

# *Lions of Georgia*



*DG Jimmy Black is recuperating at home after a mild stroke- keep in prayers*

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## State News



### **LION HAYNES H. TOWNSEND, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR:**

Director Townsend thanked the Council for all their hard work this year. He thanked all for the opportunity he and Donna have had to represent Georgia on the International Board. CC Clower thanked Director Townsend for his fine representation of the State of Georgia, on an International level.

### **LION SID L. SCRUGGS, III, PRESIDENT, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL:**

President Scruggs stated that it has been a wonderful year, and that everyone agrees it makes a lot of difference when you emphasize service. He stated that this year he has not asked "how are your numbers." All he has asked is "how are your club members doing and are they doing service?" He stated that this year LCI has had the best retention rate in over five years. He suggested that when a person is interested in becoming a Lion, that the Sponsor set up a half a day or an evening to give the person an orientation and indoctrination; you let them know it will cost them time, money, and what will be expected of them. Then you involve them in one of your club's service projects. After that, you introduce them to members of the club, and if they like each other you invite them to become a Lion. Then you won't have to worry about retention. If a person is really interested in providing service, they won't find the meetings boring. There won't be any of the normal excuses. He suggested that clubs find out what the community needs are and try to supply those needs.

### **LION JAMES E. "JIM" ERVIN, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:**

PIP Ervin thanked the Council for their dedication this year. He thanked International Director Townsend and Donna for the great job they have done the past two years in representing the Lions of Georgia on the Board. President Scruggs expressed his thanks to ID Haynes and Donna.

### **LION DR, BEVERLY A. ROBERTS, PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR:**

Dr. Roberts stated it was a pleasure to see everyone again. She thanked everyone for the cards, calls, and emails sent over the last year and a half. She stated that she is better now. She commended the Council and Council Chair on the hard work this year. They have worked on increasing membership, starting new clubs, retaining members, filling out forms,

attending club meetings, and seeing that monthly bulletins were available. She stated she has enjoyed reading every one. Dr. Roberts stated that each Council Member should have a sense of pride in what has been accomplished this year. Dr. Roberts stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Council. She has worked with almost every DG on protocol for their convention as well as the CC and the State Office on the convention.

### **LION DR. JOHN F. PEARCE, PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR:**

Dr. Pearce thanked the Council for the kind of support given the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign. He thanked the Clubs for the opportunity of speaking and attending throughout the year, as well as the training sessions he has been a part of on several levels in the state, as well as several out of state.

### **LION W. MYERS BANISTER, PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR:**

PIP Banister thanked the Council for following through with the Long Range Planning Report and moving forward so that everything would be in place at this convention so that the Lions of Georgia can vote on Redistricting.

## REDISTRICTING



## APPROVED





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Alan Bethel

## *Chickamauga Lions Club*

The Club started out as a normal selling light bulbs, mop and brooms. Also, fruit cakes were a big seller. As we all know, new and fresh ideas with new members joining the club we were able to expand with Down Home Days – a three day event that starts on Thursday and ends on Saturday. These events continues today with a Golf tournament, Chili Supper and Bingo as well as a street fest with crafts, games, food and music.

We also started out with a Star Student/Star Teacher and thru the years improved this also by having a Banquet and award a \$1,000 scholarship and 2 \$500 scholarship to the top students from Gordon Lee High School. As the years went by we added more Lions and came up with another fund-raiser with a Truck Give A Way and Steak Dinner. Today, we decided to give away cash and still have the steak dinner. Tickets are sold at \$100 each for a Steak Dinner and we give a \$10,000 first prize and two \$1,000 second and third prize.

New projects were added – the Coke Oven Festival an Christmas in the Streets. These have been well attended and appreciated by the community. The newest project we have is the Supermarket Sweep. The first year we raised \$483 – we saw the results and made improvements and the following year we made \$1,062. This really has been a fun event and should continue for many more years.

With all the money raised the Club has been able to donate (besides our projects to the Lighthouse, Camp and Leader Dog) we are able to provide to the High School Band, Faith Children's Home, the Older American Center, Secret Santa, Babies Can't Wait, Stocking Full of Love (toys), Chattanooga Forgotten Children's Fund, Family Crisis Center, glasses and much more within the community. Service projects have been numerous by providing fan's to the elderly, building wheel chair ramps, build furniture of the Library and Family Crisis Center, helping and providing need items to victims of tornados . We have been able to provide 370 youth coats as a project. Donated 21 books to the public library in memory of our deceased members. Provided miscellaneous school supplies to Chickamauga Elementary School, Cherokee Ridge Elementary School and Harvest Christian Academy. We help support our LEO Club and they in turn have provided us with much needed help.

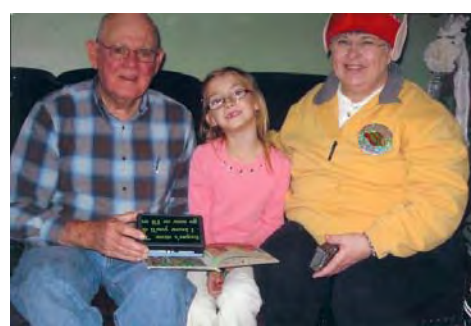
We also purchase a \$1,700 video magnifier for a 7 year old to help with her school work. She improved 3 reading levels in less than 2 weeks time.



Lions booth at Down Home Days



Making School Supplies for the Harvest Deaf School



Gave a Video Magnifier to student



Lions with winner of the Supermarket Sweep



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*Joe Bill Brannon*

## *Hinesville Lions Club*

The Hinesville Lions Club has been active in the Hinesville/Liberty County community since it was chartered in 1941 (70 years ago). Past projects have included building the first swimming pool in Hinesville that is now Sanford Park. The club also purchased uniforms for the Bradwell Institute football team leading to the team being called the Bradwell Lions.

This year The Hinesville Lions Club has been active in many projects to improve our community. The club “adopted” Taylor’s Creek Elementary School. With the many cutbacks and teacher furloughs the club wanted to insure that every teacher had hand sanitizer, paper towels, and cleaning products for their rooms. We collected over 400 pounds of supplies and delivered them to the School when the first semester started.

For Thanksgiving, with the help of DFACS we identified 12 needy families and delivered 12 Turkeys along with a large box of food to them for Thanksgiving. Few things are more rewarding than seeing the smiles and gratitude as we delivered the food with our Lions vests on.

We also “adopted” residents of a nursing home. These residents do not have family members who regularly visit. The club made sure that their birthdays and holidays are remembered with cards, flowers, and gifts. A special trip was made this past year to insure that they all had presents under the Christmas tree.

Many of our members volunteered at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Screenings. Screenings are held in Savannah, Brunswick, and Waycross through a partnership with free health clinics and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Throughout the year, the Hinesville Lions also collect eyeglasses, lenses, hearing aids, and cell phones for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The Lighthouse washes sorts and recycles the eyeglasses, lenses and hearing aids all over the world.

The club sponsored a “Send a Kid to Camp Dice Run” This is the third year we have put on this event. Proceeds help with defraying the cost to local Vision Impaired Georgians to go to the Camp for the Blind in Waycross during the summer. Another Dice Run is under planning for this fall.

Other community service projects include supporting youth recreation sports. Our junior softball team was champions in 2007 and in the region play-offs the past 3 years. Our club also supports the Boy Scouts of America through donations and purchase of turkeys from their fundraiser.

The Hinesville Lions club is also distinguished as being the home club of the Current District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor Elect, and six (6) Past District Governors. As you can see...We Serve.



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*Jimmy Black*

## *Moultrie Lions Club*

The Moultrie Lions Club is an active, service-minded club located in the mostly rural southwest part of Georgia. Although a medium size club of just under 40 members, the Moultrie Lions club was the Club of the Year of District 18C in the 2010-2011 club year and worked very hard to support many service projects locally, state-wide and nationally.

The main source of income for Moultrie comes from providing concessions for the local high school football games. The club has been doing these concessions for more than 50 years! With ten games this past football season (including a scrimmage game), Lions were able to increase our donation to the Colquitt County High School athletic department as well as increase our support in many other areas. With two stands – one on each end of the field – it takes many workers to prepare and sell the concessions. Many times there are almost as many non-Lion volunteers as Lions helping. It is hard work, but it is also a time of fellowship.



Concession stand project

Our annual barbeque is another major source of income. This project has been a profitable one for our club for more than twenty years and involves every active member. We also receive some income from sales of mops and brooms, gum balls, and an occasional raffle.



Barbeque project





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Ed Hashbarger

## ***Forsyth County Lions Club***

The Forsyth County Lions Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in April with PID Dr. Beverly Roberts as the guest speaker. The club ended the year touching 150 lives with eye exams and glasses, along with its support of the club's legacy project, the Cumming-Forsyth County Miracle League.

## **Cumming-Forsyth County Miracle League History**

### *Mission in Pursuit of a Vision*

Any worthwhile accomplishment begins with a dream. A dream to get a base hit and hear the umpire call "SAFE!", a dream to catch a fly ball for the first time, a dream to laugh and have fun with your team mates on a Saturday morning. It all begins with a dream.

This dream began with the Forsyth County Lions Club in January 2005. The dream was to someday, somehow help create a miracle for children with disabilities in order for them to realize their dreams of playing baseball. But, how does a child in a wheel chair run the bases? How does a child without sight make a contact with a ball? How does a child with autism stand in the outfield and catch the fly ball for the last out? It would definitely take a miracle.



They began the new year with a bang - with a fundraiser and fireworks at the Cumming fairgrounds Sunday night, July 3rd. The next morning members gave out about 5000 pairs of ear plugs along the parade route before the annual historic Steam Engine parade. The decibel level of the engines are deafening and the club member's stress to the parents to use the earplugs for their children's hearing protection.

We continue to sell tickets for the Cumming Playhouse production of The Miracle Worker running for 6 weeks beginning in August. For ticket information you may call Lion Tony DiCarlo at 770 843-9476 or The Cumming Playhouse at 770-781-9178.



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Tim Chisholm

The Griffin Lions - Come Cruise with the Griffin Lions Club to PAMANA September 24, 2011 to October 2, 2011 on the Carnival Cruise Lines Freedom of the Seas. Embark at Fort Lauderdale, FL, with ports of call at Cozumel, MX, Limon, Costa Rico, Colon Panama, with an optional excursion through the Panama Canal. Oceanview Cabins from \$787.00. \$50.00 INITIAL deposit, installments accepted, \$ 300.00 due by 04/10/2010, full payment by July 1, 2011. Port and Gratuities can be paid in advance or when boarding the ship. Passports are required. FOR MORE INFORMATION call 770-229-4826

## *Villa Rica Golden City and Villa Rica Lions Club*

The Villa Rica & Villa Rica Golden City Lions Club held its first, very successful Vision Clinic at Rapha Clinic of West Georgia in Temple for twelve patients, on Saturday, June 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ten people received eye exams & two more had prescriptions filled for glasses. One patient was referred to a cataract specialist and another with hearing loss was told that the clinic staff would refer her to an audiologist, then she could have the prescription filled at the GA Lions Lighthouse for a hearing aid. All the vision screening equipment was transported from the Lighthouse to the clinic in the Lighthouse mobile unit.

The new Vision Clinic was well staffed by six volunteers who were trained by Tiffany Ellerbee, Vision Clinic Coordinator at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lions Kinney Taylor, David Mecklin, Tom Proctor and Dev Ormiston volunteered from Villa Rica Lions, and Lions Ann Olson and Jacki Dixon from Villa Rica Golden City Lions. Dr Jennifer Wilcox, an optometrist with LensCrafters in Arbor Place Mall in Douglasville and a Villa Rica resident, donated her time to perform the eye exams. Sue Brockman, executive director of Rapha Clinic, was on hand to assist with patients and provide refreshments. She had arranged all the appointments in advance and completed paperwork for the Lighthouse. And of course, the patients who received eye exams that they otherwise could not afford, were extremely grateful and appreciative that this service done locally. One patient exclaimed, when fitted with lenses that would correct her vision, "The letters aren't dancing anymore!"



Ms. Ellerbee was pleased that the clinic ran so smoothly, especially for the first time. Dr Wilcox remarked that all the work was done for her by the volunteers, making her job so easy. Ms. Brockman was excited that a vision clinic was added to the Rapha medical clinic which has been established for one year.

Holding a vision clinic requires several steps and each volunteer was trained to do a job. Ms. Olson greeted and signed in the patients and chatted with them and their families while they waited to be seen. Mr. Ormiston input the patients' information into the computer, while Mr. Proctor tested their vision with an eye chart. Ms. Ellerbee administered eye drops to dilate the eyes and measured the intraocular pressure, testing for glaucoma. Dr Wilcox performed a refractive eye exam and examined the retina for eye diseases. Mr. Mecklin measured the distance between the pupils and assisted w selecting frames, which were donated to the Lighthouse by an optical shop. Mrs. Dixon ran interference and served as fashion consultant in selecting frames that were suitable for face shape and size as well as hair color. Lastly, Mr. Taylor entered the patients' data and prescription into the computer and distributed goody bags and refreshments.

The patients' glasses will be made at the GA Lions Lighthouse, which began its in-house optical operation this week. The glasses will be mailed to the patients, who will receive them in two to four weeks.



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*June Phillips*

## *Centerville Lions Club*

The Centerville Lions Club was chartered February 15, 1967. The Macon Southside Lions Club and the Warner Robins Lions Club co-sponsored the new club. Lions Walter Wilson, Macon Southside and Jay Jones, Warner Robins, were the guiding Lions. The District 18E Governor at this time was Lion C.V. Glisson from the Fort Valley Lions Club. Our club has sponsored the Centerville Lioness Club and the Macon Evening Lions Club. Charter members Leroy Carter and Robert "Bob" Smith are still active in our club.

The club went to work immediately by starting a city recreation program. Members operated a recreation center complete with games and refreshments. The club also offered refreshments at the local ballpark, operating the refreshment stand from the trunks of their cars. The club bought the lettering for the local elementary school with profits from the refreshment stand.

Many fund raisers were attempted, some successful, some not. The most meaningful project this club has been involved with to date occurred in 1975. A baby girl was born to a Centerville couple. Shortly after birth, it was discovered that the baby had tumors behind both eyes. The Centerville Lions club along with several area civic groups held a fund raiser and collected over \$25,000 to help with medical expenses. Centerville Lions were appointed caretakers of the account. The monies paid for trips to New York for radium implants in the tumors. This was an ongoing process. After many trips to this doctor, one eye had to be removed but some sight was saved in the other eye. The little girl grew up and attended college. Again the Centerville Lions Club furnished a magnifying reader to aid the girl's college progress. Soon after graduating, sight in both eyes was gone. The Centerville Lions processed the paperwork and sent the girl to Rochester, Michigan to get a Leader Dog. She began working and being a productive citizen. Years later now, Charlene Leverett's health has failed to the point that she is bedridden most of the time. Her brother is her only living immediate family member. He works and tries to care for her. The Centerville Lions Club pays her utility bills quarterly.

This club works projects such as semi-annual Bar-B-Ques, Sweetheart runs (5 and 10K), Bake Sale, Golf Tournament, Broom Sales, working National Fair gate, and others so that contributions can be made to all projects sanctioned by the International Association, Georgia Multiple District and District 18F. We also still celebrate World Lions Service Day by cooking a fried chicken dinner for 60-100 of the community's senior citizens, at no cost to them.

In 1994, we built our club house. We, then, became Centerville Lions Club Incorporated. Since the building was completed, we have hosted Zone Meetings, Cabinet Meetings, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Meetings, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Meetings, joint Lions Club Meetings as well as furnishing a meeting place for some of the community's non-profit organizations.

We have had two District Governors and the top secretary for two years and second place for top secretary for one year, many Lions holding district/state offices, including the treasurer for the Camp for the Blind. To date, we have 23 Melvin Jones Fellows and three Tom Bingham Fellows. We also have 11 members named to the District 18F Hall of Fame and two of our Lionesses.



Our club is looking forward to serving our community far and wide in the future.



## **The story of Jesus Sanchez Cabral: how his loss of sight altered the course of the life of one of his sons, and wrote a new chapter in the history of America's flag.**

Jesus Sanchez "Chuy" Cabral was born in Valparaiso in Zacatecas, Mexico in 1916, during the Mexican Revolution/Civil War (1910-1920), one of the last of the long series of Mexican/Indian Wars.

As the war waged on Jesus' father instructed his wife to leave for the United States and to take the children with her, while he remained behind to fight to keep the family land.

Unfortunately, he was killed and was never to see his small family or they him again. Jesus, along with his mother and siblings made their way to Chicago, Illinois which was to become their new home. At the time Jesus was only two years of age. For the next several years the family lived in Chicago.

Working for the Rock Island and Union Pacific railroads led the family to Kansas, and eventually Hutchinson, Kansas where their new home became a permanent one.



In 1941 World War II broke out and Jesus, barely 25 years of age, enlisted in the Army Air Corps. From 1941 to 1946 he was deployed to Eastern Africa, the South Pacific, and Northern Europe. During his time in service he was awarded several medals. Following the war, Jesus married and fathered 11 children. Ten years previous to his death in March of 1998, he became blind due to glaucoma. Blindness robbed Jesus of many things, but, perhaps nothing saddened him more than no longer being able to post the American flag on his front porch. Something he regarded as a duty of all Americans.

In 1994, among the many children, his middle son Randolph Cabral took up an interest in Braille and services to the blind. In 1998, the same year Jesus died Randolph founded an institute in Wichita, Kansas in his father's memory, directed toward helping those who are blind or have low vision. In 2000, the Institute was officially chartered and took the name Kansas Braille Transcription Institute.



One evening while working late in his office, Randolph created a tactile American flag to honor his father. In February 2008, with the help of Kansas Congressman Todd Tiahrt, the U.S. Congress unanimously authorized placement of the Braille flag at Arlington National Cemetery as a tribute to blind veterans and other blind Americans. In April of 2008 the Braille flag was officially installed at the cemetery. Today the American Braille flag is mass produced in Wichita, Kansas, and literally thousands have found their way into blind veteran's homes and hospitals, offices of elected officials, schools for the blind, and many different businesses.

Proceeds generated from the American Braille flag benefit blind and low vision veterans and other blind and low vision Americans.



## Lions Clubs International

Lions from all across North America are planning to be in Anchorage September 22-24 to take advantage of the 64 seminars and workshops planned at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The Forum is for any Lion who wants to enhance leadership capabilities in an atmosphere that is non-stop learning and fun. Accommodations start at \$59. For more information visit the Forum website at [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org) for complete details, a list of seminars and tour packages.



You can register on-line for the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum at <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/online-registration-2011.html>

For additional information, call 605-723-4007  
Or email [usacanadalionsforum@carolina.rr.com](mailto:usacanadalionsforum@carolina.rr.com)

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Dear Global Leadership Team District Coordinators:

The next Senior Lions Leadership Institute for USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas and Canada will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA on November 17-20, 2011. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region and district levels.

The institute in Oak Brook is designated as a *Senior* Lions Leadership Institute and is targeted to Lions who have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently (for details, see the enclosed application materials).

Lions Clubs International will pay for meals and lodging in strict accordance with the schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges.

Please help us to recruit qualified Lions for this institute by providing a copy of the attached application packet to Lions leaders in your district, including your district governor team, region and zone chairpersons, to remind them of this event. Please ask them to promote the institute and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. The success of this institute depends on the participation of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area. The application packet is also available on the web site. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/senior-lions-leadership-institutes/index.php>

Completed forms must be returned by: **September 7, 2011**

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars  
Lions Clubs International  
Fax: 630.706.9010  
E-mail: [institutes@lionsclubs.org](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org)

To ensure timely receipt of your applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 630.468.6740 or by e-mail at [institutes@lionsclubs.org](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org).

Sincerely, Kathy Ryan

# **35<sup>TH</sup> CAMP ANNIVERSARY AND LIONS DAY**

**Our Camp is 35 years old already! And we will celebrate this fact on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at our 2011 Lions Day at the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc., known this year as "Camp Happy Trails". You and families are invited to come join in the festivities of this exciting day.**

**Lions Day is a day set aside for Lions and friends to come to the Camp to see what a wonderful entity we have and to see just what we do. The campers, who are 14 to 17 years of age, will be having one of their normal days at Camp with their many activities. We are there to observe and participate when invited to do so. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with different activities going on until noon.**

**Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. in the Flash Foods Activities Building. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make reservations to Lion Doy Barks: phone 478-923-5649; email at [hankbarks@msn.com](mailto:hankbarks@msn.com); or mail the enclosed form to 614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, Ga 31088. Checks should be made payable to GLCB. Reservations are necessary so we know how many to prepare lunch for that day..**

**Following lunch, we will have a program featuring the campers.**

**This is also a great day to come to the Camp to see the wonderful renovations just completed on all buildings. We were so very fortunate to receive a \$419,000.00 anonymous contribution that could only be used for Capital Improvements. And we did so. The Camp is all spruced up.**

**So pull out your old cowboy hats, cowboy boots, cowboy shirts and belts and bandanas and come join in the fun. The Camp is located 7 miles outside Waycross, GA on US Hwy 1, opposite the entry to Okefenokee Swamp Park. It is not hard to find. Once you leave Hwy 1 at the Camp sign, just keep driving past the Golf Course, until you come to the Camp. Your club Associate Director or President has a map to the Camp.**

**They also have a list of the motels in Waycross and their Lions rates for those who want to spend the night. Please note that the old Holiday Inn is now Quality Inn and Suites. Right next door is a brand new Holiday Inn Express. Everyone is always invited to come back to the Camp after dinner at 7:30 p.m. to watch the Campers' great Talent Show.**

**This day is for you to come to "Camp Happy Trails" and enjoy! For any questions, call the Camp office or Lion Frank Spinney or Lion Doy Barks**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## Global Membership Team Overview

The **Global Membership Team (GMT)** provides a global structure for membership development which is continuous, focused, and integrated. Effective July 1, 2011, a [Global Leadership Team](#) counterpart was established. Additionally, newly expanded GMT-[MD/District/Single District](#) teams and GLT [MD/District](#) and [Single District](#) teams were established to replace the MERL program. This new structure was created to work in a highly interdependent manner from the international level, to the constitutional area level, the multiple district level, and to the district level for the benefit and success of the club.



Members of the [GMT](#) and [GLT](#) work together to identify, develop and encourage opportunities for present and future Lions leaders, and to develop membership through service and engagement.

The Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team operate as parallel structures to enhance membership growth and leadership development. The two structures are connected and coordinated at the international level by an executive council. The GMT/GLT Executive Council is led by the LCI international president, with the international first and second vice presidents overseeing and providing guidance to the GMT and GLT respectively. Both the GMT and GLT are further supported by an international coordinator and a joint operations committee composed of the chairpersons of the Membership Development Committee, the Leadership Committee and the District and Club Service Committee, as well as a team of appointed constitutional area leaders.

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



**The Global Leadership Team (GLT)** 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.

## GLT Structure

[The GLT structure](#) encompasses representation at the [international](#), [multiple district](#), [single district](#) and [district](#) levels and includes district governor teams, provides a comprehensive global platform for developing more qualified leaders from the club level up, while encouraging regional training and development approaches to address local needs.

Operating as an action-oriented, parallel, mutually supportive team with the [GMT](#), the GLT was developed to augment the local efforts of our DG Teams. By integrating the efforts of the GLT, the GMT and our DG Teams, we will be better able to address regional growth and development needs, while building our membership base, improving club health, and enhancing the quality of our leadership at all levels of the association.



**Making a Difference for People with Medicare!  
GeorgiaCares Needs Your Talents and Skills!**



GeorgiaCares is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and SMP Senior Medicare Patrol for Georgia. SHIP provides personalized counseling, education and outreach to assist Medicare beneficiaries with their Medicare questions. Services provided by SHIP help beneficiaries identify and understand Medicare programs and plans, including Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap policies), Prescription Drug Coverage, Medicare Advantage Plans, long-term care insurance and other public and private health insurance coverage options. The SMP Senior Medicare Patrol empowers seniors to prevent healthcare fraud to preserve Medicare and Medicaid for future generations. The primary goal is to teach Medicare beneficiaries how to protect their personal identity, detect potential errors, fraud and abuse and how to report it.

GeorgiaCares services are free, confidential, and available to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. Services are provided by staff and volunteers who play a critical role in helping people save money, get the health care they need and protect themselves against fraud.

Volunteering with GeorgiaCares is a rewarding way to serve your community. Whether you are helping someone understand their Medicare options, helping someone save money by enrolling in a financial assistance program, teaching someone how to protect themselves against healthcare fraud, or presenting information on current scams and Medicare changes, you are making a difference in the lives of Medicare beneficiaries. GeorgiaCares offers a variety of volunteer opportunities to best fit your interests, skills and availability. If you're looking for a meaningful way to help your friends, neighbors, and community, GeorgiaCares is the place for you. You can reach your local GeorgiaCares office by calling 1-866-55AGING (1-866-552-4464). You can also contact the regional office directly.

<b>Atlanta Regional Commission:</b>	<b>404-463-3350</b>
<b>Central Savannah River:</b>	<b>706-210-2029</b>
<b>Coastal Georgia:</b>	<b>912-262-2864</b>
<b>Georgia Mountains/ Legacy Link:</b>	<b>770-538-2650</b>
<b>Heart of Georgia Altamaha:</b>	<b>478-982-8526</b>
<b>Lower Chattahoochee/ River Valley:</b>	<b>706-256-2917</b>
<b>Middle Georgia:</b>	<b>478-751-6489</b>
<b>Northeast Georgia:</b>	<b>678-963-5199</b>
<b>Northwest Georgia:</b>	<b>706-802-5324</b>
<b>Southern Crescent:</b>	<b>706-675-9031</b>
<b>Southern Georgia:</b>	<b>912-285-5080</b>
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Call today and request a speaker at an upcoming meeting to learn more about our services. Let your local GeorgiaCares office know about any community events or opportunities to share information. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of people with Medicare.

**WEB SITE = Multiple District = Honorable Mention: MD 18, Georgia, USA**

**Global Youth Music Competition = First Place (US\$10,000): Daniel Nistico, Australia** *(representing Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific Ocean)*



**Environmental Photo Contest Results =  
Best of Show (Grand Prize)**

Votes are in and winners announced for the 2011 Environmental Photo Contest. Proceeds from silent auction of the photos and calendar sale will benefit LCIF.



**RIVERSIDE FERGUS FALLS LIONS CLUB**

Raj Phairembam, 2010-11 Lions International Peace Poster Contest grand prize winner, was recognized during the morning plenary session and later signed reproductions of his award-winning poster for a donation to LCIF.



Amy Bosko, the winner of the Power of Peace Essay Contest for blind and visually impaired students was recognized. We're pleased to announce that Amy Elizabeth Bosko, a 12-year-old girl from Lisle, Illinois, wrote the grand prize winning essay in the 2011 Lions International Essay Contest. Judges chose her essay for its artistic merit and portrayal of the theme, "Power of Peace." As the grand prize winner, Amy receives an award and a check for US\$5,000. Her sponsor, the Villa Park Lions Club, recently presented the prize to Amy.



LCIF Chairperson Eberhard J. Wirfs highlights the Foundation's achievements, relief efforts and other humanitarian programs.





Technicians in the Social Networking Lounge help post your convention candid photos on [Flickr](#) – don't be surprised if you see your photos on our display walls throughout the convention center!



Doors open today at the Washington State Convention Center where Lions, Leos and guests register, explore booths and exhibitors, meet with headquarters' staff and learn about new programs.



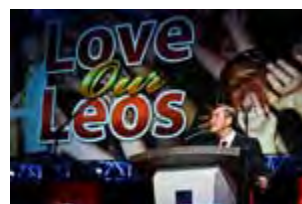
This evening's International Show features a variety of entertainment including Canadian Brass, Quick Change, Bella Rumore, Cobu, Ishaara and Karen Taylor-Good.



Former United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice delivers her keynote address at the final plenary session.



Newly elected International President Tam delivers his inaugural address to attendees, presenting his International Theme "[I Believe.](#)"





## Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

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

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

*The Georgia Lions Lighthouse remains focused on our mission of bringing sight and sound to Georgians who have no other recourse. Because of the commitment and determination of Lions Clubs throughout the State, the Lighthouse has empowered the lives of many more Georgians than ever before. In the past four years, we have increased our points of service by 600%. The first quarter of 2010, we provided glasses to 698 clients in seventeen eyeglass clinics across Georgia. 259 people received 482 hearing aids and 69 received sight-saving surgery. Because of your support, many clients returned to work, school, and lives of competence and independence. We all have much to be grateful for, this Thanksgiving. Operations funding is somewhat less than it was this time last year. The Lions of GA contributed \$33,000 of the \$332,000 total contributions. White Cane and Luminary (individual) giving will be in the spotlight the first quarter of 2011.*

*Excitement continues to build as we put finishing touches on our new home, and prepare for a December move. In our current offices, the Lighthouse is at the absolute limit of service we are able to provide. Dr. Mary Lynch is ready to begin working with clients in our new clinic; and staff members are eager to push the Lighthouse into its future of bringing many more Georgians into a world of sight and sound.*

*The Capital Campaign is in the final stages as I write. Thanks to Lions and other Lighthouse supporters, we will raise \$2.75 million in less than a year. L.C.I.F. recently contributed to our Capital Campaign with a \$75,000 grant to equip the optics lab. District A sponsored this request, as District D sponsored the \$50,000 request for mobile clinic equipment. Please join me in thanking PIP Jim Ervin, ID Haynes Townsend and Immediate Past Lighthouse Chair, Mark Miller, for encouraging support from L.C.I.F. 1775 Clairmont Road is FOR SALE. We have listed the property with Ackerman & Co for \$565,000.00. The Lighthouse is in the process of going paperless, with applications and other documents scanned into the computer. Files and boxes, that are no longer needed, are being recycled and removed.*

*We are clearing out our offices to make them as attractive as possible for sale. Thank you for all your support in positioning the Lighthouse to dramatically increase service. Our commitment, with you, is that no Georgian should go without vision or*

### **Summer Service Numbers July 1—Nov 30, 2010**

#### **District A**

Eye Glasses: 81  
Eye Exams: 28  
Eye Surgeries: 11  
Hearing Aids: 103

#### **District B**

Eye Glasses: 150  
Eye Exams: 60  
Eye Surgeries: 2  
Hearing Aids: 43

#### **District C**

Eye Glasses: 61  
Eye Exams: 49  
Eye Surgeries: 8  
Hearing Aids: 49

#### **District D**

Eye Glasses: 33  
Eye Exams: 31  
Eye Surgeries: 5  
Hearing Aids: 52

#### **District E**

Eye Glasses: 41  
Eye Exams: 25  
Eye Surgeries: 10  
Hearing Aids: 55

#### **District F**

Eye Glasses: 128  
Eye Exams: 49  
Eye Surgeries: 8  
Hearing Aids: 41

#### **Fiscal Year Totals:**

Eye Glasses: 494  
Eye Exams: 242  
Eye Surgeries: 44  
Hearing Aids: 343



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



## Save the Date!

SEE NOW HEAR NOW 5K

October 1, 2011



Join the Lighthouse for our first annual **See Now Hear Now 5K Walk/Run**, a fundraiser in support of our vision and hearing programs.

[SEE NOW HEAR NOW 5K](#)

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011**

**9:00 AM**

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation  
5582 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30341

Whether you choose to walk, run, or just take in some sun, come out and support our efforts to provide more Georgians with sight and sound in the coming year. [Register you or your team today!](#)



## NOW LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

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



### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Register with the Lighthouse at [dogoodgetrewards.com](http://dogoodgetrewards.com) to earn rewards for your service. Questions?  
Contact Laura at  
[lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org)

## *The Gift of Sound: Sarah Vann's Story*





## July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 <b>94th</b>	5 <b>Int'l</b>	6 <b>Conv</b>	7 <b>Seattle</b>	8 <b>Washington</b>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>CAMP FOR THE BLIND 35<sup>th</sup> Summer CAMP Lions Day</b>
24 Zone Chair Training At Camp	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Youth</b>	1 <b>Global</b>	2 <b>Service</b>	3 <b>Action</b>	4 <b>Campaign</b>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <b>Council of Governors Mtg, Savannah, Georgia</b>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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## *September 2011*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<i>Send A</i>	<i>Kid To</i>	<i>Camp Month</i>	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b>USA-</b>	23 <b>Canada</b> <i>Anchorage,</i>	24 <b>Forum</b> <i>Alaska</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## *October 2011*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Lions and</i>	<i>LEO's</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>Month</i>		1 <b>Council of</b> <b>Governors</b> <b>Mtg,</b> <b>Warner</b> <b>Robins,</b> <b>Georgia</b> +
2 <b>Joint Ga</b> <b>Lions Camp</b> <b>and</b> <b>Lighthouse</b> <b>Meetings</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8 <b>48<sup>th</sup> District</b> <b>Rally – 6:00</b> <b>P.M., Oconee</b> <b>Civic Center,</b> <b>Oconee Cty</b>
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30	31					

## *November 2011*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Diabetes Awareness</i>	<i>Month</i>	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## *December 2011*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



When words fail...

This is one of those moments when words fail. When the inability to express oneself is met with the duty to give anyway. I know that normally I can wax on about camp for hours, but today I struggle to tell you exactly what I am feeling.

The campers are here and that is the most wonderful feeling in the world...no really. Yet, my heart is moved and resolved all the more that the state of Georgia NEEDS this camp. I wish so badly that you could hear what I hear and see what I see. I have had several conversations with moms about the services we are providing and I can tell you that we are running a program in which all Lions should be proud. These campers need this place.

Often I get asked about the need to actually support a camper. Many people have questioned that fact that we even ask for sponsorships from clubs. I want you to know that over 60% of the campers here this week are here because of support from Lions clubs. Thank you...from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to seeing you at Lions Day!

Ascending New Heights,

*Kristen*

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**GET OUT YOUR BOOTS & COWBOY HATS!  
PLAN TO COME TO "CAMP HAPPY TRAILS!"**

**GEORGIA LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP!!!**

**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!!!  
WAYCROSS, GEORGIA ON 23 JULY 2011**

**Activities start at 9:30 a.m.**

**LUNCH \$10.00**

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at 478-923-5649, [hankbarks@msn.com](mailto:hankbarks@msn.com) or  
614 Todd Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088**





# 2011 Grand Tour Of Georgia

## Georgia Firsts hosted by the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Please do your part to help promote this event to raise funds for our Camp. Go to our Website, print out the flier and or the Application and distribute to the Bike Dealerships and Clubs within your community.

Ride your Motorcycle\*, see the great State of Georgia and help a blind child go to Camp! Enjoy a summer of riding experiences and help that same child gain a lifetime of confidence and experiences as well!

Purchase a Passport Book for \$25.00 for a single rider or for \$40.00 when riding two up. This Passport Book is loaded with 19 scenic and historical locations throughout the great State of Georgia. The theme for this year's ride is "Georgia Firsts". You will discover that Georgia is the birth place of many wonderful discoveries.

Ride to 15 of 18 optional locations and one mandatory location between April 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011. Record each visit with a photo, submit your record of visits and you will receive a Grand Tour Pin/w 2011 Year Tab and a Certificate of Completion. Those successful riders will also be able to purchase a 2011 Grand Tour of Georgia Tee Shirt.

\* Those wishing to partake in the Grand Tour of Georgia that do not ride motorcycles may do so. The same rules will apply.

To obtain a Grand Tour of Georgia Application visit the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind's Website at [GLCB.org](http://GLCB.org) or call (888) 297-1775 (Ga. Only) or (912) 283-4320 from 8am – 5pm Monday – Friday

A nonrefundable entry fee is payable by personal check or money order. The entry fee is \$25.00 if riding solo or \$40.00 if riding two up on a motorcycle. The same fee is offered if you are riding in a car; \$25.00 if only one person enters or \$40.00 if you have a passenger enter the ride. Please make your check or money order payable to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

All entrants must read this application, fill it out completely, sign it and mail it with fees enclosed to:

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind  
5626 Laura Walker Road  
Waycross, GA 31503

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/model of motorcycle or auto: \_\_\_\_\_

(We understand this may change)

This is a release. Read carefully before signing!

I understand that the 2011 Grand Tour of Georgia ("2011 GTG") is a motorcycle touring event. I further understand that motorcycling is an inherently dangerous activity which should only be undertaken by competent experienced individuals. I hereby accept the risks, which I may incur, or which I may cause to another, as a condition of participation in the 2011GTG. I hereby waive all claims I have or may have against the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc., the 2011 GTG organizers, volunteers and participants as a result of my participation in the 2011 GTG. I will obey all traffic rules and regulations during my participation in the 2011 GTG. I understand that my entry fee is non-refundable.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Georgia Lions,

I just returned with Kristen from attending my first State Convention. It was a really great experience for me and I am so glad that I was invited. As soon as we returned, the camp was ready and anticipating the campers arrival. I have also this week experienced seeing campers for the first time and I was overwhelmed. They are so special and loving and I really don't have words to explain how it has already in just two days changed my life forever.

As Ms. Carolyn has stated before, this is hallowed ground out here and now, I not only understand what she meant, but have experienced it firsthand. Thank you to all the clubs that sponsored one of these precious children that are here this week. Your donation was greatly appreciated and seeing these smiling faces and hearing their laughter was worth all of the hard work preparing for their arrival.

Thanks again for all your cooperation and patience and especially your kindness.

*Merri Blount, Camp Secretary*

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Hello Lions,

It's here. Summer camp has started and we are off and running, swimming, playing games, making crafts, and etc.. etc. Or at least the campers are. My summer helper Jake came on board to help out with the landscaping, (mowing and weed eating) portion of the job. Grass still grows around here even if we haven't gotten any rain lately. There is a lot to do during camp season, but I am looking forward to the challenge. Kristen stays really busy with the campers and counselors and I hope that Jake and I can keep everything else running smoothly. So far, so good!! The campers seem to be enjoying the pool with the new chlorine free system that keeps the water sparkling clean and doesn't burn their eyes. I have already experienced the challenge of getting started on one project and having to jump over to another task before finishing the first. One of the counselor's slogan is Welcome To Camp. I think this is what you would call multi-tasking!! There is a lot of this, but I do love a challenge. Once again I would like to thank all of you for what you do in supporting this camp. When you see the expressions on all the campers' faces as they participate in all the activities, you know it is all worthwhile. Well, I hate to make this letter so short but those multi-tasks are calling my name. Until next month, keep us in your prayers.

Mike Williams

## BASKET AUCTION A SUCCESS

A huge THANK YOU to all of those who donated themed baskets, to those who bid on the baskets, and to those who won the baskets at the Camp's Basket Silent Auction at the State Convention. We raised \$3,519.50 for the Camp and had a great time doing so.

We all enjoyed admiring the creativity of each basket with the theme and contents. It was fun watching the bids rise, as bidders kept returning to the display to check on their bid. The winners were happy to pay for their prize. And, of course, we were happy to put the money in Camp coffers to pay bills. It was a great thing for the Camp but only possible because Lions participated with gusto. Thank you so very much!

Special "thanks" also to Lions David & Patty White, Grace Anners, Thoïs & Sylvia Masters, Alice Stagg, Dimple Forrest, and Hank & Doy Barks for running the Auction. We plan to do it again so be thinking about a theme for your contribution.

## RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CAMP WITH YOUR ONLINE PURCHASES:

Your Camp has been registered as a charity at [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com). Anyone can create a free account at this website and select the Camp as their designated charity. Then, whenever you shop on the internet, first go to the iGive Merchant list to see if the company you want is a participant in this program – there are thousands participating. If the company you want is there, then be sure to shop with that company ONLY THROUGH THE IGIVE MERCHANT LISTING and a donation will be made to the Camp for every purchase. The website will tell you how much is being donated, if there are any exceptions, and you can check your personal account to see how much your purchases have earned for the Camp. This will not work if you go directly to the company's website to purchase. You must go through [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) for the donation to take effect. This is an easy way to help your Camp, but it takes lots of supporters so sign up soon and feel good about the added benefit the Camp will reap from your shopping.



## 25 Project Ideas to Serve Children



1. Organize a monthly food drive and donate collections to the food pantry.
2. Provide meals at a homeless shelter.
3. Assist with a school lunch program.
4. Make hygiene kits for children at homeless shelters.
5. Collect children's clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
9. Assist at children's camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Collect safe soft toys (no small, removable parts) and/or coloring books for a children's hospice or children's hospital.
12. Supply Braille and large-print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
13. Help to provide safety identification for children with serious/chronic illnesses (medical bracelets, necklaces, etc.).
14. Establish a tutoring program (reading, math, science) for children or youth.
15. Develop a reading program or "story day" for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
16. Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.
17. Refurbish used bicycles and distribute to children and youth.
18. Assist local law enforcement with a neighborhood photo identification project for children. Georgia Masons are presenting **GACHIP** program free of charge to the public
19. Collect usable furniture for an orphanage or family in need,
20. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
21. Remodel a children's center or school room; paint, repair and landscape.
22. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
23. Donate blankets (or crochet, knit or make fleece blankets) for orphanages, foster children or other children in need.
24. Prepare and send handmade cards to youth affiliated with children's shelters and organizations.
25. Sponsor a sports day for children and youth facing physical challenges and other disabilities.



**WE ARE COMPASSIONATE AND CARING,**  
enriching lives in communities all over the world.



## Here, There, Everywhere

### Declaration of Independent Travel

In the famous words of the United States Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The ability to travel independently is an unalienable right and essential to the “pursuit of happiness;”

That location technology dramatically increases an individual’s ability to travel independently;

That it is time for every individual who is blind and visually impaired to have affordable access to location technology to increase his or her ability to travel independently.



Leader Dogs for the Blind believes that everyone has the right to travel independently—to go here, there, everywhere they desire. But without the benefit of street signs or printed maps [*admit it; you still use them*] to help get them where they want to go, people who are blind often rely on others to help with directions.

The game changed when GPS became accessible to people without sight. Leader Dog jumped on the location technology bandwagon by providing pedestrian GPS devices and training to our clients. But with big price tags of \$2,040 for 1st generation technology and \$925 for 2nd, these devices were out of reach for many people and the cost limited how many we could give to our clients for free. Smart phone GPS applications weren’t an option for us due to limited accessibility and service fees that could easily run \$1,000 a year.

In our relentless pursuit of putting GPS in the hands of people who are blind, we’re changing the game again with the Kapten PLUS. This device is 74% smaller than previous devices, is more user friendly, has voice recognition and comes with a smaller price tag of only \$295. It’s the next step in the evolution of location technology.



## All in a Day’s Work



Walking together in stride, Child Life Specialist Jennifer and Canine Companions Facility Dog Nilani, confidently move through the busy halls congested with rolling gurneys, diligent doctors, compassionate nurses, beeping pagers, worried parents and sick children. They’re headed to meet the next patient.

A 13-year-old girl, whose life is ending, has a request. Nilani knows what her job is and gently places her loveable Labrador head on the little girl’s lap.

Soon the patient sits up and, speaking for the first time that day, says, “She’s pretty.” In that moment, her mother, her father, her sister — the loved ones she’s leaving behind — fill with gratitude and appreciation knowing that these last moments are filled with love — theirs and Nilani’s.

Without knocking over an IV stand, stepping on an extension cord, or wagging her tail, Nilani follows Jennifer’s commands and they leave the room together. Standing outside the doorway, Jennifer breathes deeply. Nilani looks up at her with her knowing eyes. Jennifer slowly strokes Nilani’s ears, “Good girl Nilani. Let’s go.”

The team resumes their stride through the hallway. It’s 2 p.m., time to visit the playroom. Jennifer and Nilani work at the University of California San Francisco Benioff Children’s Hospital and are one of hundreds of Canine Companions Facility Dog Teams around the country providing comfort, inspiration and motivation — changing lives by shaping moments for countless numbers of people effected by disabilities.

Facility Dogs are expertly trained dogs partnered with a facilitator working in a health care, visitation or education setting. Trustworthy in professional environments, the dogs perform over 40 commands designed to motivate and inspire clients.



From the desk of State  
RFB&D Chair Lion Fred  
Smith  
[lionfredsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lionfredsmith@gmail.com)



Dear Friend,

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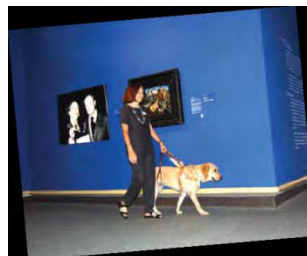
Changing the name of a Long established, national institution such as RFB&D is not something we entered into lightly. Over the past year, we conducted research and focus groups with hundreds of students, parents, educators, volunteers and funders - to define the direction of the organization and identify a name reflecting our expanded mission for the future. Our new name represents our commitment to the broader scope of individuals we serve, honoring their request not to be labeled by their disability, and their wish to be empowered with equal opportunities to learn.

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**We have an App for that!**



Now members can play Downloadable DAISY books on iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch devices! Our new app is available for \$19.99 at the [Apple iTunes store](#).



**Dreary. That's the word Patricia Allen used to describe her life during the first years of her vision loss.**

Diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy in the 1970s, her vision worsened until she was forced to resign from work. Her world began to narrow. Trips out of the house ceased. She took up piano lessons to keep busy, but life in the country offered no easy access to society, and she relied wholly on family. Unhappiness drifted in as the littlest freedoms drifted away.

After moving to St. Petersburg, Patricia joined a dog training club where she heard about an upcoming open house at Southeastern Guide Dogs. She showed up on campus on a Friday and found out from a friendly staff member that the event was on Saturday! The next day she was back, and the welcoming visit encouraged her to apply.

"Joining the program was scary at first," she admitted. "I wasn't sure what to expect. But the instructors are so outgoing and helpful; they made me feel comfortable right away." Patricia immediately fell in love with her new guide dog Dave, an intelligent Goldador named after a generous sponsor. Since meeting Dave, her confidence has grown tremendously.

For Patricia, life is anything but dreary now. A lifelong learner, Patricia takes art and computer classes at the University of South Florida. She volunteers as a docent at the Salvador Dali Museum and has taken up machine knitting, making gifts for friends and their children.

One thing she's learned: it takes courage to step out into the unknown, but it's easier with Dave by her side. Now Patricia looks forward to hiking, navigating the US F campus, and walking among paintings at the museum. Her world is widening again, one courageous step after another. Alongside Dave, of course.





## The Mission of Mission: D.A.D.:

**To raise awareness of diabetes and funding for families in need of diabetic alert service dogs - highly trained to recognize oncoming changes in blood glucose levels of Type 1 diabetics; to pay our blessings forward; to share our struggle transparently.**

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*Our home is like many others. We have a Mom and a Dad, three kids (a teen and 2 pre-teens), a cat and a guinea pig.*

We live in the suburbs. We go to church, we go to school, we go to the grocery store. Just like you, our days are measured by moments of joy, yawns of tedious boredom and photographic events like vacations or soccer games. Added to the mix are endless loads of laundry and sometimes hours of homework. We have jobs, we have friends, we have relatives, we have bills.

Sound familiar?

Where we differ - as a family - is that nearly every day we face our own mortality. My husband, our Dad, has Type I Diabetes. And more than once, he has almost died. Every day, whether we talk about it, whether we ignore it, we are living - as a family - with a disease that could change all of our lives in the blink of an eye.

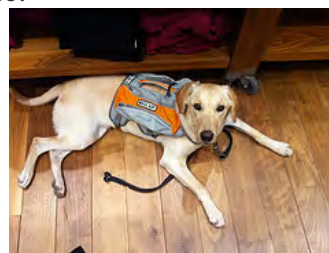
In January of 2010, we stepped out of our "home" with this disease. We never imagined the blessings this journey would bring. Trust me. NEVER.

Although this started as a desire to be transparent about living with diabetes and to secure a Diabetic Alert Dog for Trevor, we have come to believe that there is a larger purpose for Mission: D.A.D. In fact, we believe Trevor's situation, the tremendous response of those around us and continuing affirmation have resulted in a journey that is far bigger than "the Jordan's."

Mission: D.A.D., A Diabetic Alert Dog Fund has grown into a full fledge non-profit. Our purpose? To raise awareness of diabetes, diabetic alert dogs and transparent living.

How do we plan to do that? If it would be pleasing, we'd like to secure educational and testimonial opportunities that would allow us to share our experiences and raise funds so that we can provide financial assistance to families experiencing the hardship of diabetes and for whom a D.A.D. would be life-changing. We also hope to (someday) become involved in legislative measures that will protect families from unscrupulous breeders and/or trainers. How About That?

There are over 20-million diabetics in the United States today. Of those, there are approximately 4-5 million Type 1 diabetics. To date, there are a handful of reputable D.A.D. trainers. Over the long run, creating opportunities to help both families who need a Diabetic Alert Dog AND trainers who can train them just makes sense.



We are excited to see where God will direct us next on this journey. And we want to be transparent with you every step of the way. We don't exactly know what the future will hold. It is our focus, right now, to just keep "walking through open doors." We desire to be available for His purpose and for the first time in our lives, believe that Trevor's 27 years of struggle with diabetes could have been all about This Moment.

Learn MORE - Continued in next Bulletin.....



"Vision of Peace"  
2010-11 Grand  
Prize Winner

**Raj  
 Phairembam, a  
 11-year-old boy  
 from Moirang,  
 Manipur, India.**

## ***"Children Know Peace"***

### **Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced**

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

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### **LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

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### ***LEO MD-18 Georgia Council Meeting Minutes:***

***Saturday, June 11, 2011***

Council Officers Present- President Samantha Turner, Treasurer Stephan Rolle, Tail Twister James Brannon, acting Membership Director Chris Lozano (standing in for Victor Trejo), acting Secretary Elyse Rognstad (standing in for Gabby Harrell),

acting Parliamentarian Hunter O'Brian (standing in for CJ Jackson). Aaron Rognstad- Seminole County LEO Club (18-C) 6 members present. Harley Hall- Colquitt County LEO Club (18-C) 2 members present. Chandler Sumner- Early County LEO Club (18-C) 4 members present. District Chairs present- Lion Reed Rognstad (18-C), Lion Steve Helwig (18-D & State LEO Chair)

\_ State LEOs will form a committee for ways to increase State-wide membership and participation.

\_ 5 Clubs in MD-18 applied for and received the LEO Club of Service Award: 18-C / Early County, Seminole County and Colquitt County.

\_ Outstanding District Chair Award / Lion Reed Rognstad 18-C; Hank and Doy Barks Award for the Camp for the Blind / Colquitt County 18-C; Moultrie Lions / Colquitt County LEOs for funds donated and hours worked at the Camp.

\_ The LEOs were addressed by International President Sid Scruggs along with International Director Haynes Townsend.

President Scruggs said that he was excited to see LEOs involved and growing and told us about the history of the LEO program. He challenged the LEOs to get their parents involved with Lions and community service. He told how Lions were now looking to form more Omega LEO Clubs because it is more affordable to students than a Campus Lions Club. He thanked us for our hard work and presented everybody with his pin before he left.

\_ Lion Bill Holley, President of the Georgia Council of the Blind and Lions VDG, spoke of developing a Leadership forum for young, blind people. The forum /conference would hopefully be held at the Camp for the Blind with the help of the LEOs acting as advisors for a 2012 or 2013 date.

\_ Lion Steve said that the Colquitt County LEOs had won LEO Club of the Year for the Camp by winning the LEO Rodeo. He said he would ask the incoming LEO Council to form a committee and try to include a member from each district to make the plans, theme, location, expenses and coordinate with the host club (Colquitt County).

\_ LEO President Samantha said the Council had voted that only clubs that paid their State dues could vote at the meetings. If a Lions Club sponsors a LEO Club it should know what is going on with that LEO Club and be sure they pay their State and International dues.

\_ Lion Chris Sumner said that Lions International has changed the Alpha LEO colors to burgundy and platinum and Omega colors were the burgundy and gold. LEO Aaron said the Council voted on a State logo that was the gold LEO emblem



with MD-18 arched over the top. The casual uniform for Council Officers at State meetings is a burgundy polo shirt with the gold logo on the left chest and any LEO could buy one. The dress uniform for Council Officers only at banquets and formal meetings is khaki slacks, white button up shirt and a black suit blazer with the gold logo on the left chest. President Samantha asked for a motion and LEO Aaron motioned to keep the uniform and colors as we had already voted, and LEO James was the second. The motion passed.

\_ Lion Steve talked about the \$2500 Lighthouse / LEO commitment and that Seminole LEOs had made contributions.

\_ President Samantha Turner called the meeting back to order and turned it over to the Tail Twister, LEO James. He collected \$24 in fines toward the Lighthouse Capital Campaign.

\_ Lions Council Chair Grace Clower installed the 2011/2012 Officer Installation including: President Johnelle Simpson, Vice President Stephan Rolle, Secretary Elyse Rognstad, Treasurer James Brannon, Reporter Aaron Rognstad, Membership Director Hunter O'Brian, Historian Samantha Turner and Chaplin Harley Hall. Absent were Tail Twister Kaneisha Williams and Parliamentarian CJ Jackson.

\_ President Johnelle stated that his 2011-2012 goals and plans included getting better participation from clubs in all districts and finding a way to secure dues more efficiently.

\_ A State wide-project would be held for LEO Awareness month in April 2012. Also, Lions want to have LEOs involved with the Global Leadership Team to help with technology. He talked about the LEO MMR and the need for all clubs to use it and report members. Georgia LEOs need to help Georgia Lions projects including the Camp for the Blind.

\_ President Johnelle asked for a motion to change our website from Go-Daddy to the free Lions net site and to form a committee to help with set up and maintenance of the site. LEO Harley motioned and LEO Stephan made the second and the motion passed. LEO Aaron volunteered to be the Chair. President Johnelle asked if the State LEOs had a Facebook page. We talked about how to start it and if we needed special permission and security.

\_ Continuing projects: Spotlight on Children, dropout, teen pregnancy, and childhood hunger.

\_ 18-C's LEO CJ Jackson was featured in THE LIONS magazine as one of the LEOs of the Year.

\_ Discussion was held concerning a MD-18 LEO Pin. President Johnelle asked Lion Chris to be Lion advisor for the pin design committee along with LEO Aaron and LEO

James. A contest for the pin design was suggested. The committee will submit proposal by September 1, 2011.

## LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM –

The Youth Exchange Program was authorized by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors in 1961, for the purpose of furthering the first objective of Lionism:

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.”

Lion President Eric Lu explain the rules of the election: As you can see, both leo members and parents show up.....



Chinese American Leo Club had new officers :  
President: Chelsea Kim, 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Nicholas Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Justin Wang, Secretary: Jonathan Leung,  
Treasurer: Alex Liou, Leo Adviser: Dr. Willie Chen



100% Leo President Brandon Sheu, his parents , Chinese American Lion President Eric Lu and me, Charlene Fang.







## Lions Quest

### Evaluation Tools

Evaluation is a critical component of any education program. Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to assisting schools with program evaluation tools so that teachers and administrators can provide the most effective Lions Quest implementation possible. The **Skills for Growing**, **Skills for Adolescence** and **Skills for Action** curriculum kits contain tests for each unit so that knowledge from individual lesson plans can be tested. If a more comprehensive pre- and post-test is needed, there are a number of evaluation tools below which have been used with minor modifications in a variety of settings. For more information or assistance, please contact [jayne.westerlund@lionsclubs.org](mailto:jayne.westerlund@lionsclubs.org), 630-468-6818. If you are interested in obtaining results from specific **Evaluation Studies** please visit the [Results](#) section of this site.

### Character Education Partnership

CEP provides links to a variety of tools for individual, teacher and school assessment. Two publications are also available outlining key components of effective character education and program evaluation.

### Search Institute: Starting Out Right - Developmental Assets for Children

The Search Institute has identified 40 Assets as building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. These assets can be used to evaluate programs that promote healthy communities and youth.

**Following is a list of the Evaluation Tool sections below. Click on an item to go to that section.**

#### Lions Quest Tools

- [Social & Emotional Learning and Character Education](#)
- [Drug Prevention](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [School Climate](#)
- [Parent Surveys](#)

#### Additional Tools - Related Agencies and Organizations

- [Social & Emotional Learning and Character Education](#)
- [Social-Emotional Learning Assessment Measures for Middle School Youth \(pdf\)](#)

- [Drug Prevention](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [School Climate](#)
- [Parent Surveys](#)



### Photo of the Week: Lions and Leos from Around the World Celebrate in Seattle

On Monday, we welcomed thousands of Lions and Leos to our international convention in Seattle. We snapped this shot at yesterday's [Global Leo Conference](#).



We've already got lots of great photos from international convention – and we'll be posting new ones all week long. Visit our [Online Convention Scrapbook](#) and [Flickr Photostream](#) to see the latest photos from in Seattle.

Leos from around the world gather today for the **5th Annual Global Leo Conference**.





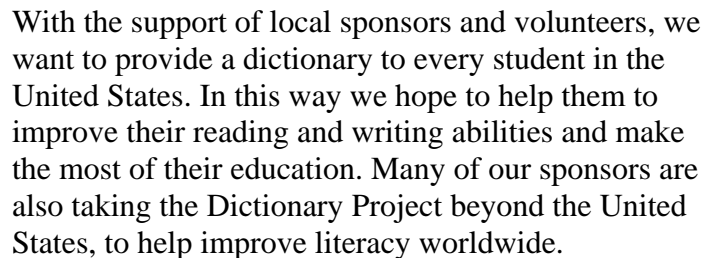
I would encourage each of you, and your clubs, to find ways to impact the lives of our young people. You can start by utilizing the opportunities provided by Lions Clubs International through programs such as Lions Quest, Leo Clubs, Liberty Day, Lions International Essay Contest, The Peace Poster Contest and the Youth Camp and Exchange Program. These programs, and more, can be accessed through our Lions Club International website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

There are many other resources available that can help your club become leaders in growing better prepared young people. Have you heard of the Dictionary Lady? Visit [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org) and learn more about one amazing way that your local club, no matter the size, can

Your club will need to take the first step by making a commitment to the young people in your community. After you have made that decision, we have a great team that will assist you. Just contact us and we will help you proceed.

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The goal of this program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.



More info will follow.....





# LCI NEWS



## Where in the World

**Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out**

**Lions News Network  
• LQ-Lions Quarterly ?**

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## Wing-Kun Tam President of Lions Clubs International



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

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## ***“Engaging Our Youth”*** **Global Service Action Campaign**

There has never been a generation of young people more involved in their community. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, in the United States alone, nearly 22% of people aged 16 to 24 are volunteering. In other areas of the world that percentage is even higher.

A growing number of studies show that youth who engage in meaningful service projects experience a host of positive outcomes. Lions have an incredible opportunity to engage youth by developing programs they can relate to, and by encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service.

### Take Action

During August, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world in recognizing the power of youth involvement. Help us shine a light on youth by planning activities in connection with [United Nations International Youth Day](#), recognized each August. Or, organize projects throughout the month that engage and mobilize youth in the process of helping communities.

### Resources

The following resources are available to plan and promote a future “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign project.

- [Press Release](#): Send a press release to local media to encourage them to publicize your “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign.
- [Call to Action Flyer](#): Get an overview of the “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.
- [Planning Guide](#): Use this step-by-step approach to organize your very own “Engaging Our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign.
- [Project Ideas](#): Review ideas you and your club can use to partner with youth to develop a signature service project during the month of August that will make a big impact on your community. The opportunities are endless!

## 2010 Campaign Results

More than 850 Lions clubs in over 60 countries organized projects as part of the Engaging Our Youth Campaign throughout the month of August 2010. Over 1,200 projects were reported totaling more than 87,000 Lion service hours. [See stories and photos of “Engaging Our Youth” service projects from around the world on Flickr.](#)

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## Support the Century of Service Commemorative Coin

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is leading efforts to mint 400,000 silver dollars in recognition of our 100th Anniversary in 2017.



Lions are excited to celebrate our 100 years of service to men and women throughout the world. And, this is the first step to commemorate our centennial – while raising millions to support our global mission areas for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by disaster. Lions from all over the globe are exploring similar commemorative campaigns locally.

In June, the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act" was introduced in the U.S. Congress. Senator Jerry Moran, a Lion, is sponsoring S. 1299 and

[Congressman Peter Roskam](#) is sponsoring H.R. 2139, thanks to [Sandy Spring Lions Club](#), District 22-C, who formally proposed this opportunity to publicize our



accomplishments and raise funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

### **Contact Your Legislators Today!**

Passage of this legislation depends on securing 290 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 67 co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate. We need Lions from across the United States to contact their federal lawmakers and ask them to co-sponsor the "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act." Write or call your lawmakers today!

- Look up your representative in [Congress by zip code](#) and email them directly from their website.
- Fill-out this [letter](#) and send it to your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives
- Use this [phone script](#) when calling your member's Washington D.C. office
- Before contacting your lawmakers, be sure to [read these tips](#)
- Share your experience by filling out this [report back form](#). [Email](#) or fax it to 630-706-9248

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### **Lions, LCIF Mobilize US\$15 Million to Help Japan**

Lions around the world are continuing to help the Lions of Japan in their disaster relief efforts by donating generously to LCIF. As a result, we're mobilizing more than US\$15 million, which includes US\$8 million that Lions of Japan are raising. LCIF has approved an initial US\$1.5 million grant to provide a special assistance fund for victims and to support Lions' operation centers. The remaining donations will assist with ongoing disaster relief and

long-term rebuilding efforts. [Read updates from Lions in Japan.](#)

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

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

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

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### **New and Improved Service Activity Report**

We've recently redesigned the Lions Club Service Activity Report to provide clubs with more tools to monitor their service activities and share information with others. The new system allows club and district officers to designate signature activities and set service goals that

can be tracked throughout the year. Officers can also search activities that other clubs choose to share using key words, geographic location, program area and other criteria. Go to this web site = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/service-activity-report.php>

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### **EVENTS**

#### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

### **LIONS QUARTERLY**



Watch [LQ video magazine](#) to see how canines become life-changing companions.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### [Saving Eyesight](#)

Learn how Bausch + Lomb and LCIF are helping children in China.

### **CONTESTS**

#### [Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community.

#### [Essay Contest](#)

Sponsor a Essay Contest in your community – must be visually impaired.

### **CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**





**Fellow Lions,**

## **Message from the LCIF Chairperson: A Year of Great Accomplishment for LCIF**

As I write you this message, I am filled with a great sense of pride for all that we have accomplished together over the last 12 months. It is also bittersweet for me that this is my final message to you as Chairperson of our great Foundation.



Just last week I visited our Lions in Haiti and our disaster relief projects. Although there have been challenges, they remain committed for as long as it takes. You can read more about all of our disaster relief efforts in this message.

We give hope with active, reliable and needed cooperation following disasters to people around the world. Every day presents a new challenge, yet every day Lions offer the start to a promising solution which is returned every day with a happy smile of gratitude from those in need.

To reach even more people, we established four main priorities for our Foundation this year. And I'm so happy to say we have achieved each of these.

To help with developing and implementing these goals, one of the priorities was the creation of a Steering Committee. The committee is comprised of Lions leaders from around the world, and Constitutional Area is represented.

Our first goal was improving our communications flow. Just last month we launched our new Web site in English, and it will launch in languages at our International Convention.

I am convinced you will agree this is a huge advance toward meeting this goal. This new site gives you more tools and resources to promote the good work we Lions are doing. It also offers you many opportunities to contact us at anytime. Your thoughts are important and help us to move forward. Please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org), if you haven't already.

Lions Quest is a program that is particularly near and dear to my heart. More than 12 million children have benefited from this life skills program. And that's why reaching even more children was another priority. We held trainings and created a How-to-Kit to help Lions' expansion efforts. Just last month Indonesia began this program. I'm happy to say it's now in six new countries, for a total of 66 countries.



At this time, there are more than 20 countries ready to start this program—the only world program focused on social and emotional education.

Another priority was activating our volunteer coordinator structure. To strengthen Lions' engagement with LCIF, new fundraising goals were set, with district and multiple district coordinators helping lead these efforts. We created several new resources for our coordinators. I enjoyed hosting several Webinars to provide updates to our coordinators and to encourage them to work closely and effectively with our DG Teams.

Most exciting is the fact that our efforts are paying off. Donations for this year are up by US\$10.5 million, or 33 percent! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to helping LCIF continue to be the #1 NGO worldwide.

We have set a solid platform with international structures to build upon next year! I can assure you I will remain committed to our Foundation for years to come, and I hope I can count on you to do the same.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

## Rebuilding Lives Following Disasters

We Lions have a special dedication to providing relief and rebuilding lives in our communities for as long as it takes. In Haiti, we are rebuilding schools and a nurses training program, as well as houses. Most recently, we committed US\$410,000 to help the Southern United States. And we continue to receive donations for Japan, with more than US\$16 million being mobilized. Relief efforts elsewhere also remain ongoing. All of these projects would not be possible without the generous support of our international family of Lions. And other organizations are taking note of our relief efforts. Bausch + Lomb donated US\$100,000 for Japan and is encouraging their employees to also do so by matching donations. The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (Texas, USA) also contributed US\$100,000 for Japan.

## Reducing Blindness Globally

A 2010 study just released by the World Health Organization, shows that blindness and visual impairment has been reduced globally by nine percent, or 26 million people, since 2004. Through SightFirst, Lions have had a significant role in this achievement, helping to end preventable blindness and restoring sight to tens of millions of people.

## NEW WEB SITE



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

**We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish**

Dear Lion,

We must better share with our Lions and the world why our global Foundation is truly like no other. And today, I am very excited to announce that LCIF has just launched a [brand new Web site](#). The English version is now available, and all languages will launch by our convention in July.

This new site gives you more tools and resources to promote the good work we Lions are doing. On the homepage, the [Recent Grants](#) area highlights some of recently awarded funds for grant projects.



The [Changing Lives](#) area links to stories of individuals, partners and donors who have all been impacted by the work of Lions, made possible by LCIF. These stories inspire us to do even more. And you can even share how LCIF has helped in your life or community by [Sharing a Story](#).



Our [News](#) section includes the latest information from the Foundation, including my monthly messages. In [About Us](#), you can learn more about our history, partners and leaders.

An entire section of our new site is devoted to you, our Lions members. Our [Lions Center](#) provides information on [grants](#), [ways to donate](#) and how to get involved in our many programs. The [materials section](#) includes ready-to-use publications, forms, videos and power points that you can share with your club, district or community.

And within the Lions Center there is a section specifically for [our coordinators](#), our well-trained ambassadors of the Foundation. Coordinators will be able to find a calendar of important dates, club visit information, forms and materials, recent news and reports.

Please visit our new site at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). I know you'll agree that these improvements will help all of us to better communicate the impact and work of the Foundation.

## DVDs

The LCIF videos are a powerful way to show the value of LCIF. They can be shown to Lions at club meetings and district conventions as well as provided to local programming television stations or shared with non-Lions to educate them about the impact of LCIF. The programs are available in DVD format in all official languages. (The DVDs will work on DVD players in the United States and Canada and on region-free players elsewhere.) To view DVDs go to this web site –

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/materials/promotional-materials/dvd-and-psa.php>

The videos can be viewed and ordered online, and additional videos are available on the [Lions News Network](#). Or, contact LCIF by [e-mail](#), by fax at 630-571-5735, or at LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL, 60523-8842, USA, Attn.-LCIF Communications.



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