active training and leadership development initiatives, while providing necessary information, guidance and motivation.

Lions Learning Center = Available and categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php>

Development Programs = Learning is a lifelong process and Lions Clubs International believes all leaders can benefit from training. In support of this idea, LCI provides a variety of development opportunities where current and future leaders can enhance their leadership skills. The GLT has determined the types of institute's best suited for their respective Constitutional Area. Not all institute types (ALLI, ELLI, and FDI) are available for Lions in every constitutional area. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/index.php#sthash.0HOzDhhW.dpuf>

Training Materials/Resources = Leadership training materials/resources include a mix of curriculum materials, speaking presentations with notes, and activity guides. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/training-resources/index.php#sthash.5UwG5KOR.dpuf>

Include Club Officers Orientation, Zone Chairperson and Vice District Governor Team Training.

Leadership Communication = Leadership Communication is focused on increasing the success of Lions in leadership roles. Communication includes the quarterly Leader Network e-Newsletter, audio podcasts, and leadership success stories shared by Lions. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/leadership-communication/index.php#sthash.iuM5TwGV.dpuf>

Current news and shared knowledge through the Leader Network e-Newsletter, podcasts and Leadership Success Stories.

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

PCC Miller stated that there was a successful Zone Chair Training last weekend in Dahlonaga. PCC Miller thanked DG Mundy for hosting that event. The second Zone Chair Training starts today at 1:00 PM, and the third Training will be coordinated by Lil Shurtleff in Douglas, Georgia next weekend.

He stated that Georgia's participation in the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is 423% over the average for the last five years. He stated that he had the opportunity to work with archived video of Jimmy Carter to present at this year's Forum. President Carter was being interviewed by the University of Georgia about Legacy Leaders in Georgia. He was asked the question "If you were going to advise someone who wanted to follow in your footsteps, what would you tell them to do?" President Carter answered (paraphrased), "First thing that man or woman needs to do is get to know their community. Get involved in their community. When I got out of the Navy and came back to Plains, I became Assistant Scout Master, and I joined the Lions Club." He went on to say that he joined the Lions Club, learned his community, and elected him District Governor. He suddenly had friends in 52 counties in southwest Georgia. He was elected Council Chair and he had friends all over the State. He suggested that if someone wants to be a leader, and wants to go down the path he did, that would be the first step.

PCC Miller stated that the Leadership Development Plan in Georgia is on the right step. On September 1st the last Lions University course before the Forum, that will complete the Master's Program, will be conducted. The person conducting that last webinar is Past International Director Dr. John Pearce. He stated that Georgia Lions are dynamic. Georgia Lions have a lot to be proud of, and you will see it at the Forum, sponsored in part by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Looking ahead for Future Events Coming

Lions Leadership Institute of the South in Florida, April 14-17, 2016 and in Mississippi, June 2-4, 2016.

International President *Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada*



Peace, hope, determination, teamwork and uniting people through service are central elements of my presidential theme –

“Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.”

*“Be kind. Be open. Be curious. Be strong. Be generous. Be sincere. Be loyal. Be honest.
Be a Lion.”*

Dear Lion Leaders,

I'm sharing a message sent to all district governors. In addition to sharing important awards information and reminders, I am asking district governors to encourage clubs to invite more women to join them, and to invite family and friends to serve with them as Lions. Let's work together to grow our clubs so we can expand our service and bring dignity to others!

We had an excellent start to the New Year in Honolulu, so let's build on our momentum and make this a year of growth and success.

One of the challenges we face is the growing need for humanitarian service. To increase our capacity to serve, we must increase our membership. Remind your clubs that growth starts in our own backyard and encourage them to invite their family and friends to serve with them as Lions. We also need to continue to make inviting women a priority to help ensure the long-term growth and health of our clubs.

The most effective way you can achieve district growth is by chartering new clubs. Have you identified where your next Lions club will be chartered? Work with your district team to form new clubs that can bring new service to areas in need.

As we grow, we must also focus on developing new leaders who can successfully guide Lions into our next century of service. Remember, we are a team and I pledge my full support to you. Let's work together to grow our clubs and bring dignity to others!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

You can earn a special Gold or Silver Pin in the Lions Dignity Award for achieving consistent membership growth throughout the year. Here's how you can earn your pin in Period 1:

- **Gold Pin:** Achieve positive growth higher than your 5-year average and charter at least one new club in your district.
- **Silver Pin:** Achieve positive growth in your district.



Chartering a new club is the key to earning your Gold Pin in Period 1, so make sure it's a priority in your district plan. Visit the [Lions Dignity Award](#) Web page for more information, and go for the gold in Period 1!

Earn Recognition Twice a Year

The Lions Dignity Awards program has two earning periods. Start planning now to stay on track for success!

Period 1: July, 2015 – November, 2015 **Period 2:** December, 2015 – June, 2016

For nearly one hundred years, Lions have strengthened communities around the world through service. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help 100 million people through our Centennial Service Challenge. We have impacted more than 40 million lives so far, but there are millions more who need us.

I am asking every club to host at least one service project in each of our Centennial service areas of youth, vision, hunger and the environment during this Lion year. Together, we can save sight and ensure that young people have a brighter future. Together, we can keep our communities healthy and clean, and help make sure that our children don't go to bed hungry.

Participating clubs can earn a Centennial banner patch when they report their projects through the MyLCI Service Activity Report. But the real reward is the joy of helping others and the satisfaction that comes from changing a life. Join me and Lions around the world in reaching our Centennial goal and bringing dignity to others!



Partnership Spotlight: Peach Bowl

Peach Bowl Partnership: 47 Years of History



The inaugural Peach Bowl, 1968



Lighthouse staff at the 2015 Kick-Off Game and Lighthouse Executive Director, Lion Roberta Green screens a young Auburn fan at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Kickoff game.



A Lion's Legacy

The Peach Bowl was founded by Lion George Crumbley in 1968. Peach Bowl CEO Gary Stokan spoke of the rich history shared by both organizations. In 1968, Lion George Crumbley pioneered the first charitable post-season bowl game in the country to raise funds for the Lighthouse. Crumbley formed a committee of Atlanta Lions and was granted a charter by the N.C.A.A. Committee to create the inaugural Peach Bowl game, with the Lighthouse as its sole beneficiary.

Crumbley's legacy has maintained a strong relationship between the Lighthouse and the Peach Bowl, with the Lighthouse receiving a generous \$50,000 in program funding annually. At the meeting, Stokan challenged the Lions of Georgia to sell 2,500 tickets to the forthcoming Peach Bowl Game on December 31st in Atlanta. The Lighthouse will also be represented at the Peach Bowl Kick-Off Game on September 5th with a booth in the Fan Zone. More details will come shortly on this exciting partnership.

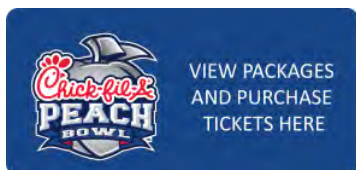


PIP Jim Ervin thanked Mr. Stokan on behalf of the Lions of Georgia and the Lighthouse. Lion PIP Ervin stated that the Lions of Georgia and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse have an opportunity to serve together with the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, and the exposure it will provide the Lions to show the world what we are doing. PIP Ervin stated that the Georgia Lions will commit to selling 2,500 tickets to the game. Mr. Stokan stated that they will come up with some incentives for the Districts to have a competition in selling the tickets. PIP Ervin stated that this opportunity will give the Lions a chance to have a seat on the Board of the Peach Bowl, and he hopes that Lion Cheryl Crumbley Lee will serve in that position.

2015 Partnership

This year the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl is partnering with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to offer exclusive ticket packages for the 2015 match-up on Thursday, December 31st at 12pm at the Georgia Dome. Exclusive ticket packages include a donation to the Lions Lighthouse by providing a one-of-a-kind Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl game day experience to a young recipient of Lighthouse services and their parent or guardian.

Get your tickets before they sell out!



FOR TICKETS:

<http://www.chick-fil-apeachbowl.com/LionsLighthouse/>

MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: or www.lionslighthouse.org

Questions? Contact: tickets@cfabowl.com, 404-586-TIXX (8499)



Georgia Lions
Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need



Dear Georgia Lions!

Our Georgia Lions Lighthouse has just completed a record-breaking year of service to underserved Georgians. We provided 15,774 services for 7,444 Georgians and provided 4,937 eyeglasses, 728 surgical procedures, and 1,787 hearing aids. In the first month of this fiscal year, we have already provided 433 eyeglasses, 37 surgical procedures, and 218 hearing aids. We are on track to have another record-breaking year of service.

We look forward to our Joint Board Training with the Georgia Lions Camp following the Council of Governors Meeting. Our Lighthouse Board is fully staffed and ready for a great year. We did have a vacancy since July 1. Unfortunately, PDG Vanessa Stanley resigned because of health problems. We thank her for her service and wish her well. The Board appointed Lion Willie Alexander of the Atlanta Metro Lions Club to finish the term of PDG Stanley as a Member-At-Large.

This is our 2015-2016 Board of Directors:

Chair – PCC Grace Clower, Vice Chair – PDG Mark Rice, Secretary – Lion Donna Townsend, Treasurer – PDG Tim Chisholm, Past Chair – ID Kembra Smith, Council Rep. – DG Anne Mundy, District L – DD – Lion Cheryl Lee, Member-At-Large – Lion Willie Alexander, District I – DD – PDG June Phillips, Member-At-Large – PID Dr. John Pearce, District O – DD – Lion J. C. Coefield, Member-At-Large – PDG Bonnie Kelly, District N – DD – PDG Rick Mizell, Member-At-Large – PDG Cathy Threatt

Our Recycling Center continues to be a very busy place. Last year, used eyeglasses were distributed to 39 different countries around the world. Since this is a Lions' project, we still seek Lions volunteers for the Recycling Center. Our Optics Lab is fabricating high quality eyewear. We encourage Lions and their spouses to purchase their eyeglasses through our Optics Lab. You receive a quality pair of glasses at a very reasonable cost.

Applications filed by our clients are now being handled by a new Intake Team. This should result in more timely service to our clients with a shorter waiting time for approval and service. Our Board approved the purchase of new Electronic Medical Records software that has just gone live. This will help the Lighthouse collect data needed for applying for grants and also data that will need to be reported for KidSight USA Program. The staff continues to provide training for Lions who are participating in KidSight USA. We hope to soon locate at least 1 screening machine with our District Directors in Districts O and N. These will be available for clubs to reserve for screening events within the district.

The annual Taste of Chamblee fundraiser is coming up September 12th. We need Lions to volunteer to help with this event. A sign-up sheet is available today. Thank you for your support.

Many of us remember a time in the past when Lions were a vital part of the Peach Bowl football classic. Because of the hard work of one of our Board members, Lion Cheryl Lee, and Executive Director Lion Roberta Green, we will again have opportunities soon for Lions to re-engage with the Peach Bowl. We are pleased to have Gary Stokan, CEO of the Peach Bowl with us today to make a presentation.

I continue to be amazed at all that is being accomplished by our Georgia Lions Lighthouse. It is a privilege to be part of this unique partnership of a non-profit and Lions, which is recognized by Lions Clubs International as well as the non-profit community.

Executive Director Roberta Green introduced CEO of the Peach Bowl, Mr. Gary Stokan. Mr. Stokan stated he was excited to be present today. He recalled the vision of PID George Crumley for the Lions and the Peach Bowl.

The Peach Bowl has had miraculous growth over the last 47 years. He stated that he wanted to thank the Lions and to integrate the Lions back into the Peach Bowl. They would like to get the word out about Lions. He presented a check for \$50,000.00 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Summer Service Numbers 1Jul12015 – 31Aug2015

District L

Eye Exams: 114
Eye Glasses: 355
Eye Surgeries: 54
Hearing Aids: 125

District I

Eye Exams: 95
Eye Glasses: 227
Eye Surgeries: 23
Hearing Aids: 139

District O

Eye Exams: 89
Eye Glasses: 133
Eye Surgeries: 15
Hearing Aids: 119

District N

Eye Exams: 84
Eye Glasses: 139
Eye Surgeries: 15
Hearing Aids: 36

Year to Date Totals:

Eye Exams: 382
Eye Glasses: 854
Eye Surgeries: 107
Hearing Aids: 419

Service Numbers

Service Numbers have hit all-time highs in the past several months!

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





It's hard to believe that only a year ago we began Lions KidSight USA. Now it's my pleasure to offer you another update on our exciting initiative.

The Lions KidSight USA Committee has been busy.

From developing suggested standards for screening and forming partnerships with outstanding manufacturers like Welch Allyn Spot and Plusoptix, to launching our website and Facebook page, a lot has happened in the past year. Here's an overview of what's new with Lions KidSight USA:

- **Social Media** – The word is out. Our [Facebook page](#) is more popular than ever, with over 900 likes and nearly 1,600 impressions every week. If you haven't already, take a moment to "like" the Lions KidSight USA Facebook page. It's a great way to keep up-to-date with the initiative and to share your club's screening activities with other Lions and your community.
- **KidSight USA Website** – Our [website](#) has also received a warm welcome. A lot of information and resources are already available, and more updates are on the way to make it even easier to use. Stay tuned!
- **Data Management** – Both the committee and LCI staff are working hard to research and implement a national data management system that will be easy for Lions in both clubs and districts to use. This is a big step that will help bring KidSight programs around the country together and help establish Lions as the leader in children's vision screening and screening data. We'll keep you posted on our progress.
- **Fall Vision Screenings** – As summer winds down, it's time to reach out to school districts and agencies to arrange fall screenings. Before you do, remember to make sure all of your equipment is clean and ready to go, all of your forms are updated with proper dates and that your supply is sufficient for the fall season.
- **Special Thanks** – I want to extend a special thanks to the Lions of Oregon and Colorado. I had the opportunity to visit to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, as well as the Colorado Lions KidSight Foundation in early June. Both programs are very active—last year Lions in Oregon screened 142,000 children, while Lions in Colorado screened 45,000—and I wanted to learn firsthand how they operate. While each program is unique in its approach, they are both doing wonderful work on behalf of Lions Clubs International and Lions KidSight USA.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or if there is anything I can help you with, send me an email. And remember to share your success stories with us. We'd be honored to showcase your service on the Facebook page to let the world know what Lions are doing to preserve the sight of our children. Thank you for all you are doing for the children in your communities and for Lions KidSight USA.

Sincerely,
Dr. Edward V. Cordes, PID
Chair, Lions KidSight USA



Volunteer Spotlight: Optics

Since May, the Lighthouse Optics Team has produced record numbers in eyeglasses. These numbers would not be possible without the help of dedicated volunteers, notably Lion John Rudert, PDG, who has logged countless hours in the lab assisting in the fabrication of glasses. Director of Optics, Lion Peri Finch, had this to say, "John volunteers as many hours as most full time employees do. He is a part of the Lighthouse family and we don't know what we would do without him! Seeing his beard in the lab every day makes us smile."

Thank you John!

GLLF Lions Club Museum

To schedule a visit contact PDG Chip Nedza, Lions Club Historian Chip993@msn.com or 912-756-3215

KidSight Materials Available Online

Visit the "Lions" tab on our website to download the KidSightUSA Packet and Lighthouse marketing materials.

Password: bingham1 (all lowercase)

More questions about KidSightUSA? Contact your District Director or visit: <http://e-district.org/sites/kidsightusa/>

Doctors Needed

Please tell your community eye doctors about the Lighthouse! The following areas have the greatest need for volunteer optometrists to perform eye exams:

Macon, Chatsworth, Valdosta, and Metro Atlanta (Chamblee, Ben Massell, Whiteford Clinic in Kirkwood.)

If you know an eye doctor interested in volunteering, please contact Morgan Alexander, Program Director,
MAlexander@lionslighthouse.org

Sharing the Vision Centennial Service Challenge

◀ Sep 2015		~ October 2015 ~					Nov 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<i>Lions Membership Growth Month</i>	<i>Leo Membership Growth Month</i>		1 World Vegetarian Day	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Savannah STEP OUT WALK TO STOP DIABETES <small>American Diabetes Association</small>
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	United Nations Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Halloween Council Meeting joint with Camp and Lighthouse – Warner Robins Sight Night – Collect Glasses

Membership Focus: Family

◀ Oct 2015		~ November 2015 ~					Dec 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends <i>Lions Diabetes Awareness Month</i>	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	Atlanta STEP OUT WALK TO STOP DIABETES <small>American Diabetes Association</small>
15	16	17	18	19 Great American Smokeout	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28	
29	30	Notes:					

Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge

~ December 2015 ~						
◀ Nov 2015						Jan 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Membership Focus: Family		1 World AIDS Day	2	3	4 Camp's Xmas Camp	5 Camp's Xmas Camp
6	7	8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Winter Solstice	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge

~ January 2016 ~						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Membership Focus: Special Interest Clubs			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					

◀ January	~ February 2016 ~					March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Membership Focus: Women	1	2	3	4	5	6 Council Meeting joint with Camp and Lighthouse – Warner Robins
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dist O = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention - Fort Gaines
28	29	Notes:				

Eye Donor Awareness Month

◀ February	~ March 2016 ~					April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Membership Focus: Women	1	2	3	4	5 Dist I = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention – TBA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Dist N = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention Statesboro
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Dist L = 3rd Cabinet Meeting/ Convention, Cartersville
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	



REPORT OF GEORGIA LIONS CAMP – LION SCOTT EISENHART:



As you know, the Centerville Lions Club recently presented Hank and Doy Barks' Lions Vests to the Georgia Lions Camp. The shadow boxes have been installed in the Activity Building at the Camp. (See pictures attached) Hank and Doy's memory remains alive at the Camp. Thanks again to the Centerville Lions Club for this precious gift!

The camping season is officially over and it was a successful one! All in all, we had 78 campers: 17 in children's camp, 17 in adult camp, 25 in young adults and 19 in youth camp. We were blessed with outstanding counselors and staff. We hope some will be available to return in coming years. The campers seemed to really enjoy themselves, there was no talk of previous years; which was a surprise given we hired an all new staff. A few lessons were learned and we will be incorporating some changes in the years to come, but for the most part, everything went quite smoothly.

Now to get back to running the business: Governors, I need committee assignments from one of the districts in order that I may assign committee chairs and get these committees running. If I can't get the info out of the Vice Presidents, I may ask you to provide a gentle nudge in the ribs to get your elected VP's moving. These committees can't do the work they need to do in a one hour time frame at the Joint Meetings, it simply can't be done.

Our Fundraising Committee has approved a new fundraiser for the camp. As you all know, with the name change to Georgia Lions Camp came an updated logo. The company that supplies the state's Lions shirts, Sew Simple Embroidery, has developed a website where you can go and order new camps shirts. The website is: <http://www.companycasuals.com/georgialionscamp/start.jsp>. You can order everything from shirts, to ball caps, overnight bags, etc. and the camp will make \$5.00 off each shirt sold. Everything is done through the vendor. Once a month Greg will send the camp a check over and above his costs for creating the shirts. It is a Win-Win for both his company and the camp! Get the word out and get your new camp shirts!

I would like to present to the Council an idea brought to me by several Lions: having a "mini" Lions Day during Christmas Camp. The weather is much cooler and we can have a scaled down version. This would accomplish a couple of things, one, showing the Lions of Georgia what goes on at camp, and two, allowing those who are "heat sensitive" or have breathing problems to visit and learn about the camp in a more health friendly season. The ideas presented were that we would not have as many activities, the event would be considerably shorter, but the interactions would be there. Since we generally choose the "best" of the campers for Christmas camp, that would be the perfect time to showcase what we do. Would the Council of Governors support this idea? I'd appreciate your individual feedback.

Another idea for consideration: Several Lions Clubs throughout the state hold golf tournaments. Would the council support the idea of a tournament in each of the districts with the top two or three teams from each district meet at Laura Walker State Park Golf course for a "winner take all" tournament? Golfers are a unique breed. They will do almost anything to get out on the course. We would have to draw on the experience of those clubs that put on golf tournaments as they require a lot of manpower to put on.

With the New Year upon us, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support to our camp. I look forward to working with the Council of Governors. If there is anything that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Lions Service, Scott Eisenhart

During the summer we have an age separated residential camp starting at age 6 and up to age 84.



Xmas Camp for the Visually Impaired

The mission of the Georgia Lions Camp is to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

On December 4, 2015, we will begin a weekend of Xmas Camp for all ages. Not only will all the campers and counselors be able to come together to enjoy the holiday spirit and all that goes with it but we have added something else. On Saturday, the campers go shopping. Not for themselves but for others that are less fortunate. So here we have around 60 visually impaired campers that probably do not have much learning what it like to give to someone else. Now how cool is that.

Most of these campers cannot afford to attend camp and need assistance to taking care of the small amount that it costs for the weekend. Rather than cancel Xmas Camp it was decided to do some fund-raising to pay for it. You can help by making a donation, whatever amount you can afford.

To All Lions in MD 18

As the Fundraising Chairman for the Georgia Lions Camp, it has been brought to my attention that we have a very special opportunity in MD 18 to help raise much needed funding for the Camp. In fact, everything is already in place and waiting for the Lions of Georgia to become involved by supporting the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden represents the many Lions, Spouses, Individual Lions Clubs, Family Members, Supporters of our Clubs within our Communities and even Anonymous Donors. But why stop there? You can support the Memorial Garden personally or as a Family. Why not honor someone in your Club with a Brick, engraved with their name in their honor. Does the Mayor or City Council in your town support your Club? By Honoring a Community Member, you are thanking them for their support. You would also get to share with them how important the Georgia Lions Camp is to Georgia and the young people that spend time there. It could also be for a life time member or outstanding Lion, outgoing President - some one that has made an outstanding contribution to your club or a deceased Lion.

Does your Club honor a Member as "Lion of the Year"? If so, why not honor them with a Brick that will be permanently placed in the Memorial Garden. All of us have received plaques in appreciation for our efforts as Lions. Where does that plaque go? I have heard from Lions that say they do not want or need another plaque; how about giving them a brick then. I bet some plaques, like mine are in a box somewhere. What is the cost of a plaque and where does the money go? If a plaque is purchased and presented to an honoree, not one penny goes to Our Camp or the Memorial Garden. With every Brick sold to honor someone, that donation does go to the camp.

A single brick can be custom engraved with your "Special" message and then placed permanently in the Garden. The maximum inscription area is 3 lines with up to 13 characters per line. Bricks are priced at \$100 each which includes the engraving, and are then placed in the garden as a lifetime remembrance of those who believe in the mission of the Georgia Lions Camp: ***"It is the mission of the Georgia Lions' Camp is to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting."***

The Fundraising Committee of the Georgia Lions Camp is asking each and every Lions Club in MD 18 to please make every effort to implement a program to help fund Our Camp by purchasing a brick for the Georgia Lions Camp Memorial Garden.

Yours in Service,

Lion Pete Stamsen, Georgia Lions Camp Fundraising Chairman

The Operating Income for the month was \$9,909 and the Operating Expenses were \$38,929; resulting in a Net Operating Loss of **\$29,020** excluding \$30,000 of transfers (\$25,000 from Investment Fund and \$5,000 from the Restricted Maintenance Account). There were several large invoices from the camping season that were paid in early August (noted in last month's report). In order to pay the current bills and make payroll, \$25,000 was transferred from the Investment Fund to the General Operation Funds. The Year-to-Date Net Cash Flow is negative **\$29,055**. The current total of all cash accounts is \$26,221. I have asked that all non-essential expenditures be deferred until our cash balance is back up to \$50,000.

A summary of the Lions Clubs' Contributions are:	18-L: 5 of 52 (10%) Clubs for \$3,677	18-I: 11 of 59 (19%) Clubs for \$3,663
	18-O: 9 of 57 (16%) Clubs for \$2,329	18-N: 13 of 64 (20%) Clubs for \$6,204
	Total MD 18: 38 of 232 (16%) Clubs for \$8,533.	
Last year at this time the totals were:		
	Total MD 18: 40 of 236 (17%) Clubs for \$27,520.	

As you can see we are almost **\$19,000** behind from last year's contributions from the Lions of Georgia.
Paul May, Ga. Lions Treasurer



Our **Centennial Celebration** brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service. Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions in clubs around the world will join in the celebration by expanding our community project work and inspiring others to join us in service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's celebrate together!



Toolbox Resources

Centennial Action Flyer = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lions100/centennial-action-flyer.pdf>

Centennial Membership Resources = <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/centennial-membership-awards/resources.php>

Centennial Theme, Plan and CSC Update PowerPoint (10-27-2014) = <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/toolbox/index.php>

Centennial Service Challenge Brochure = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lions100/iad465.pdf>

Videos = <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/toolbox/index.php> Scroll down and find three videos that you can download and/or post on facebook –

#LIONS100 Centennial Launch and Service Challenge = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG1FxnNaS9E>

The Founding—a short video about the origins of our association and the key players in its first years. The first in a series of centennial videos from Lions Clubs International = https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=15&v=SQ_fr6ZZD4

The Impact of Melvin Jones—see how our association's founder worked for more than 40 years to set the tone for the organization and many of the traditions that are still celebrated today. This is the second in a series of centennial videos from Lions Clubs International = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mETBeW4Y6lc>

Centennial News

As you know by now, Lions Clubs International will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2017-18. The celebration has already begun! The Centennial Theme is “Where There's a Need, There's a Lion.” The celebration will serve to honor our past, highlight the relevance of our present and plan for our future.



A Centennial Team structure has been established to help guide and motivate Lions to accomplish our goals for this celebration. The team consists of The Centennial Action Committee, Multiple District Centennial Coordinators, District Centennial Coordinators and club leaders. The Centennial Action Committee directs and guides the efforts of the Multiple District and District Centennial Coordinators, who work with their respective GMT, GLT, and District Governor teams to:

- Engage club leadership and members to support the Centennial program and initiatives
- Develop plans to achieve key membership and service goals
- Generate enthusiasm, awareness, and support of the Centennial celebration in their communities around the world

The lions100.org website, available in all languages, is a robust resource for all things Centennial. There is detailed information on the Centennial Service Challenge (CSC), Membership Awards Program, a comprehensive and still growing toolkit, publications, and a section for Multiple District and District Centennial Coordinators. Don't wait - join the Centennial Celebration now!



**Is your highway sign worn or faded?
Does it still show the old logo?**

Refresh your current highway sign with one of our Emblem Decals, specifically made to be placed on your 18" or 30" highway sign to give it a fresh, new look that will last!



30" Emblem Decal
US\$38.45

18" Emblem Decal
US\$23.35

Need a new or replacement highway sign? Shop our [Highway Signs & Accessories Department](#) to find the right fit for your community!

https://www2.lionsclubs.org/s-56-highway-signs-accessories.aspx?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5101%20Lions%20Camo%20and%20Cookout%20Items%20GROUP%20A%20EN

2015-16 Club President Award

Leaders unite people and inspire change. Change that is positive and impactful. As club president, you have a unique opportunity to change the way your club serves its members and its community.

The 2015-2016 Club President Award is based on the *Seven Keys to Success* and is an initiative to help you, as club president, lead your club, maximize its potential and utilize the resources available from Lions Clubs International to find new ways to serve your community.

It starts with you and you can start today!

Use the criteria below to bring about change in your club.

Upon completion, submit the Application Form to your District Governor or Zone Chairperson. You can submit the application *at any time during the 2015-2016 fiscal year!* Your District Governor will then order the award. Please allow three or more weeks for delivery. All orders must be received by June 30, 2016.

The resources in bold letters noted in the criteria below are available from the LCI Website!



Seven Keys to Success

1. To increase the value of being a member, host a [New Member Orientation](#).
2. To be a club that members can be proud of, conduct [How Are Your Ratings?](#) to find ways to make membership in your club more meaningful.
3. To hold high quality service projects, conduct a [Community Needs Assessment](#) and carry out a service project.
4. To serve with family members, host a [service project](#) that includes family members.
5. To increase the number of female and/or younger members, [sponsor younger](#) and/or [female members](#) or [charter a club](#) that includes female and/or younger members.
6. To be a leader in your community, take two or more courses or seminars offered online from the [Lions Learning Center](#) or offered by your district, multiple district, constitutional area or LCI.
7. To think in dynamic new ways, conduct [Your Club, Your Way](#), [Blueprint for a Stronger Club](#), or the [Club Quality Initiative](#) (CEP) to identify and implement changes.

Click the links below to access the application and the award order form:

- [Club President Award Application](#) – (www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/club-president-award-application.pdf) To be completed by the Club President
- [Club President Award Order Form](#) – To be completed by the District Governor and submitted to LCI



Dear Lion,

The 2015 class of Leader Dogs has graduated! For nearly a year and a half, these dogs received continuous care and training.

Now, thanks to you, they are transforming the lives of their new human partners. As one previous Leader Dog recipient, Melody, shared:

"I lost my vision suddenly at 26. Getting my Leader Dog was what showed me I could still be positive, laugh, be myself . . . It allowed me to meet my husband, work and have a family."

Her words testify to the extraordinary impact of your support!

So today, I'm asking you to [help train the next class of Leader Dogs](#) — and make the hopes of hundreds of more people who are blind or visually impaired become a reality.

Because we receive no government money, and we never charge for our dogs, we depend on caring friends like you. [Please give now](#) . . . and you WILL make a life-transforming difference.

Gratefully,

Susan M. Daniels
President and CEO



P.S. [Your support](#) will help care for and train the next class of Leader Dogs — immeasurably enriching the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired.



Leader Dogs for the Blind is innovative, inclusive and dedicated to providing high-quality services to our clients in a respectful and empowering environment. We set ourselves off from other organizations who provide guide dog services through the way we view our clients, by providing value-added services and by continuing to develop new training techniques.

Congratulations to the Leader Dog Class of 2015!

Congratulations to the new Leader Dog graduates! These dogs completed almost a year and a half of training and preparation. With wagging tails and happy hearts, they'll lead their partners who are blind to lives of greater mobility, independence and joy . . . thanks to you.

View the Class of 2015 Poster and print = <http://www.leaderdog.org/class-of-2015>



Follow us



"Canine Companions has impressed me for 30 years."



When Dan was a part of the North Central Region's first graduating class, he didn't know that he was starting a lifetime partnership. The year was 1987 and Dan got a phone call inviting him to the newly founded North Central Region of Canine Companions for Independence to receive his first assistance dog.

"I always had a dog, so after my injury it came naturally for me to want an assistance dog. I ended up with my first service dog, Troubadour," remembers Dan. "Within the first month of having Troubadour, I was at the grocery store when my wedding ring fell to the ground and rolled under a shelf. I thought I'd see what this dog could do and he went and got the ring, brought it to me and dropped it right in my hand. It was amazing! I didn't have to ask anyone for help!" Dan found that having an assistance dog allowed him to successfully manage his busy family life and teaching career.

After Troubadour's retirement, Dan worked with successor service dogs Ingenito, Balin and, most recently, Michael III. "Canine Companions has impressed me for 30 years," says Dan. "The dogs, the staff, the training—it's just an outstanding organization." While Canine Companions has remained dedicated to its mission, the methods have changed a bit since Dan received his first dog.

Dan says that the breeding program is where he sees the most difference between 1987 and now. He has noticed the difference in dispositions, calmness and length of working life.

All the dogs in 1987 were taught 88 commands, which Dan and other graduates found confusing, as did the dogs. "Troubadour just couldn't keep track of all the commands," laughs Dan. "The 40 or so commands that the dogs know now are much more workable from a graduate point of view."

Another big change has been in the graduate program. Today a robust graduate follow-up program is in place to ensure that all teams are healthy and working together effectively for the life of the dog.

"I tell people that you just can't go wrong with Canine Companions," says Dan.

DogFest Walk 'n Roll Atlanta
Woodward Academy, 1661 Rugby Avenue, College Park, GA

DogFestAtlanta@cci.org
October 3



Save the date & grab a leash!

Together we can change lives, one dog at a time!



A Powerful Predictor

This simple test can look into a child's reading future



Neurobiologist **Nina Kraus** believes she and her team at Northwestern University have created a half-hour test to predict kids' literacy skill long before they're old enough to begin reading. — via NPR **Read full story**
http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2015/07/21/423260864/the-test-that-can-look-into-a-childs-reading-future?utm_source=Learning+Ally&utm_campaign=4da1aed25e-Enews_Issue_2_Learning_Ally_List_8_4_2015+Mem&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_17f8452e67-4da1aed25e-170963577

A new website for students with dyslexia



http://explore1in5.org/?utm_source=Learning+Ally&utm_campaign=4da1aed25e-Enews_Issue_2_Learning_Ally_List_8_4_2015+Mem&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_17f8452e67-4da1aed25e-170963577

We've launched the new Explore1in5 site to give students who learn differently a voice. Check out the great resources and hear students' stories in their own words.

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!



2015 Step Out: Atlanta, GA

Do Good. Feel Good. Step Out With Us!

Join us November 14, 2015 from 8:00am - 12:00 at Turner Field!

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is the ADA's signature fundraising walk. The event has been taking place for more than 20 years and has raised more than \$200,000,000 to Stop Diabetes! Walk day is a huge celebration of the fundraising efforts YOU put into this event and an amazing experience. Step Out is filled with music, food, kid's activities, local entertainment and most importantly, the company of those who truly understand the impact of diabetes.

And this year is more special than ever because it's the 75th Anniversary of the American Diabetes Association. **No better time than now to join us in celebrating 75 years of continuous progress working to improve the lives of people with diabetes through research, advocacy and education**

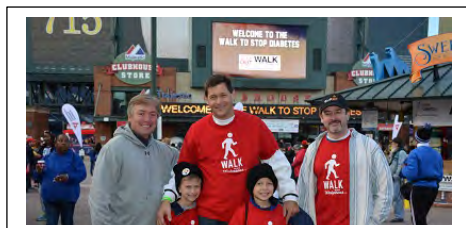
Turner Field = 755 Hank Aaron Drive Atlanta, GA 30315

Need more info?

Your Event Coordinator: Kellie Glenn

Email: kglenn@diabetes.org

Phone: 404-320-7100 x3057



Please mail checks to our local office:
American Diabetes Association
ATTN: Step Out
233 Peachtree St NE
Suite 2225
Atlanta, GA 30303

Go to this web site = http://stepout.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/StepOutContent?fr_id=10760&pg=entry

Fascinating Stories

Shepherd Police Department



I was dispatched to the expressway today in regards to a bicyclist riding some sort of enclosed cycle. I was able to locate the cyclist about a mile from the Shepherd exit. That is where I met Hanna who told me that she got on the expressway by accident and was trying to get off from it. She stated that she had been riding her cycle from Chatfield MN and had been on it for 4 months. She told me she had moved here from Germany years ago and was now traveling the country thanking people in the U.S for letting her come to America. Hanna also stated that she was raising awareness for the Lions Club program for training of dogs for the blind. Just a cool story!

Daisy =

James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center ... He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112 on her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building.



But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building. On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears. Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained.

Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives. Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win the Medal of Honor of New York City. Pass it on to all animal lovers.

Our canines are special friends when in need. The assistant dogs that are trained to assist the blind, deaf, and many other special needs give of themselves to give a more normal life to their companion.



"Share Peace"

Peace Poster Contest



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](#).

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.

LIONS SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH / Simple Service Ideas

- Volunteer with LEOs and youth at a senior center or food pantry.
- Organize a job fair to help young people identify their career goals.
- Plant a garden or plan for an outdoor classroom at your local school.
- Host a speech contest for community youth.
- Organize a college visit day.
- Provide a diversity awareness training to educate youth on global culture.

CC May called attention to a printed report in each file. He reported that another Leo Club has been formed at Moore Middle School, in Lawrenceville, 18-I.

REPORT OF MD 18 YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE – LION HANNAH FLYNN, DG, 18-O: DG Flynn called attention to a printed report (shown below). She encouraged all Governors and Vice Governors to promote Youth Exchange to their clubs.

I have had one inquiry from Australia on August 10. They have youth that would like to come to the USA over December-January. They usually have 10 to 14 that come each year. Last year they had youth going to Wisconsin, West Virginia, Colorado, Texas and Michigan. The dates they like to send the youth are from the beginning of December to the 11th of January. The last few days before their departure back to Australia the youth are treated to 3 days in Los Angeles visiting Disneyland, Universal Studios, and a grand tour of LA and beaches and of course, Hollywood.

I am asking the other District Governors to request their zone chairs and the Youth Exchange chair in their districts to please encourage their clubs to consider this opportunity. Having hosted three students in the past, I can assure you that it is an exciting, interesting, and rewarding experience. If the host family has teenage children or grandchildren, the experience can be rewarding for them as they have an opportunity to interact with teens from another country.

Centennial Recognition for Leo Clubs

As part of the Lions family, Leos are sharing in the Centennial excitement! Leo clubs organized during the Centennial Celebration will receive a limited edition Certificate of Organization and Centennial Leo Club Extension Certificates. Lions can also recognize Leo clubs for their support of the Centennial Service Challenge with a [downloadable certificate](#)!



LIONS INTERNATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Today's Children Need Lions More Than Ever

Millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse, neglect, disease and disabilities. Tragically, these children often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their distress – and give them hope for the future. That's why the Lions Services for Children Program continues Lions Clubs International's long tradition of helping the world's future generations.

Children and Youth Programs:

- Leo Club Program
- Youth Camp and Exchange Program
- Peace Poster Contest
- Essay Contest

Our youth programs make growing up safer and healthier. Through Lions Quest, we bring crucial life skills to more than 12 million children in classrooms around the world. We cultivate capable and healthy young people of strong character through comprehensive, positive youth development.

We bring young people together....

"Almost 1 billion people across the globe will go to bed *hungry tonight*, 200 million of them children." – (USAID)



During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger. Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community...by helping those who don't have enough to eat. Visit links to [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you.

If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available, you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.



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:

State Fall Games and the State Horse Show, October 9th-11th Gainesville

Volunteers are needed to help at venues and be fans in the stands. To apply to volunteer, please [click here](http://www.specialolympicsga.org/volunteer/volunteer-registration/) = <http://www.specialolympicsga.org/volunteer/volunteer-registration/>

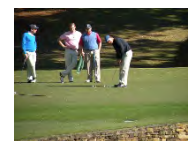
RunDunwoody October 18

RunDunwoody is a 5K Run, 1 Mile Fun Run, Tot Trot, and family festival rolled into a morning of activities on Sunday, October 18 at Perimeter Mall. The 5K route is a 2016 Peachtree Road Race qualifier. As a beneficiary of RunDunwoody and long-time partner of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody (the run's founding and presenting sponsor), Special Olympics Georgia has created a team for the Team Challenge in the not-for-profit category. Registration fees start at \$20 and increase to \$35 as it gets closer to the date of the race. For more information on the race or to register as part of Team Special Olympics Georgia, go to www.rundunwoody.net or contact the Race Director at info@rundunwoody.net.



Bob Busse Memorial Golf Classic November 2

Special Olympics Georgia once again proudly hosts the **20th Annual Bob Busse Memorial Golf Classic** in honor of long-time volunteer Bob Busse, who passed away last year. The tournament will be held at a prestigious golf club November 2 in Sandy Springs. This event is a great way to spend your Monday! Each year this tournament grows and becomes better than the last. Expect a fun day of golf, prizes, silent auction and a wonderful lunch reception. Contact **Jennifer Harper** or 770-414-9390, x101 for more information.



2016 Special Olympics Georgia Winter Games Jan 22 – 24, 2016

Where = Marietta, GA

Description = The State Winter Games in Marietta! Almost 2,000 Special Olympics Georgia athletes, 200 Unified Partners, and 800 coaches from around the state head to Marietta to participate in our Winter Games. Athletes will compete in basketball, bowling, floor hockey, gymnastics, power-lifting and roller skating. Competition lasts all three days with the Opening Ceremonies slated for Friday, Jan. 22.



LCI NEWS



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web Site?
– click on Lions Newswire or check out
Lions News Network

International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



Knnichiwa Lions! Register for LCIcon Today



The [99th Lions Clubs International Convention](#) is in the city of Fukuoka, Japan, June 24–28, 2016. Fukuoka is in the southwest part of Japan

and is home to the oldest Zen temple in Japan. Fukuoka is well known for its gourmet food, with an abundance of fresh seafood and the most yatai (street food stalls) in all of Japan.

The convention will include festivities that showcase our own culturally diverse membership, such as the International Parade of Nations in the heart of Fukuoka City. For up-to-date information about the convention, [visit the LCIcon website](#).

[Register today for the convention](#) to receive the \$130 early registration fee. Also, [book your hotel room with LCI](#) and stay with your delegation.

Worldwide Week of Service in Sight



This October 4-10, President Yamada invites you to join Lions around the world for a special service event to raise awareness about eye health, blindness and vision

impairment. Vision screenings, provision of eyeglasses and assistive devices, and eye health education are just a few ways your club can bring dignity to friends and neighbors who lack access to adequate eye care. In addition, your project will help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people. [Visit the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight](#)

[page](#) for more information, and start planning your project today!

Customize Your Club Meeting – Your Club, Your Way!



Are your club meetings all that they can be? The Your Club, Your Way guide helps all Lions assess their current club meetings and structure new meetings in a way that best meets the needs

of a diverse membership. Find tips and new ways to make your meetings more inviting, incorporate new forms of technology to better connect and encourage attendance and involvement. The guide also includes a short survey to gain input from members. [Download the Your Club, Your Way guide](#).

Join Us for Diabetes Awareness Month

Every November, Lions organize projects to raise awareness about the global diabetes epidemic and to recognize World Diabetes Day (November 14). Begin planning your diabetes service project today to ensure a successful event; a [Strides activity](#), free diabetes screenings at a community center, or a healthy eating event at a local school are a few ideas to consider. For more ideas, see [25 Project Ideas for Diabetes Awareness and Action](#).

Centennial Commemorative Coin

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is minting a limited edition \$1 Centennial Commemorative Coin to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs. The design will be approved in December 2015, and the coin will be available for purchase in January 2017. Lions Clubs International Foundation will receive US\$10 for every coin sold up to 400,000 – for a maximum of US\$4M – to support our SightFirst program.

Lions Club: The Next Generation



Invite former Leos to become Lions! As Leos, young people learn to organize projects and

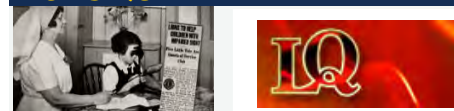
motivate others to serve, developing valuable leadership skills and a lifelong commitment to service. You can renew that commitment and welcome fresh ideas to your club by inviting former Leos to join.

[Learn more about the Leo to Lion Transition](#) and how these young volunteers can continue making a difference in your local, national and international community.

New Centennial Video: Knights of the Blind

[The latest video in our Lions Centennial series is now available](#) to view and download from the LCI website. Watch how Lions became known as Knights of the Blind, serving blind and visually impaired people around the world for the past 100 years. Lions Centennial videos include rare images and footage that offer a peek into the association's rich history of community service. [Visit the Lions100 website](#) for the entire Centennial series, and be sure to share the videos and your Centennial activities on social media using the hashtag [#LIONS100](#).

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) for the newest Lions Centennial video segment.

HIGHLIGHTS

Digital LION Magazine

The LION Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos and links.

Lions Blog

Stay up-to-date on Lions programs and stories from around the world.

CONTESTS

International Essay Contest

Encourage visually impaired children to share their thoughts on peace.

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

Sharing the Vision and Relieving the Hunger

Re Participate in upcoming Centennial Service Challenge events.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lions,

On a recent trip to Peru, Brazil and Belize, I had the honor of seeing many Lions and Leos in action. And they are doing great work!



With help from a Lions Clubs International (LCIF) seed grant, Leos near Lima are spearheading an effort to provide safety, rehabilitation, job training and hope to young victims of human trafficking and their babies. Lions Quest, LCIF's social-emotional learning program for children, is active in 30 schools in Peru!

I visited an eye bank in Caxias do Sul, Brazil, that LCIF and Lions have supported for many years. When I visited an eye hospital in Passo Fundo, Brazil, some children even [surprised me with a song](#).

I am so proud of all the great work Lions around the world are doing each and every day. Remember to [share your clubs' great work](#) so Lions know about the service you are providing in your community.

Sincerely,

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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We are proud to announce Lions Clubs International Foundation has earned our fourth consecutive 4-star rating. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Only 8% of the charities we rate have received at least 4 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Lions Clubs International Foundation outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator

differentiates Lions Clubs International Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Saving Sight

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When you get a flu, whooping cough, shingles, pneumonia or any other immunization at Walgreens, you could help save a life. Together with the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign, we're helping to provide lifesaving vaccines to children in a developing country.¹ Stop by your local Walgreens pharmacy today and get your flu shot. Find a nearby store =

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SightFirst: Lions' Vision for All

LCIF is a leader in providing support for preventing avoidable blindness and restoring sight for people around the world. Our sight programs range from developing and improving eye care systems to providing sight-restoring surgeries and treatments to distributing medications to those most at-risk for eye diseases.



Since its inception in 1990, the SightFirst program has played a key role in reducing global blindness. It is only through the collaborative efforts of Lions, our partners, local health authorities, eye care professionals and other non-governmental organizations that SightFirst has been able to help 30 million people have improved or restored vision.

SightFirst serves as a leading member of [VISION 2020](#), the global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness.

With a focus on building comprehensive and sustainable eye care systems, SightFirst [provides funding](#) for projects that deliver eye care services, build or strengthen eye care facilities, train

professionals and build awareness about eye health in underserved communities. Through two fundraising campaigns, Lions are investing US\$415 million in the SightFirst program to extend its services to even more people in need throughout the world. With an average cost of just US\$6 to help restore a person's vision or prevent blindness, millions more will be given the [gift of sight](#).

Our sight programs have changed the lives of millions. See our impact through our [sight-related videos](#).

[Partnership Initiatives](#)

Many of LCIF's sight initiatives are the result of strong partnerships with groups that share our dedication to preserving sight and fighting global blindness.

[Fighting Diseases](#)

In order to improve eye health, SightFirst is committed to understanding the causes, impacts and solutions to the world's major eye issues and diseases.

Lions Quest

Since its founding nearly four decades ago, LCIF has been committed to helping children and young adults in need all over the world. We reach thousands of youth everyday through a number of programs that help them enjoy their childhood and grow into successful adults.



More than 13 million youth have been taught positive life skills through [Lions Quest](#), our most comprehensive program for youth.

Lions Quest unites the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people through positive youth development programs. More than 550,000 educators have been trained to implement the programs, which supports character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, violence and substance abuse prevention and service-learning.

Lions work with the schools to implement the program from kindergarten through 12th grade, and often partner on community service-learning projects.

The program has drawn rave reviews from educators and high ratings from government agencies. Over the past 25 years, program developers, school districts, universities and independent research firms have conducted program evaluations which indicate that the Lions Quest program improves achievement test scores, changes attitudes and beliefs regarding substance abuse and violence, lowers rates of disciplinary problems, lowers risk of dropping out of school and decreases use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) is the nation's leading organization advancing the development of academic, social and emotional competence for all students. CASEL has released its [2015 CASEL Guide: Effective Social and Emotional Learning Programs—Middle and High School Edition](#), which rates well-designed, evidence-based social and

emotional learning programs used in middle and high schools. Lions Quest: Skills for Adolescence is one of nine programs that **received top honors**, earning a spot on the Guide's "SElect" list, meaning they had positive effects, such as improved academics and reduced problem behavior.

Continually expanding, Lions Quest is present in more than 90 countries and program materials have been translated into 36 languages. This positive youth development program is having a huge, global impact; [view a video](#) about the program in India and [read stories of those impacted](#). For more information, view the [Lions Quest FAQs](#) and the glossary of [Education Terms](#).

You can also [view videos](#) on LCIF's efforts to support youth and learn more about [LCIF's partners](#).

Lions Quest Program Components

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Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence 6 – 8



Lions Quest Skills for Action 9 - 12



"Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow,"



Did you get yours this past year? If not – why not?



2015-2016 International Theme: DIGNITY. HARMONY. HUMANITY

Every year, thousands of small cranes cross over the Himalayas for their seasonal migration. Their survival during this arduous journey depends upon the cooperation, teamwork, family structure, and harmony among every member of the flock.

In Japan, the crane has traditionally been a symbol of longevity. In the Japanese art of origami, the crane is the most basic form that all children learn to make. The custom of folding origami cranes symbolizes the well wishes of friends and family for the ill. The crane is also a symbol of peace – not only in Japan, but around the world.

Peace, hope, determination, teamwork and uniting people through service are central elements of our 2015-2016 international theme, *Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.*

One of the basic tenets of human dignity is the ability to provide for oneself and for one's family. Yet in today's world, millions face an uncertain future with little hope of bettering their lives and caring for their children. President Yamada has made service to children a primary focus this year with the Children's Dignity Initiative. Lions are encouraged to make a difference in the lives of children by brightening the outlook of children in hospitals, responding to the needs of children in refugee camps, addressing the needs of hungry children and expanding the Reading Action Program.

In serving children and others, Lions are changing the world and sowing the seeds of harmony, understanding and peace. This year, President Yamada urges each of us to strive to understand and appreciate cultures unlike our own. District governors and council chairpersons are encouraged to connect with each other to identify opportunities for joint international service projects. Clubs can also participate in a cultural exchange through the Twinning program. Interacting with Lions with different perspectives can broaden our outlook and provide inspiration for meaningful service in our own communities.

Our legacy of service has been cultivated for almost 100 years, and during 2015-2016, we must uphold that legacy. In order to reach our *Centennial Service Challenge* goal of serving 100 million people between now and June 30, 2018, we must triple our output of service in those areas and clubs must report their efforts via the Service Activity Report in MyLCI. President Yamada is confident in our ability to meet and exceed our goal.



Together, we have built our membership to nearly 1.4 million, and we must continue that growth while cultivating our leadership to stay relevant in our next century of service. Lions are encouraged to be open to new ideas and work with the Global Leadership Team to identify and develop capable leaders. We must work with the Global Membership Team to find new ways to promote growth, including outreach to family and women members using the *Ask One* membership campaign. Families that serve together as Lions establish a family tradition of serving others, and as Lions, can secure our clubs' ability to serve for years to come.



What We Have Here: A Failure To Communicate



Commuters immersed in their smartphones ride the subway in Beijing.

It is the weirdest thing. There are more ways than ever to communicate with people, yet it sometimes seems like it is more difficult to connect — and stay connected — with anyone.

Should you shoot off an email? Tap out a text? Post a private message on Facebook? Write on their Facebook wall? Skype, poke, ping or conjure them up on a [digital tin can phone](#)?

And once you reach someone, you wonder: Is he paying attention? How do you know? Even with the techno-ease of countless communication devices, conversations can still be troublesome. Questions are asked and answered out of order. Instructions and directions go half-read. Meetings are botched. Feelings are hurt.

Nowadays, you can reach out to touch someone and not even get close. Some folks don't check their phone messages. Some don't have answering machines on their home telephones. More and more people consider home phones, and land lines of any stripe, anachronistic. So how *do* you get in touch with someone?

The first instinct, says Hannah Shatzen, a senior at the University of Virginia, "is to always text a person. If they don't answer, you can catch them on G-chat or Facebook chat. If they don't answer there, you can Facebook message them and see if they'll answer later. You also have the option to tweet at someone and tell them what you want to say. And if all else fails, you can call them."

Is it maddening to have to try so many ways? Not at all, Shatzen patiently explains. "There is never a time when I can't get in contact with someone. Everyone is constantly connected."

Cue the sound of a home telephone [ringing and ringing and ringing](#) ...

Multiple Avenues: A [recent survey](#) by the Pew Internet & American Life Project reveals that texting is the favorite form of communication among young people ages 12 to 17. Some 63 percent use texting to chat with others every day. About 39 percent call and receive calls on their cellphones; 29 percent swap messages on social network sites — such as Facebook and Twitter — and 22 percent send instant messages.

Actress Isabelle Fuhrman, one of the stars of *The Hunger Games*, kicks it old school when it comes to communication: "I don't like to text; I use it to make plans with people, but I prefer to call. You can hear the intonation in their voice and you can really connect to them."

Evan Agostini/AP = Only 19 percent talk on land lines every day and just 6 percent exchange emails. There are so many options. And that energizes people like Debbie Weil.

"The beauty of social media is that it does in fact create multiple avenues to reach someone," says Weil, a techno-evangelist and founder of Voxie Media, a Washington-based publishing services company for business writers. "One usually knows the preferred message to reach a friend — email, text, phone. But if you're trying to reach a potential business contact — even someone 'famous' — you now have so many ways to do it."

For example, Weil says, she is able to contact once-unreachable famous people by posting comments on their blogs, by mentioning their names in posts on her own blog, by directing tweets their way, by posting Facebook comments, by looking people up on LinkedIn and through other methods. "This is a godsend as far as I'm concerned," she says.

Tha Medium Iz Tha Msg: Technology has its own demands, however. Kate Kamber, a student at the University of Virginia who is Shatzen's roommate, describes the dilemma pretty well. "If you have a crush on a boy, should you text him/call him/tweet him/Facebook chat/message/G-chat/tag him in a photo?" she asks. "There are so many more mediums for communication than there used to be."

She remembers fondly only a few years ago being able to easily reach her fourth-grade boyfriend on his family's land line.

Invoking Marshall McLuhan's famous quote, "The medium is the message," Kamber says that in contemporary American culture, "the problem is not how to best contact someone for the sake of contact, but rather the problem is how to contact someone in a medium where the intended message can most accurately be conveyed."

Communication with Lion Members

We have young Lions to be to Lions who are 100+. The average age of today's Lions is 58 years young. Using the modern mode of communication with the young might seem easy – it turns out to be much harder on those who are not keeping up with the times *BUT* still need information that is being passed. Those older individuals don't mind to read emails but do not go on Facebook or anything else. They can read the Bulletins that are put out and don't mind how large it might be as long as there is good information and ideas.

What Can We Do?

Challenges of Leadership/Communication

Effective leadership is the backbone to any group or organization. The leader acts as a facilitator for the group and without it the group has little chance for success. A group's communication is only as good as its leaders. There have been many groups that couldn't make it past the first six months because the leaders were not equipped to guide them through the trials that a young club encounters. Challenges can occur when there is no definitive rules or chain of command to follow. There can be a fall out if two or more individuals cannot work together for the betterment of the club. The leadership must put aside their egos in order to fully actualize what they hope their club to be. They must follow the words of Ghandi and "be the change they want to see".

Effective communication is a necessary and difficult aspect between any clubs members and their operations within the club. With many people doing different jobs and being in charge of many different activities it is in many cases difficult to effectively and timely communicate with all members in the club because of various obligations and duties that each member is in charge of. However despite how difficult effective communication can sometimes be, it is a vital and necessary part of each successful club. Having a leader of the club who can organize activities and obligations can greatly assist in avoiding the confusion between club members and contribute to good communication in a given club.

Working together

Talk is something you do every day. And your life is literally shaped by it. Many of the decisions you make are decided by *talking*. You may be trying to sway you're a member toward a particular event. Or you might be trying to build more cooperative relationships with new members. In one person's life, they will encounter many different people from many different backgrounds and they will in one way or another, talk to them, encounter them, or have to work with them. Therefore, it is very important for clubs, who represent and incorporate people from various situations to represent them properly. The following are ways for student organizations to better accomplish this task.

Create = Enthusiasm – Attitude – Dedication – Maintain Confidentiality – Adaptability – Goal Setting and Planning -

Passing Down Information and Tasks to New Leaders

In order to completely understand the effectiveness that a club has on the community a deeper observation will need to take place with the club itself. I believe that in order to fully understand what a club has to offer, one must participate in the club and actively take part in the events. This participant observation will allow for a more thorough analysis of what is really taking place; as well as seeing how their hard work and organization throughout the quarter is coming together. By having potential new leaders observe the clubs organization and goals, information and the overall tasks of the club can effectively be passed down. We, as observers, should continue to monitor the success of the clubs and note how their planning is helping or hindering the publicity of the club. New leaders should step back from time to time and allow themselves to observe what is working and what is not for the club. Other questions can Lions only know also be addressed to the club members about what has worked in the past and what has not. By asking specific questions about the organization of the club we can acquire a more detailed insight into whether or not their organization and leadership are truly effective in the overall performance of the club. With this new acquired insight information from previous years can help new leaders build a stronger and more effective club, while at the same time maintaining the original goals the club established.

Public Relations and Lions Information Chair: Each Club President should appoint a Lion to serve as a Public Relations and Lions Information Chair (Communications Director). This chairperson is responsible for providing guidance and support to club public relations, publicizing activities to the community and informing Lions on club, district, state and LCI activities. Also, they would forward information to the District on any future activities the club will be doing, have done and if possible – provide pictures.

Other Chairpersons: Lions only know what they might read or heard from past. If you are assigned as a Chairperson, you have to get out and spread the word and give Lions an update on the Committee you are responsible for – the best thing is to contact the Club and let them know you would like to come – don't think the club will call you.

Advance Warning: Lions deserve to be given advance warning – if an event is two (2) or three (3) months away, you should inform your members now so they can plan for such event. (If you let them know something will happen next week – you might not get to many Lions to participate and it makes for a poor showing). This should be done by all means – email, text, phone call or in person. Word has to be passed to everyone in advance (common sense courtesy).

LIONS OF GEORGIA

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June 3-5, 2016

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