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# **District 18-D Bulletin**



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

February 2008



District Governor Ruth Payton

**Dear Lions of 18-D:**

I think that all of you know by now that DG Ruth was in a serious car accident on Wednesday, 16 January, as she drove back to Toccoa from Suwanee. Ruth broke both of her legs, collar bone, and suffered several cuts. No one else was involved in the accident. Since then Ruth has had surgery and is in the Oak Heritage Rehab Center in Baldwin. If you are in the area, please visit her or send her a card. She'll appreciate both.

What I'd like to talk to you about is why DG Ruth was in Suwanee. I think that you will find Lion Ruth's dedication to the Lions of 18-D inspirational. Currently, District 18-D is over 100 members below Lion Club International's (LCI) required 1250 Lions for a district. To change this DG Ruth decided to take advantage of an LCI program to start new clubs. This is what DG Ruth had been seeking volunteers for in the past couple of months: her goal is to increase the membership in 18-D by chartering new Lions' clubs.

On Monday, 14 January, in the Norcross Lions' Club House, PID John Pearce, PDGs Joe Hirsch, Beverly Shirley, Ed Hashbarger, and John Rudert, Region III Chair,

Grace Clower, DG Ruth Payton, and I spent the morning being taught how to "cold call recruit" individuals to become Lions by two New Club Development Consultants, PDG Carl Harrell and District 43-E Governor Joie Mills. After lunch we watched Lions Carl and Joie walk into businesses, ask to speak to the owner or manager, and then attempt to convince this person to pay \$30 and become a charter member of the Suwanee Lions Club. As businesses began to close up, we returned to the Norcross Lions' Club House for another training session on holding a new club's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, charter night meeting, etc. We finally got back to our hotel rooms around 9:00 p.m.

The next morning we headed out again, but this time we began to do some of the "cold calling." Personally, this was the hardest job I have ever done in my nineteen years of Lionism. I did not ask DG Ruth whether she felt the same way. However, as many of you know, DG Ruth has diabetes, and we know that she had difficulty getting her sugar under control on Monday night. We also know that she did not have a "good day" on Tuesday, but she was with us all day long going from business to business, knocking on doors, and "cold calling." It was an extremely tiring day! We did not see DG Ruth the next morning as we departed the hotel for a morning of "cold calling" before Lions Carl and Joie returned to their homes. The next time we heard about DG Ruth, she had been in an automobile accident and was in Grady Hospital.

So what is the status of the Suwanee Lions Club? (I can assure you that this is a question DG Ruth asked when I visited her in Grady Hospital!) When DG Ruth left the hotel she knew that we had recruited eight (8) charter members. As she was driving back to Toccoa, we recruited six (6) more members. Since then two teams have gone back to Suwanee to "cold call." We have added two (2) more members and we have several prospects. We only need four (4) more members to charter the club. I think that DG Ruth's vision of chartering a new Lions club in District 18-D is definitely going to happen.

**Dick Smith, Vice District Governor, 18-D**

We are the greatest secret in the world  
and it's up to you to spread the word.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*You know how time flies when you're having fun --  
mark your calendars for:*

**9 March = District 18-D Convention at 1:30  
pm followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting to be  
held at the North Oconee High School just off  
of Hwy 53 in Watkinsville**

We have scheduled a district LEO Workshop for Sunday, March 9 from 2-4 p.m. in Athens. It will be divided into two sections, one for LEOS and one for Lions interested in starting a LEO club.

The Lions portion should last approximately 1 1/2 hours and will cover the LEO program (including how to start one!), Serving Together, LEO Club functions, awards and recognitions available to LEOS and the sponsoring Lions club, and the importance of the LEO Club Advisor and Faculty Advisor. The LEO portion will include ways to implement the LEO motto (Leadership, Experience, Opportunity), selecting and implementing appropriate service projects, awards and recognitions available to LEOS, and other items yet to be finalized.

I will be contacting all 18-D Lions Clubs and encouraging them and their LEOS to come to these events.

Thank you for spreading the word! Please include an invitation to ALL persons, whether or not they are Lions, who are interested in starting a LEO Club in their community.

**TODAY'S LEOS ARE TOMORROW'S LIONS-  
AND LEADERS!**

*Planning Ahead*



**16-17 February – Georgia Lions Lighthouse Winter Meeting, Macon State College**

**24 February – Lions of Georgia Member Night at 4:05 pm – Gwinnett Arena to watch Hockey**

**March – Prepare Club Elections and PU-101 forms  
YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY.....**

### 87<sup>th</sup> State Convention



*16-18 May 2008  
Marietta, Georgia*

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony +  
Saturday: District Breakfasts; First Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$25.00), Special Training Sessions; District Governor's Banquet +  
Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Second Business Session +

Doubletree Hotel Atlanta NW – (770) 272-9441

Hospitality Book - \$75.00 until 1 April and on 2 April the cost will be \$85.00.

Get them while their hot and save.

*“If you don’t read the newspaper you are  
uninformed,*

*If you do read the newspaper you are  
misinformed.”*

*- Mar Twain*



## **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** 📖?

RE: Changes to due dates for Monthly Membership Reporting by Clubs

Beginning in April 2008, there will be change in the due dates for clubs to submit their monthly membership reports to LCI. As explained in the linked Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document, the changes will (1) enable LCI to produce more timely monthly membership reports, and (2) provide more accuracy and consistency between data on club roster reports and LCI billing statements and financial recap reports.

Please click the link below to read the FAQ document for an explanation of the new reporting dates and information on where to direct any inquiries.

<http://ftp.lionsclubs.org/extension&membership/common/MMRNewDueDatesFAQ.pdf>

### **To: District Governors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers**

Message: Lions Clubs International is pleased to announce that Really Big Coloring Books®, Inc. is the official provider of Lions Clubs International coloring books and is now the sole approved provider of Lions coloring books worldwide. The Really Big Coloring Books® brand name is the only coloring book that can use the Lions Clubs logo. We encourage you to take advantage of this exclusive relationship and purchase Lions coloring books by calling 1-800-244-2665 or by visiting our website at [www2.lionsclubs.org](http://www2.lionsclubs.org) and clicking on the big coloring book icon. Shipping on all RCB® fundraising orders is free in the USA and Canada. Please e-mail us at [clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org) if you have any questions. From the Club Supplies and Distribution Division

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Phone: 1-630-571-5466 x256  
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### **Don't Lose Your Tax Exempt Status**

If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). It's due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15, 2008. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status under the new law. Go to [www.irs.gov/efo](http://www.irs.gov/efo) for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free e-mail newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

## ***Southeaster Lions Leadership Institute***

**Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute: The institute will be held 27-30 March 2008 at the Tennessee Conference Center for the United Methodist Churches in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee.**

Cost will be \$110 per person but includes all lodging, meals, and materials. The institute is open to Lions who have not served as VDG and will include topics such as goal setting, meeting management, group dynamics, team building, personality, leadership style, problems solving, conflict resolution, delegation, mobilization of volunteers, diversity, protocol, mentoring, and public speaking. For more information contact Past International



Director Dr. Beverly Roberts at 706-592-2982 or email at [pidbroberts@bellsouth.net](mailto:pidbroberts@bellsouth.net). Only 60 spots are available, so send in your registration now!



## What is CSFII?

**Gifts of US\$1,000+ are eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.**

**All gifts of US\$100+ are eligible for Campaign SightFirst II recognition.**

Total Gift	Annually	Monthly	Daily
US\$10,000	US\$2,000	US\$166.67	US\$5.48
US\$5,000	US\$1,000	US\$83.33	US\$2.74
US\$2,500	US\$833.33	US\$69.44	US\$2.28
US\$1,000	US\$333.33	US\$27.78	US\$ .91
US\$500	US\$166.67	US\$13.89	US\$ .46
US\$400	US\$133.33	US\$11.11	US\$ .37

### Eye Care and Education Programs

[EyeCare America](#) offers multiple eye care programs for which individuals may qualify for services. The programs include Seniors, Glaucoma, Diabetes, Age-Related Macular Degeneration, and Children's EyeCare. Callers will automatically be screened to determine the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services to meet their needs.

***Pledges of US\$5,000+ may be fulfilled over five years.***

***Pledges of US\$4,999 and below may be fulfilled over three years.***

**MACULAR DEGENERATION** occurs with degeneration of the macula, the part of the retina responsible for sharp, central vision needed to read or operate an automobile. About 1.8 million Americans 40 years and older have advanced macular degeneration, and another 7.3 million people with macular degeneration are at risk of vision loss.

**DIABETIC RETINOPATHY** is caused by changes in the blood vessels of the retina that lead to changes in vision and vision loss. Individuals with diabetes are at high risk of the disease.

**GLAUCOMA** occurs when the pressure in the eye increases to dangerous levels and damages the optic nerve, resulting in decreased peripheral vision and, eventually, blindness. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization.

A **US\$2 million SightFirst grant** was awarded in the U.S. for further development of a pilot program to address uncorrected refractive error by providing new, customized eyeglasses to underprivileged men, women and children.

**Why Not make your own PERSONAL contribution of \$200 or  
why not become a Melvin Jones Fellow - \$100.00 down and \$300.00 a year for 3 years.  
(Don't forget - this is TAX Deductible)**

**It takes more than hospitals, screenings and medicines to  
Save -- sight it takes Lions.**



**Editor's Note**



**Fellow Lions:**

## HOCKEY GAME

Last year, some Lions had the opportunity to go to a hockey game in Gwinnett County. The main purpose was to collect used eyeglasses and cell phones. The 2<sup>nd</sup> purpose was to enjoy a hockey game and wear our Lions vests.

This year, we have been offered the same deal = set-up a Lighthouse display and collect used eyeglasses and cell phones and all Lions wear their Lions vests and enjoy a hockey game. You can even bring your family members to enjoy the game also and pay the same price - \$13.00.

OK fellow Lions - here is our chance again. Were looking at Sunday, 24 February this time. Below is last year's event paper - but this time it is the same place, same time, same day, but different date - 24th – and again, it is up to you on how successful we can be this time.

We all enjoyed last year's game - now we have sent info out to you to MARK on your CALENDAR and be prepared to enjoy another game of hockey. I am also looking for each of you to pass the word that we will have a display in the Gwinnett Arena so we can try to collect MORE eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids. We have to try and get it in every newspaper, magazine etc. as possible. There were even people that came from Cobb County and places northwest and south that came to the game.

Let's see what we can do to get the word out and get more LIONS to watch the game in their yellow vests and be spot lighted and recognized by the announcers at while in our seats. We need 20 or more LIONS in vests to show up (more is like it should be) and help pass the word that this will be Lions of Georgia Member Night to collect all we can for the Lighthouse.

I would need to know who and how many will be coming to the game. This is to make sure that your name will be added to a list in order to pick-up your tickets at the (WILL CALL window).

If you want to enjoy a great game of hockey – please let me know. This is another great opportunity in getting out and showing who we are.

**GWINNETT GLADIATORS**  
P.O. Box 897388, Duluth, GA 30089  
Phone: 770-497-5109 Fax: 770-497-5101

**Lions of Georgia Member Night**  
Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Game Time: 4:05 pm

We're going as a group? Use this form to sign up for our exclusive group night at the Gladiators game. Tickets are less expensive than if you were to walk up and we'll be seated together to enjoy the game as a group.

**Group Size:**  
 • Minimum: 10 people. Maximum: 20 people.  
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**Game Date:** February 18

**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Day Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Payment:** ☐ Cash ☐ Check (available to Gwinnett Gladiators)

**Card #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE ARENA**  
DULUTH, GA 30095  
Phone: 770-497-5109 Fax: 770-497-5101

**Penetration Fee @ \$12 - \$15**  
**SUBTOTAL = \$**  
**\$3.50 Ball (included) = \$**  
**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = \$**

**Mail or fax your order to:**  
 Group Sales Department  
 Attn: Jim Hall  
 P.O. Box 897388  
 Duluth, GA 30089  
 Fax: (770) 497-5101

**Group orders must be received at least 14 days prior to game date and are based on availability. Tickets will be available for pickup on the 14th business day prior to the game date. If the game date is on a holiday, tickets will be available for pickup on the 15th business day prior to the game date. Tickets will be available for pickup on the 16th business day prior to the game date.**

**For more information, call: 770-497-5109 or e-mail: jhall@gwinnettgladiators.com**



**We are the greatest secret in the world  
and it's up to you to spread the word.**

It is up to you.....



The **KEY WORD** to all of this is **ASK**  
Any further questions – just ask!

## Dear Club Officers:

Best wishes and Happy New Year to you and your Lions club!

The beginning of a new calendar year is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and look ahead to the opportunities we will have in the months ahead. By far, the greatest of these opportunities is [Campaign SightFirst II \(CSFII\)](#).

What we have accomplished together thus far is remarkable. Over the last three years, Lions worldwide have raised more than US\$130 million toward our US\$150 million CSFII minimum goal, an amazing feat. These funds will provide sight to approximately 22 million people in danger of losing their sight to the scourges of preventable blindness. But before we celebrate our accomplishments to date, we must realize that the sight of millions more individuals hangs in the balance.

Now, we have just six months to exceed this minimum goal and strive toward our challenge goal of providing "Vision for All." Only through the continued efforts of Lions worldwide will we save 37 million people's sight.

Throughout this year, we have addressed the "Challenge to Change" in a variety of ways. How will your club's actions through CSFII in the next six months change the lives of individuals who otherwise face a life of blindness? This January, I challenge you and your club to be a part of CSFII's success.

Since the SightFirst program can save one's sight for an average of US\$6, every Lions club has the power to

change lives. [Consider if each Lion in your club was dedicated to saving the sight of 30 people in the next six months.](#) If each Lion personally committed to saving the sight of at least 30 people, CSFII would surpass its minimum goal and millions of individuals would have their vision restored or saved.

As a club officer, you have the task of leading your club in this effort. Whether your club members have not yet participated in CSFII, or have raised or pledged some funds, or even if they have already done much for CSFII, I ask you to consider what more you can do to bring the miracle of sight to millions around the world.

I have every confidence that your actions and conviction during the final six months of CSFII will inspire your club members to accept the "Challenge to Change," whether they are saving the sight of 30, 300, 3,000 people or many, many more!

Sincerely,  
Mahendra Amarasuriya  
International President

## Four ways to save sight and accept CSFII's Challenge to Change:

- **The Power of 30**  
Each Lion in your club can [save the sight of 30](#) by personally committing US\$180 to CSFII
- **Accept the Model Club Challenge**  
Become one of [CSFII's 3,000 Model Clubs or Progressive Model Clubs](#) by June 2008
- **Honor Lions and Honor Sight**  
[Designate a Melvin Jones Fellowship to CSFII](#)
- **Share SightFirst's Vision with Your Club**  
Order copies of the ["Faces of SightFirst" and "Year of CSFII" DVDs](#)



*"I am your opportunity."*

Helen Keller

**"Opportunity lies within Lions."**

Unknown

## "Boomers" Print Ad

*"We're the New Generation of Lions...Join Us Today!"*

Use this unique ad for all of your public relations efforts to spark interest in your Lions club, district or multiple district events and activities. It conveys an important message to Boomers.

There's plenty of room for you to add your personalized message and contact information. This handy 4" x 5" black/white ad is camera-ready and available to download and print. Use this great resource tool for flyers, announcements, newspapers and more!

For more information, email [boomers@lionsclubs.org](mailto:boomers@lionsclubs.org)



"Change the World"

## Building Community



*When Lions talk about involvement, they are referring to the kind that's high in immediacy and impact.*

*Every day, all over the world, our members work in their local communities as organizers, advocates, fundraisers, and hands on volunteers. Some of our club projects include:*

Food Drives	Schools
Temporary Shelter	Parks and Playgrounds
Hospitals	Vocational Training Centers
Medical Clinics	Senior Citizen Centers
Drug Abuse Prevention	Water Treatment Plants
Vision Screenings	Recycling Centers
Affordable Housing	Environmental Preservation

Through activities such as these, Lions have the chance to give back to our local communities and make life better for the people who live there.

## RETENTION

**Let's think about it.....and ask, what have I done to close the backdoor?**

**How is your Retention Program – are you keeping GOOD LIONS???**



**"Membership Retention – Routine Maintenance, Not Rocket Science"**

Be consistent and sincere in your expectations. Volunteers (as well as anyone) will perform better when they know what to expect, what deadlines they have to meet, who their supervisor is, etc.

Be receptive to new ideas and ways of doing things. You don't have to implement them, but you should at least be willing to listen to them.

Take every opportunity to applaud competence, punctuality, and all the other things you value. Saying "Thank you", "Good job", or "I really appreciate you coming out here/doing X on such short notice" costs nothing, but it goes a long way. At least once a year, go out of your way to recognize volunteers by holding a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon or a similar activity.

As volunteers prove their capabilities, give them added responsibility. Make, however, sure not to overwhelm them, or task them with more than can be reasonably expected to fulfill in the amount of time they have.

As much as possible, make work fun. Vary tasks, have background music, let volunteers work together, serve cookies during break. Remember that volunteers are doing this on *their own time*, and be considerate to that.

Use discretion. Do not criticize a volunteer in front of his or her peers. However, don't shy away from constructive criticism. Volunteers deserve as much courtesy and considerations as regular employees do.

It sounds easy – and it is easy. It is everyone's responsibility to contribute to the companionship and the involvement.

More info – [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) CHECK IT OUT!

## CLUB REPORTS



This is another way of getting Lions in your club, new members and prospective members interested in doing something new and different. Getting involved is another word for **WE SERVE**.

Look around:



**Certain things can happen when your Lions Club gets involved. If we have to find something new – go for it – because the more we raise – the more we can give. Also, the more members who get involved also create a bundle of fun and more money raised. The information that appears may benefit another club – for here is where we get ideas and we might be able to use those ideas within your own club.**

### Our CMS LEO Club in action!

Dear Families, Staff, Colleagues, and Friends: The CMS family was very well represented during this past weekend's MLK Day activities –

As we shared with you last week, CMS 7<sup>th</sup> grader Dory MacMillan was one of a handful of MLK Essay/Art Contest winners chosen from many entries, and she did a great job reading her essay in front of an appreciative audience at last week's MLK Freedom Breakfast.

Karl Scott and his group of workers, Jamie Tuttle and the LEO Club, and the Clarke Scholars were out in force – more than 100 students, staff, and community members – for the Brooklyn Cemetery clean-up project. This ongoing project has provided a great connection between school and community, and has given us a better awareness of our local history. Karl Scott reports that "over 100 volunteers turned out for the Day On service day in honor of Dr. King. Despite the frigid weather we had good representation from the LEO Club and Clarke Scholars, and tons of debris were removed from the cemetery. It was also gratifying to see dozens of former students come over from Clarke Central to volunteer their time for this worthwhile project. Jamie Tuttle adds, "What an impressive turnout we had yesterday for the cemetery cleanup! There were people from all over the community lending a hand in the bitter cold. Several community members who have family buried in the cemetery spoke to the crowd about whom those people were, and also gave thanks for everyone's dedication to the cemetery. Yesterday was exactly what MLK Day is all about – bringing a diverse crowd together to reach a common goal." CCSD MLK service projects were mentioned in today's newspaper, and a brief mention is made regarding the Brooklyn Cemetery work.

**You can view the article at [http://onlineathens.com/stories/012208/news\\_20080122053.shtml](http://onlineathens.com/stories/012208/news_20080122053.shtml).**



## Clermont/North Hall Lions Club

### January 2008 Activities

January activities continued with our parking project—our members worked 104 hours taking care of the parking for the Georgia Mountain Center. Our members were also active in our local community. Our club contributed a total of 181 hours this month. Our local Hall County Commissioner, Steve Gailey, spoke to our club at our first meeting. He discussed the proposed budget and proposed changes within departments. Our Board has begun work on our White Cane project and our Nominating Committee has been appointed and given its task. We are working for a successful remainder of the Lions Year.

“We serve”

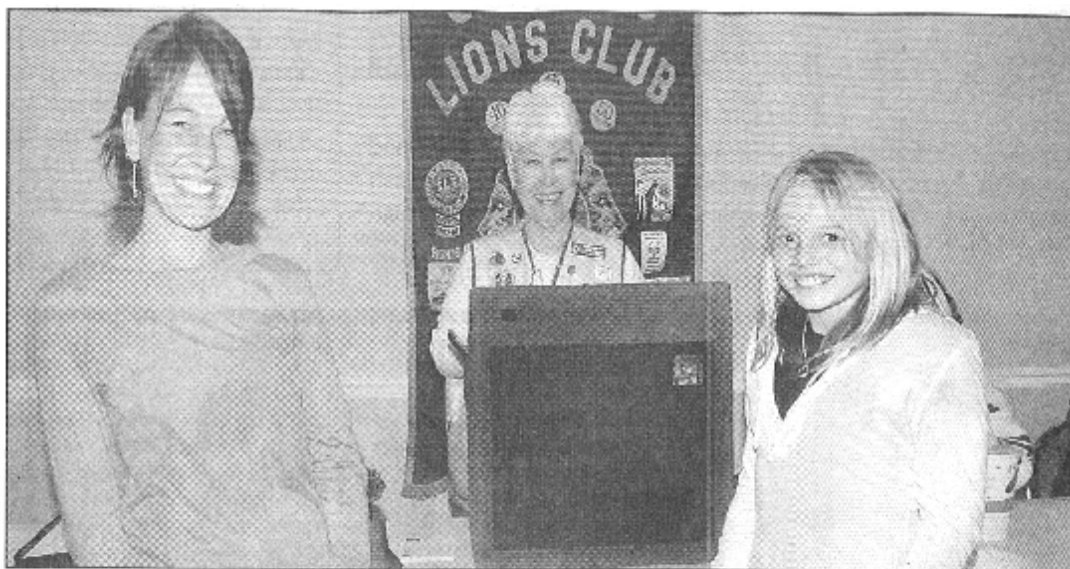
**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We have met our District Governor’s financial goals for 2007-2008. We had 6 volunteers work at a Health Fair and did eye screenings.

EYEGASSES COLLECTED: 831

HEARING AIDES COLLECTED: 0

CELL PHONES COLLECTED: 40

Volunteer Hours for month: 124



### WINS LIONS CLUB POSTER CONTEST

Jefferson Middle School student Raegan Sandy was presented a \$50 check at a recent meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club. The award was for her first place “Peace Around the World” poster in the Lions’ annual peace poster contest. Her winning entry has been forwarded on to compete at the GA Lions District level. Also, Raegan’s art teacher, Shana Market, was given a \$25 check to help purchase additional art supplies. Pictured are (L-R) Shana Market, immediate past JLC president and Peace Poster contest chair Teddie Lohmeier and Raegan Sandy.

### Jefferson Lions Club =

The BOD reviewed both completed and on-going and upcoming activities of the club, to include the continual updating of the *Activities Procedures and Reference Manual*, as well as our involvement in the community’s upcoming *Easter Egg Hunt*, providing additional funding for our *Eye Glass Mission*, the Lions clean-up of the *Camp for the Blind*, planning for the *Ride for Sight* and preliminary discussions on this fall’s *Golf Tournament*.

**Sight Services:** Collected used eyeglasses - 129, lenses - 495, sun glasses - 11, hearing aids - 2. Campaign SightFirst II - 6 club members continue to provide on-going donations.

**Community Service Projects:** Lion Gay Bradley worked 74 hours on the clubs scrapbook, documenting the clubs service to the community.

**Fundraising Project:** Mops & Brooms with income of \$336.50.

**Public Relations:** Obtained an article and picture in the **Jackson County Herold** during the month as seen above. Also published a “thank you” piece in the editorial section to **Jackson County Sheriff** for participation in the toy drive for underprivileged youth.

**Additional activities:** This of course are the regular meetings with special programs by special speakers - this month was Mr. Bob Aldrich on *Sky Warning* and Mr. Bob Bolt - Author of the book *FLY BOY*.



**Snellville Lions Club = ACTIVITY REPORT JANUARY 2008 = Service Activity:** Turn in to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse 101 Used Eye Glasses 15 Prs. Loose Lens 1 Hearing Aid 6 Cell Phones. **Guest Speakers:** PDG Don Wagner Pin Trader International Committee. **Awards:** Lion Andy Anderson 20 year chevron Past President Leon Taylor received International President Jimmy Ross 2006-2007 President's Retention Banner patch. **Training:** Lion Grace Clower attended LCI Extension Workshop held at the Norcross Club House January 14<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>., she then canvassed the Suwanee area for members to start a new Lions Club

**SNELLVILLE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL BENEFIT BREAKFAST ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2008 7:30-10:30 A.M., SNELLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, EAST MAIN STREET SNELLVILLE ADULTS \$6.00 CHILDREN \$4.00**

**Toccoa Lions Club:** NEW BUSINESS: 2008 Event Calendar- Lion President Dave gave a report on the 2008 lion's events. The 2008 year will have the Lions regular meetings in January, the Valentine party in February on the 7th in the evening, and a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. *Pancake breakfast on 2/23.* March the *Chilly Open* date TBD, and regular meeting dates. In April the regular meeting dates and the annual *White Cane project*. In May the regular meeting date of **05-08-08** will be our **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**. The place and time TBD. In June there will be the regular meeting of which one will be the installation of new officers. Lion Dave will be married on 6/14 by Lion Jim. Sight Conservation- Nick Thomas: Six applications approved receiving three from the Open Arms Clinic.

**Union County Lions Club = Four applications for glasses & exams were approved. Lion Mints – dispensed 260 rolls of mints. 40 brooms and mops sold. First \$1,000.00 made to Campaign SightFirst II toward the Clubs Pledge. \$50, \$25, & \$15 given to our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Peace Poster winners in our local Middle School. Lion Arthur Gurr will be presenting a 5 minute section of Lion orientation at each regular Lions meeting. Plans made for a visitation to the Towns County Lions Club. 149 volunteer hours spent toward Environment, Community Services and other Lion Projects. Lion Dale Elliott received a 25 year service pin and Lion Les Meyers was awarded a Membership Excellence Award.**

**Winder Noon Lions Club =** Sadly, our President, Fred Brown resigned due to personal reasons. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Chris Sullivan is stepping in as president. Allison Gillespie presented a program on the Women's Shelter and transitional housing. The club honored 2 outstanding Juniors from the local high schools. President Chris Sullivan did a 5 minute Lion Chat on getting involved. He reminded us of our motto – "We Serve". We had 2 guests during January.

**We're Waiting = have you ASKed?**

**Did you submit yours?**

E-mail = [edmcionh@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmcionh@bellsouth.net) or  
Go on-line = [www.edmcion.com/](http://www.edmcion.com/) or





**GA. Lions Lighthouse**  
**VP Bill Mundy**  
[billmund@alltel.net](mailto:billmund@alltel.net)

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**  
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

**Fellow Lions,**

From: Christina Lennon—Executive Director

Last month we wrote you to let you know that sadly, because of health reasons, Lion Dan Stuart, PCC has resigned from the position of Lighthouse President. In accordance with the constitution a meeting was called to select Dan's replacement. The Board met and Lion Mark Miller, PCC was elected as the new Lighthouse President. Mark has already been very involved with the Lighthouse serving on the Board of Directors and as a Luminary Chairman, which will ease the transition into new leadership. As business at the Lighthouse continues, we appreciate all your support and involvement. Please make plans now to attend the Winter Lighthouse Meeting. The meeting will be at Macon State College on February 16th and 17th. We will ask that you attend your committee for a session in the morning and then take part in the District Work Group meetings in the afternoon on the 16th. Spring is the "season of the Lighthouse" with White Cane and vision screenings at dozens of spring community festivals. This will be an important meeting as we prepare for all of our service activities.

I have received the Service and Monetary reports for our Lions Lighthouse for the period July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. I wish to share this information with you and ask that you share it with other Lions.

## **SERVICE**

### **SIGHT – CLINIC (7/1/07 – 12/31/07)**

UNIT	# OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED EYE EXAMS (1)	# OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED GLASSES (2)	# OF PEOPLE WHO WENT TO OPTICAL SHOP (3)	CLINIC EYE GLASS COST
18 D	67	58	0	\$1,288.00
STATE TOTALS	551	831	46	\$24,722.86

Clinic Expenditures (Insurance, Salary, Travel, Physician fees)

\$23,634.01

**TOTAL CLINIC COST**

**\$48,356.87**

- (1) Received Examination. Glasses not required of all examined.
- (2) Totals for Clinic and routine regular glass request who received glasses at Clinic cost.
- (3) Routine glass request not filled at Clinic cost.
- (4) Total services provided 1,428.

### **SIGHT – SURGICAL REPORT (7/1/07 – 12/31/07)**

UNIT	SURGERY COST	DISCOUNT	TOTALS	# OF SURGERIES PERFORMED	PENDING SURGERIES	# OF SURGERIES PERFORMED LAST YEAR
18 D	\$121,340.61	\$90,988.88	\$30,351.73	20	3	10
STATE TOTALS	\$1,009,178.88	\$839,679.15	\$169,917.66	146	8	108

### **HEARING AID REPORT 12/1/2006 TO 12/31/2006**

UNIT	NUMBER SERVED	NUMBER AIDS	TOTAL EXPENSES	NUMBER SERVED	NUMBER OF AIDS	TOTAL EXPENSES
18 D	4	8	\$2,536.14	5	8	\$897.86
STATE TOTAL	54	103	\$32,801.06	31	48	\$4,570.26

### BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES      12/1/2007 TO 12/31/2007

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Aids	\$21,962.98
Repairs	\$208.34
Earmold	\$1,179.74
Provider Service Fees	\$9,450.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$32,801.06</b>

### BREAKDOWN OF INCOME      12/1/2007 TO 12/31/2007

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ga. PSC Grant	\$42,000.00
Admin. Fees	\$2,233.00
Client Fees	\$10,985.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$55,251.00</b>

July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

UNIT	NUMBER SERVED	NUMBER OF AIDS	TOTAL EXPENSE	NUMBER SERVED	NUMBER OF AIDS	TOTAL EXPENSE
18 D	29	51	\$10,671.97	25	37	\$3,268.29
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>\$95,997.60</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>\$40,102.77</b>

## **MONETARY**

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GEORGIA LIONS AND OTHERS

**7/1/2007 – 12/31/2007**

UNITS	Regular	Memorials	White Cane	Eye Center	Luminary	TMD	Tom Bingham	Total
<b>18 D</b>								
Last Year	\$19,108.50	\$900.00	\$4,600.00	\$5,885.00	\$4,350.00	\$1,550.00	\$2,000.00	\$38,393.50
<b>This Year</b>	<b>\$7,310.00</b>	<b>\$530.00</b>	<b>\$4,673.58</b>	<b>\$3,755.00</b>	<b>\$9,935.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$26,328.58</b>
<b>State Totals</b>								
Last Year	\$52,323.19	\$4,840.00	\$13,773.01	\$9,035.00	\$8,205.00	\$2,950.00	\$5,500.00	\$88,176.20
<b>This Year</b>	<b>\$39,421.85</b>	<b>\$6,390.00</b>	<b>\$15,687.91</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>	<b>\$20,002.50</b>	<b>\$1,570.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$91,272.26</b>

You will note that 18D contributions are down \$12,064.92 when compared with the same time period last year.

Thirteen (13) of the 37 Clubs in the District have made no contribution. If your Club is one of these let me urge you to please review your Club's financial position. If possible make a contribution in whatever amount you can afford. If your Club has already made a contribution but feel that you can make an additional contribution, please do so.

Please make your plans now for White Cane participation. The state goal for this year is \$160,000.00. With planning and lots of participation we can again have a successful white cane collection effort.

Thanks for your support of our Lions Lighthouse in the past.

If it were not for our Lions Lighthouse, a lot of folks would have no place to turn to and receive VISION and HEARING RESTORATION assistance.

Thanks.

Bill Mundy, District 18D, Vice President, Ga. Lions Lighthouse



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind  
VP Ken Thurmond  
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### From the desk of Vice-President of the Camp for the Blind

I and the Staff of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc., would like to wish the Lions of Georgia a Happy New Year and we hope that all will prosper in this new year.

On the weekend of 14 December, 31 campers joined together at the camp and shared fellowship and holiday spirit at Xmas Camp. There were 40 campers originally registered to attend but only 31 arrived. To quote CA Jerry Kaiser, "it was a great camp." Thank you staff and the many Lion volunteers.

Registration information will be mailed soon for the summer session. We would like to remind everyone that we changed our schedule slightly for the upcoming summer session. Each session will still begin on Sunday, but will now end on Friday. After discussing this with staff and with the Executive Committee's approval, we made the change. This is done to allow the staff more time to relax and prepare for the next session. If you think about it, they are with our campers 24 hours a day for the entire time. They really have no time to unwind and relax. This change will enable them to have two days off.

When you are making plans for the spring, don't forget the two weekends 28 – 30 March and 25-27 April 2008.

And of course, if you haven't sent your contribution to the camp, please do so. We request that you make your contributions in the fall. If your club is unable to do that, then please send each quarter. Remember, we are there all year and now have two camps in the fall, not just the summer.

**Century Club** Funds contributed to the Century Club become part of the Georgia Lions' Camp Facility Expansion Fund. This is a development fund, which provides Lions, Lionesses, non-Lions, businesses and others with the opportunity to give a gift that assures the continued expansion of the Camp's facilities. You can join the Century Club simply by making a contribution of as little as \$100.00 per year.

Please download this [Century Club Application](#) for more information. It is a PDF and you will need the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view it.

**General Donation** Your gift is applied to both monthly and annual needs of the camp, routine maintenance and summer programming. This donation directly helps us to provide recreation, socialization, education and rehabilitation to visually impaired individuals of Georgia.

### **Send a Kid to Camp**

The month of September has been designated as the official month for clubs to fundraise and organize projects dedicated to "Send a Kid to Camp" for the upcoming year. Your gift is applied to the seasonal needs of the Camp associated with our activities, camper sponsorships, summer employment, and program supplies. This donation ensures the continuation of our efforts to provide recreation, socialization, education, and rehabilitation to visually impaired children and adults. Donations should be marked "SKTC" to ensure proper club credit.

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Leader Dog Chair  
PDG M.C. Stowe  
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## A note from Jesse

Hi, I'm Jesse and I was born to be a hero.

As a young puppy, I am leaving my "Leader Dog Mom" to begin a special journey.

Now, I'm living with a very special lady named Michelle who is a puppy raiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind. She takes good care of me, tells me stories about when I get a little older and I'll go to Leader Dog and learn to help people who are blind.



Meeting other Leader Dogs sounds great, but my tail can't stop waggin' when I think about helping my future partner. She will "see" me by patting my strong back and scratching behind my ears. And her heart will see how much I love her, how hard I will work for her and how we will be best friends for a very long time.

At the end of the day, I can't imagine a better life. Of course, not all puppies would agree. But then again, not all are born to be a hero like me!



## Leader Dog Welcomes New President

Leader Dogs for the Blind and our Board of Trustees welcomes new President and Chief Executive Officer Greg Grabowski.

"We are pleased to have Grabowski at the helm of Leader Dog," said Chuck Schmidt, chairman of the Board. "He is an experienced, talented leader who has a true passion for his work and the vision it takes to make improvements and continue moving forward."



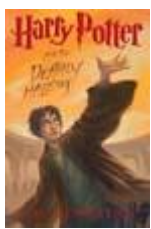
From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig [lion.swamphing@gmail.com](mailto:lion.swamphing@gmail.com)

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Lion Grace Clower  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

## DID YOU KNOW?

Glaucoma can develop as complications of diabetes. Anyone can develop glaucoma, but the following people are at high risk:

African-Americans over age 40;  
Everyone over age 60, especially  
Mexican Americans; and persons with a  
family history of glaucoma.

Do the following to protect your vision from glaucoma:

Have a comprehensive dilated eye exam  
at least once every two years;  
Get treatment right away if you have  
glaucoma;  
Take your glaucoma medicine every day as  
prescribed, and  
See your eye doctor regularly.

Also, if you have diabetes, take care of that Disease.

**If you would like for me to present a program to  
your club, please contact me at  
[graceclower@bellsouth.net](mailto:graceclower@bellsouth.net)**



Canine Companions for Independence® is a national nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of children and adults with disabilities by providing highly-trained [assistance dogs](#) and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.



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The foundation of every Southeastern program is respect and trust. Southeastern Guide Dogs is dedicated to the loving and humane training of dogs to become eyes for visually impaired individuals. Adaptability through flexible programs ensures Southeastern's guide dogs will always meet the ever-changing needs of our applicants.

Southeastern Guide Dogs' mission is to offer free of charge, a unique opportunity to achieve independent travel with safety and dignity to blind men and women, through the use of professionally and humanely trained guide dogs.

**Please contact Jerry Dupree, 18D SE Guide Dog District Chairman, if you'd like him to present the SE Guide Dog program at one of your future club meetings.**

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Happy 50th Anniversary to the Leo Club Program! Since 1957, when the first club was organized, the Leo movement has grown to more than 5,500 clubs in more than 130 countries with approximately 140,000 members.

### International Leo Project

Environmental Action became the official International

Service Project for Leo clubs. Environment projects address the issues of air, land, and water pollution.



The Leo publication, Our Environment, Our Future (LEO-302) provides suggestions for service projects. A few examples include:

- **creating a community compost heap**
- **planting tree seedlings**
- **helping at a recycling facility**
- **implementing a beach clean-up campaign**
- **volunteering at a wildlife shelter**



GLASB— District Chair Karen W y n e g a r : Georgia Lions All State Band was formed in 1997 as a project supported by the Lions of Georgia to provide Outstanding Georgia High School Musicians the opportunity to compete for recognition of their talents and to represent the Lions of Georgia at major Lions Events. The Georgia Lions All-State Band and has performed for the Lions of Georgia at the State Conventions and has traveled to International events including 1999 for the International Convention and James E "Jim" Ervin's initiation as President for Lions International. In 2000 the band also traveled with the Lions of Georgia to perform in the Lions International Convention in Honolulu, HA as Lion Jim concluded his term as IP. The band provides jazz music for the Georgia Jamborees, marches and performs in the Lions International Parade, and performances before the Lions International Plenary Session before Lion delegates from around the world. Everyone involved with the band had positive responses to the level of talent that had been accumulated. From the musician students to the directors / clinicians to the Lions present at the conventions - everyone had an enjoyable and unforgettable experience. The band provides another Opportunity for Youth and enhances the musical talent of our young people. Scholarships are also given to outstanding band members.

The Georgia Lions All-State Band — Georgia's Musical Ambassadors to the World



**TO ALL LIONS CLUBS:**

**Georgia Lions State Awards Program**



A copy of the 2007-2008 Georgia Lions State Awards Program is attached in .pdf format. If you cannot open the attachment or need the program sent to you in MS Word, please let me know. A copy of this program is also included in the State Directory. The deadline for awards applications to be in the committee's hands is May 11, 2008.

Every Lions Club in the state of Georgia should look through the State Awards criteria and apply for all of the awards for which they are eligible. If you have questions or need help, contact your district's State Awards Committee member.

**REMEMBER....you can't win an award if you don't apply!**

**For State Awards Chair, Bryson Tanner**

Copies of criteria for the Anne Sullivan Award, Outstanding Blind Award and Outstanding Deaf Award are attached in a .pdf file. If you are unable to open the attachment, please contact the State Office and copies will be sent in MS Word. Please note that the deadline for submission of applications for these awards is April 15, 2008.



**Lions Pin Trader Seminar**



PDG E. Don Wagner, Past President and Treasurer of the Pin Trader Club of Georgia (PTCGA) and Director of Lions International Trading Pin Club 2007-2009 (LITPC) will be presenting a Seminar of the history, design, manufacturing, trading, and pin swaps on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Georgia State Lions Convention in Marietta.

There will be two fifty (50) minute sessions that are open to all Lions and spouses in the room where the Pin Trader Club will be displaying, trading and selling Lions trading pins.

Lions are encouraged to bring their club pins to trade or sell.

The LITPC is embarking at world wide effort to support Campaign SightFirst II, They have a goal of raising \$100,00 to be presented at the International Convention in Minnespolis. There are over 700 members world wide, with 44 local clubs and 21 difference countries.

All Pin Trader Clubs have raffle tickets. The first prize is a hand made Quilt called Butterfly Garden, second prize is \$1,000.00 and third prize is \$500.00. Tickets are \$2.00 each, three for \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00. The drawling will take place at the International Convention in July 2009.

PTCGA is selling a set of bronze, silver and gold BOLO's for \$20.00 for all three bolos. If they are to be mailed add \$2.25. The Club is supporting this world wide project and has a goal of \$2,000.00.

For raffle tickets or Bolo's contact PDG E. Don Wagner, 5853 Frank Gailey Road, Clermont, GA 30527-2038, PHONE 770-983-0984, email [wagner5853@bellsouth.net](mailto:wagner5853@bellsouth.net) or CELL 678-617-0184



Dear Lions of 18-D,



DG Ruth has been moved to the Oak Heritage Rehab Center in Baldwin, Georgia. I called Oak Heritage Rehab yesterday to talk to DG Ruth. The telephone number I had was to the rehab center, there is no phone in Ruth's room, and she can't get out of bed to talk. I then asked about computer access and the answer is the same: she can not get access to her e-mail. I immediately called her husband, John, and he confirmed the information I was given by Oak Heritage. Therefore, for the time being, I think that communication with Ruth should go via "snail mail" in the form of cards or letters. Just don't expect a reply any time soon. She will be undergoing rehabilitation for two to three months. *Ruth is allergic to roses*, but she does like other flowers, especially the kind that she can move outside when spring comes.

Oak Heritage Rehab  
205 Peach Orchard Rd  
Baldwin, GA 30511  
706-778-8377



On the good side, John indicated that Ruth had a good day yesterday, with approximately 3 1/2 hours of therapy. Later in the afternoon John called me from Oak Heritage and I ended up speaking to Ruth for a few minutes. Most of our conversation was Lions business, but she did say that she was having John check out whether she can have a cell phone. If you are in the area, she can have visitors, if she isn't having her therapy session when you arrive.

Dick  
18-D VDG

**FYI, DG Ruth prefers flowers that can be planted later over cut flowers.**

**Please keep DG Ruth in your prayers for a complete and speedy recovery and let her know you're thinking of her!**



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