



We Serve

District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

March 2008



District Governor Ruth Payton

Dear Lions of 18-D:

Gee, time has been dragging at this Rehab Center, but I think I have been making some progress. I have been trying to keep in touch with some of you and have gotten feed back on what clubs have been doing in the District. I must say that I am encouraged that many clubs are exceeding their goals thus far this Lion's year. Also, I understand that in some Zone's, membership is up. But we are still behind where we should be. Please continue the good work and try to increase your membership – Remember – 1 for small clubs, 2 for medium clubs, and 4 for large clubs. We do have some clubs that have gained 4 or 5 new members. The challenge is out there, now it is up to you.

A few reminders – Time is getting short and each club should start and prepare for your nominating committee to nominate Club officers here in March. The sooner you get your PU 101's out, the sooner the new Presidents and Secretaries can get the information that they need from Lions International. Please break out your State Directories and start looking at the State Awards.

If you look just behind District 18-F's last page, you will find a picture of the Council of Governors. The next page is the Order of the Golden Chain that some of you can submit. Also the requirements for 100% officer, than Outstanding Blind Award, Outstanding Deaf Award, Anne Sullivan Award and than the State Awards. You will also find the requirements for Lighthouse and Camp Awards following the State Awards. Let's see how many Awards we can get at the State Convention.

I hope everyone's calendar is marked for March 9, the day for our annual District Convention and our Third Cabinet meeting. Please check page two on time and location and page 3 for itinerary. Let's have a great turnout and support those Lions who are offering for District leadership.

I urge each club to participate in White Cane fundraising during the month of April to benefit our Georgia Lions Lighthouse and to help needy Georgians see and hear again. Also, time is getting short and 30 June is right around the corner – if you or your club have not made your commitment to Campaign SightFirst II, please do so immediately. Our District has a goal we would like to exceed that goal. If you have any question please contact Lion Ed Hashbarger for immediate assistance.

I wish to thank each and everyone who has sent me flowers and cards. Bless you. I am thinking of each club and am encouraged on what you are doing. Keep up the great work.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

9 March = District 18-D Convention and 3rd Cabinet Meeting starting at 1:30 pm

WE NEED YOUR CLUB MEMBERS AT THIS MEETING!

The **3rd CABINET MEETING and DISTRICT ELECTIONS** will be held on Sunday, 9 March 2008, starting at **1:30 p.m.**, at the North Oconee High School, which is just off Highway 316 on Highway 53, as you travel towards Athens and Watkinsville, Georgia. (If you have a GPS, the official address is 1081 Rocky Branch Road, Bogart, Georgia.) There will be Lions direction signs along Highway 53, so you shouldn't have any difficulty finding the newest high school in Oconee County.

The elections of 18-D district officers will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. Per the MD 18 constitution, each club is entitled to one voting delegate or alternate for each ten (10) members of your club. Following the election for next year, we will commence the Cabinet Meeting in which we will share the highlights of the past three months and review DG Ruth Payton's goals for the year. Time is passing quickly! Upon conclusion of the Cabinet meeting, refreshments will be provided by the Oconee Lions Club.

LEO WORKSHOP 18-D

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008 2:00 p.m.
NORTH OCONEE HIGH SCHOOL
1081 ROCKY BRANCH ROAD
BOGART, GEORGIA 30622**

**This workshop is for all LEOS, Lions, and
ANYONE interested in the LEO program!**

In this Workshop we will cover:

**How to start/charter a LEO club in YOUR
town/school**

Share and spread the LEO message

Advisors, Lions, and other adults:

Your role in YOUR LEO Club

Lions and LEOS working together

Service and Fundraising –

projects for Fun and Profit

**Awards and Recognitions for LEOS and their
Lions club**

Q & A session

Planning Ahead



March is Eye Donor Awareness Month.

District Governors Month

May is for Sight Month Recycle

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

**Club Secretaries – place year-end awards and gift
presentation order with Club Supplies**

87th 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.

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



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** 📺?

Lions Bring Awareness to National Diabetes Alert Day

Participate in [National Diabetes Alert Day](#) on Tuesday, March 25.

Sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, this annual day acts as a “call to action.” Lions have a long-standing commitment to the awareness of diabetes. An estimated 7 percent, or 20.8 million, adults and children in the United States have diabetes. While 14.6 million have already been diagnosed with diabetes, 6.2 million people remain unaware that they have the disease. As the presence of diabetes throughout the U.S. continues to grow each year, spreading awareness about the disease becomes even more imperative.

April Is Leo Club Awareness Month

Is your club looking for an opportunity to help the youth in its community? Consider sponsoring a [Leo club](#) during Leo Club Awareness Month. Leo clubs provide youth with an opportunity to serve their community and gain leadership skills.

Change to MMR Reporting

Beginning in April 2008, there will be a change in the submission dates for clubs to submit their monthly membership reports (MMRs and WMMR). These reporting changes will apply both to clubs that report their membership transactions online (through the online WMMR system) and for clubs that submit paper MMRs to International Headquarters. [Read further](#) about the new process (effective April 2008) for clubs’ monthly membership reporting, including dates to submit each month’s report.

LCI & LCIF Programs on Starfish Network

Lions Clubs International is happy to announce LCI and LCIF video programs have a regularly scheduled

time on Starfish Television Network at 8:30 pm Eastern Time on Thursday nights (programs may be seen at additional times as scheduling allows). Starfish is a nonprofit organization and is providing LCI & LCIF with this television time at no cost. We encourage you to let your members, friends and family know about this programming and benefit to LCI and LCIF. To watch Starfish on a DISH 1000 system, go to channel 9408. If you do not have DISH 1000, go to www.starfishtv.org and select the “Watch Live Starfish TV” link.

Promote Lions Clubs in Your Community

Lions public service announcements (PSAs) are available to help raise awareness of Lions clubs in your community. [PSAs](#) are available online for both radio and television formats. “Get In Step with Your Community” is the newest PSA. Contact the public service or community affairs director at your local station and ask that they play a PSA. You can refer them directly to the [television](#) or [radio](#) PSAs online to download.

DISTRICT 18-D CABINET MEETING 9 MARCH 2008 (Abbreviated)

DISTRICT ZONE REPORTS: (2 min each)

REGION I, ZONE 1 (BOB STOVALL)

REGION II, ZONE 1 (KEN CASTLE)

REGION III, ZONE 1 (DOT HUNT)

REGION I, ZONE 2 (HAROLD HARRISON)

REGION II, ZONE 2 (DIANE WALL)

REGION III, ZONE 2 (GRACE CLOWER)

REPORTS:

CAMP FOR THE BLIND (PDG KEN THURMOND) (3 – 4 min)

LIGHTHOUSE (LION BILL MUNDY) (3 – 4 min)

SIGHTFIRST II (PDG ED HASHBARGER) (3 – 4 min)

PEACE POSTER CONTEST (LION LOUISE LITTLE) (2 min)

WHITE CANE DAY (LION PETE STAMSEN) (3 – 4 min)

EXTENSION (PDG BEVERLY SHIRLEY) (2 min)

NEW CLUB FORMATION (PDG JOHN RUDERT) (3 – 4 min)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND USA/CANADA FORUM (VDG DICK SMITH)

STATE CONVENTION (PDG JOHN RUDERT) (2 min)

STATE AWARDS (LION BRYSON TANNER) (3 – 4 min)

OLD BUSINESS: VDG DICK SMITH

NEW BUSINESS: VDG DICK SMITH

ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE REVERSE): VDG DICK SMITH



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:

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is defined as guidance and management with the ability to influence others to see a vision of what should and could be accomplished. A leader has a responsibility to those he or she leads—the responsibility to do the best he or she can for those people.

Each elected officer of a Lions Club is a leader. The problem is that many elected officers are not trained to be leaders and cannot communicate, cannot guide, and therefore, cannot influence others to see what should be accomplished. The training or education of leaders must start with the basics. Each and every officer of a Lions Club must know the basics of Lionism and of the position to which he or she was elected.

This training starts with the officer participating in the leadership training offered by the district. Every year, District 18-B and the other districts in Georgia offer New Officer Training. Any officer that accepts a position in a club has the responsibility to attend this training. It does not matter if you are elected as the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, director, or membership committee member. There is a training session for each and it is the responsibility of the Lion and the responsibility of the club to see that that Lion attends training as a prerequisite to being installed in that position.

The educational process does not stop there. Each officer has the responsibility to attend all cabinet meetings and all zone meetings. These should be the most important item on the calendar other than family. From the cabinet and zone meetings, the officers receive information on events in the district, the multiple district, and Lions Clubs International. Officers receive updates on reports, organizations they support such as the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, and changes that affect their clubs and members.

The district and the multiple district offer each officer and any interested Lion other opportunities to grow as a leader. In Georgia, all Lions have been offered the

opportunity to attend the Dynamic Club workshops. These are in their second year of aiding officers and clubs to become dynamic and thriving. In Georgia, we have had the Transfusion-Transition-Transformation program offered to Lions. Seminars have been and will continue to be offered at the MD Conventions as well as district conventions. All club officers have an responsibility to attend their district convention as well as the MD Convention.

Don't forget leadership training opportunities such as the USA/Canada Leadership Forum and Lions Southeast Leadership Seminar, both held every year.

No Lions club can afford to have an officer that has not and will not accept ALL responsibilities. By all I mean attend training, attend cabinet meetings, attend zone meetings, and attend leadership training offered by the district, the multiple district, and LCI. This responsibility should be made clear to any Lion who wishes to become a leader in his or her club because a club that has untrained leadership to include leadership that never attends cabinet meetings, zone meetings, or conventions is doomed to mediocrity and soon becomes a statistic of a dropped Lions club.

This time of year, clubs are preparing their slate of officers for 2008-2009. Give each Lion in your club the job descriptions of the elected positions to include the responsibility of becoming a trained leader. All clubs should adopt a simple rule that if the Lion will not fulfill the responsibility of the position, than that Lion should not be elected an officer. The members of a club also have a responsibility, of insisting that their club be lead by trained Lion leaders.

Lil Shurtleff
MD Membership Chair



**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:

Lions don't just change – Lions change for the better! When it comes to increasing our ability to serve the people of our communities and the world, nothing should be beyond the scope of our imagination.

Fortunately, it doesn't usually take outlandish ideas to yield great improvements. Lions Clubs around the world have found that one of the biggest boosts in their ability to serve comes from the energizing effect of women members. All around the world, women have rallied around the "We Serve" motto and helped their clubs live up to the ideal it represents.

On a recent visit to India it was my pleasure to meet members of the newly chartered Chennai Aristocrats Lions Club. The 20 forward-thinking Lions who formed this club recognize that the seven women in their ranks have brought a "new dimension" to their service initiatives. They report that their efforts are now focused on some of the most pressing needs of their community – children's issues and improved health for all.

In just three months the club has undertaken major projects including building a water-treatment facility to provide clean water to schools, the creation of a yoga center for the entire community and the "adoption" of a neighborhood in need of better sanitation, hygiene and education. Women are in the forefront of these projects says Club Secretary C.G Balaji. He notes that as a side benefit, the club's meetings have become more interesting and the menu has even improved – because the women insisted upon it!

He says that the women's "participation is a welcome sign and will change the perception of Lionism, among both Lions and the general public.

I am happy to report that Lions' excellent response to the Challenge to Change is reaping rewards throughout the entire International Association of Lions Clubs. As you may know, the December worldwide membership report has historically shown a decrease from the July 1 total. Thanks especially to clubs' efforts to diversify their membership; this year the totals will be almost equal. That means 5,000 fewer Lions lost to the association! Congratulations to all clubs that have embraced the Challenge to Change and received the benefit of renewed energy and commitment.

In response to the changing needs of Lions, there will be changes made at International Headquarters as well. The [Public Relations Division](#) has embarked on a major redesign of the [Lions Clubs International Web site](#) and improvements to The LION magazine. In fact, you may be one of the Lions randomly selected to receive a survey questionnaire about the Web site. If you or a member of your club receives one, please help the hardworking staff at International Headquarters by returning it as soon as possible. They need your input! Redesigning the Web site is such a large and complex job that it may take the better part of a year to complete, but changes in The LION magazine will be phased-in over the coming year.

To keep up with clubs' fast-paced recruiting of new members, the club records staff is also making changes. This too, will require the cooperation of Lions, especially club secretaries. WMMR filings will now be due by the last day of each month from clubs that file electronically and by the 20th of each month from clubs that file by mail. This will allow the staff to eliminate the current one month lag between filing and the production of reports and provide current data to all parts of the association. For [complete details](#) on this change in procedure, please see the www.lionsclubs.org Web site.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and wish you continued success in your mission to serve.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President



"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



"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 **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**.



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.

Clermont/North Hall Lions Club February 2008 Activities

February was a month of planning and preparation along with another parking event at the Georgia Mountains Center. Work continues on White Cane Day and our Nominating Committee is hard at work.

This month our building was used weekly for a meeting of volunteers undergoing Special Emergency Response Team training. These individuals are preparing themselves to assist in the community in the event of any type of emergency event. As you would expect, some of our Lions members are participating—another way to serve the community.

Sight Services: Collected used eyeglasses - 5, sun glasses – 5. 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 \$7.50 turned in along with \$5.00 from Gum Ball machine..

Pancake Supper: Lion Pancake Supper Chairs Bob and Sandra Friedlander indicated they were still in need of supplies and additional donations. There will be a cash outlay of \$375 required for school staff and they would like to be able to achieve this amount in cash donations.

Ride for Sight: Project Chairman Lion Andy Wickman distributed flyers to advertise the event which will occur on Saturday, April 19, 2008. He indicated that the ride will begin and end at *Spirit Cycles*.

White Cane Day: Chair Lion Alice Rosenberg indicated that the letters to area businesses were done and stamped and were located adjacent to the entry door. Alice asked the members to select five letters and add a personal note on the top of those letters.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had 6 members do 72 vision screenings at a health fair. We paid our 3rd and final installment to Sight First II. We have a new member, Doug Adams, brought in by Lion Vonda Mercora.

EYEGLASSES COLLECTED: 193

CELL PHONES COLLECTED: 10

VOLUNTEER HOURS: MONTHLY 115

Jefferson Lions Club =

Club Board of Directors Meeting: The *Board of Directors* met on Monday Feb. 25th at *Chili Dawgs*. The BOD reviewed the current state of our Eyeglass program and allocated additional resources to continue this ministry. Additionally, they addressed upcoming fundraisers to include the **Pancake Supper** preplanning of the now annual **golf tournament** and a **Ride for Sight** and **White Cane Day**. Additionally, they approved our participation in the **GA Chip - Child Identification Program**. Also, discussed membership enhancement programming, and club publicity.

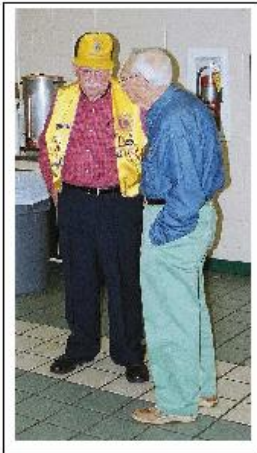
Snellville Lions Club = ACTIVITY REPORT February 2008 = Fund Raisers: February 9th. Club Annual Benefit Breakfast at the Snellville United Methodist Church which was very successful again this year Awards: Past President Leon Taylor received the "Year-Round Growth Award for 200-2007 banner patch from Lions International Lion Joe Roth Received membership Excellence pin from "Year Round Growth for year 2006-2007 for new members Lion Harold Walker was awarded the Quarter Century Certificate and pin fro 25 years dedicated services as a member of Lions International. **Guest:** February 7th. Keith Nabb, with the Affordable Health & Life Plans Inc. A very interesting program on Medicare. February 7th. Also attended this meeting was 9 students and 1 teacher of the Beta Club at the Brookwood High School, they do volunteer work , presented the club with 135 used eye classes they collected, and will continue to collect used eye glasses for the club. **Note:** The club held their February 21st. Meeting at the Delmar Gardens Nursing Home as there guest. **Service Projects:** The following items were turn in at the Lions Lighthouse this month. 289 Used Eye Glasses 53 pairs of loose lens 6 hearing aids 16 cell phones. Met the District Governors goals.

Toccoa Lions Club = During the month of February collected from the community the following: 206 pairs of glasses, 110 lens, 32 pairs of sunglasses, 70 frames, 70 glasses cases and 8 cell phones. These will be carried to the next cabinet meeting. The six new receptacles to be placed at collection sites are now painted and ready for the Lions decal to be applied.

Wow... the Pancake Breakfast was certainly the event of the year thus far. Thanks to Russ Paxton for his dedication and hard work. When you see Russ please be sure to thank him.... organizing this event is not easy. I am always amazed on how many Lions show up for this event. Thanks to everyone that did come and help!



Toccoa Lions at work – February 23, 2008



The work is not over – Kay Royal will be having our Chilly Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 15th. The event will be at Highland Walk Golf Course. We need sponsors & players. Please tell everyone about this event. See Lion Kay for additional information or flyers!

Lion Virgil Megill and his daughter Caroline. He told us that they were in town to attend a dedication of the first scholarship to be offered in the name of Lion Ruth Megill by Toccoa Falls College. Virgil looked very well and was even sporting a goatee. He missed seeing those of you who were unable to attend and says "Hello".



Union County Lions Club =

One applications for glasses & exams were approved. 26 brooms and mops sold. Approved \$500.00 to Mountain Education Center; this will be in form of scholarships to a graduating student, subject to club's policy criteria for student scholarships. Turned in following items: 96 glasses with cases; 119 glasses without cases; 72 loose lens; 144 cell phones; 1 pair glass frames; 3 hearing aids; 38 non prescription shades & 9 cell phone chargers. Union County will be holding another Eye Vision Screening in near future. Machines will be sent to us by UPS. Total volunteer hours: 145

Valentines with a Scottish twist = President Lisa Little opened the meeting with what became that evening, a Five Point Opening-the Pledge of Allegiance, the Prayer, the Thought for the Day, the Lion's Toast with Water, and a special touch involving our own, Lion Roy McKee, playing "*Amazing Grace*" on the bagpipes. The room reverberated with the beautiful tones of the melody whose lyrics are so meaningful to us all. As a member of the Appalachian St. Andrew's Society, a philanthropic, evangelical, educational organization, he knew first hand of what he was speaking. For more information and education – we might be able to have him present at our 4th Cabinet meeting in Helen.



West Jackson Lions Club = West Jackson Club has had some good planning meetings and good speakers. We are working with the elderly on awareness of Olive Branch Personal Care Home and Hospice. We have developed a brochure for our club which will be used for new members. We are working heavy on trying to recruit. Have a strong possibility of two new members. We are getting ready to approach businesses for donations using the brochure and upon a substantial donation presenting the business with an appreciation plaque which one of our members designed. We may try this approach with White Cane Day. Our date for White Cane will be April 19th. We have gotten started back up on the Dictionary Project. We will be sending Jackson EMC a grant application in March. Once again THANKS to our fellow lions in Jefferson and Commerce in their distribution help. (for 2007, 1020 Dictionaries were given out to all 3rd grade students, including home-school students, in Jackson County). Actively working on a Recipe Book to sell - hope to send to printers in March. The Club also made and increased our donations to 9 foundations and organizations.

We're Waiting = have you ASKed?

Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmcionh@bellsouth.net or
Go on-line = www.edmcion.com/ or



Time to Prepare for the New Year

Happy New Year! For some Lions who may have been taking it slow, it is already 2008! Actually January 2008—only 3 months from club election of officers for the 2008-2009 Lions year!

Your club's PU-101 reporting the 2008-2009 Officers is due not later than April 15 to the District Governor and to Lions Clubs International. Club should plan to have their elections in late March or early April so that the secretary has sufficient time to submit the report. Backing up, this means that the president should be appointing the nomination committee in January, and the nominating committee then prepares the slate of active Lions in good standing for each elected office. The secretary then notifies each club member of the slate of nominees and the election date at least fourteen days before the election meeting. That means that the nominating committee must have the slate ready by the middle of March. Whew! All this comes from the LCI Guidelines to Club Elections. Who should be elected? Of course, the President. Usually this nominee is the current 1st Vice President.

Clubs should be electing a 1st Vice President and a 2nd Vice President. If your Constitution and Bylaws calls for a 3rd Vice President, add that position to the slate. The positions of vice presidents are working positions, training the future president of the club as each vice president moves up each year. The Secretary and the Treasurer are elected officers. Consider the duties of each position in selecting the Lions. The Lion Tamer is an elected position. A club may, in its Constitution and Bylaws, also add the position of Tail Twister to the slate. Other elected officers are the Directors. Each club should have two to three. Each year, the club elects one Director. The 1st year Director moves off the Board and the other(s) move up a year.

A very important committee in each and every Lions Club is that of Membership. The committee is composed of three Lions—each agreeing to serve 3 years. Each year, the club should elect one Lion to the committee. This Lion moves into the 3 year position as the freshman member. The remaining two Lions move up to the Junior/Vice Chair position and the Senior/Chair position. Each Lion on the committee has separate responsibilities. These are spelled out in the LCI "Three Person Membership Committee" brochure. So, Happy New Year! Time to start the procedure to elect nine dynamic Lions to lead your club in 2008-2009!



GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Bill Mundy
billmund@alltel.net

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

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

Fellow Lions,



**Helping the Uninsured
Just Got Fashionable**

Night of Spectacles: *An Eyewear Fashion Event*

April 17, 2008
King Plow Arts Center
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

**Featuring Artwork by SCAD, Atlanta
Students
made from recycled eyewear**

***Benefiting the Lighthouse Foundation's
Vision Services for the underinsured***

Tickets: \$75

**Night of Spectacles will feature unique pieces of
fashion apparel designed entirely from recycled
eyewear by students of Savannah College of Art and
Design as well as this spring's newest eyewear
fashions.**

Benefiting the Lighthouse Foundation's vision services for the uninsured.

**April 17, 2008
7:00-10:30 p.m.
King Plow Arts Center
955 W. Marietta St. N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30318**

Enjoy an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music, dancing and impressive silent auction items including vacation getaways and spa services.

For tickets and more information visit: www.nightofspectacles.org or call 404.325.3630



White Cane Days 2008

EVERY COLLAGE GOES
TO SERVE SOMEONE

Thank you for contributing to White Cane Day. With your help the Georgia Lions can serve the visually impaired throughout Georgia and the world

More information will follow in April issue



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
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From the desk of Vice-President of the Camp for the Blind

Work Weekend
March 28-30, 2008

Work Weekend
April 25-27, 2008

2008 Summer Schedule

- Session 1: Family Camp (age 6-9) June 15-20
- Session 2: Adults (ages 26-50+) June 22-27
- Session 3: Pre-Teens (ages 10-13) June 29- July 4
- Session 4: Young Adults (ages 18-25) July 6-11
- Session 5: Teens (ages 14-17) July 13-25

"Lion Carolyn Craig is shown with the Signature Quilt she graciously created for the Camp for the Blind. Attendees to the 30th Anniversary celebration during Lions Day signed a strip of material. Carolyn used her quilting talent to sew this beautiful quilt. She presented it to the Camp at the recent meetings in Warner Robins. This piece of wonderful history will hang in the new Office. Everyone has a talent to help the Camp in their own way."



POSITIONS AVAILABLE EACH YEAR AT THE CAMP

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>REQUIRED EXPERIENCE / RESPONSIBILITIES</u>
Program Director*	Lead, coordinate summer program
Unit Leader (Male / Female)*	Oversee daily cabin living for campers
Cabin Lead Counselor	Assists Unit Leader in daily cabin living
Activity Instructor*	(documented experience required)
Arts and Crafts	Daily activity group leader
Games	Daily activity group leader
Performing Arts	Daily activity group leader
Canoeing / Nature	Daily activity group leader, Lifeguard Certified
General Counselor	Assist campers through daily activity schedule & cabin living
Camp / Relief Nurse*	Registered Nurse
Lead Cook*	Manages kitchen and staff. Food preparation and clean-up for up to 60 guests. (documented food service experience required)
Weekday / Weekend Cooks	Food preparation and clean-up for up to 60 guests. (documented food service experience required)
Maintenance Assistant	Assists in summer maintenance program
Lifeguard	Current Red Cross Lifeguard Certification required.

QUALIFICATIONS: All applicants must be 18 years of age. The qualified applicant must have previous experience in a camping or related setting, current certifications as applicable, and increased experience for upper level* positions.

TRAINING: A one week required Orientation and training program prepares and familiarizes staff with the responsibilities of working with individuals who have visual impairments and/or other disabilities. CPR and First Aid Certification are required during this week for staff who do not already carry a current certification. Specific programs, daily scheduling, rotation assignments, policies, and procedures are reviewed in detail prior to working with campers.

EXPECTATIONS: Staff members of the Georgia Lions' Camp are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Employment at the camp will be challenging, demanding and fun on both physical and emotional levels.

SUMMER WAGES: Pay is based on previous camp related experience and/or current certifications. In some instances the Camp will pay for a certification (i.e. lifeguard) in exchange for summer employment.

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Your Continuing Support Brings Success and Independence



Disaster Preparedness

Plan for yourself and your dog

How can I prepare to care for my dog during a disaster?

We've learned many lessons in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina one of the most important is the need to be prepared for both ourselves and our pets. The best source of information on this subject is the Homeland Security website at www.ready.gov. Following their guidelines assures that your plans coordinate with federal government emergency plans.

To increase the likelihood that you will be reunited with your dog in case of mass evacuation, you should microchip your dog and register the microchip. All Leader Dogs are microchipped during training.

You may want to invest in a dog back pack to allow your dog (if physically capable) to carry his own emergency kit. Among other items, the kit should include: a photo of you and your dog together to establish ownership, a familiar toy or blanket to help reduce your dog's stress, current rabies and vaccine records, a first aid kit, 3-day water supply (1 oz/pound/ day) and a minimum 3-day food supply.

If you are a Leader Dog user, make sure you have your Leader Dog i.d. card and harness with you at all times. By law, service animals must be allowed in shelters; make sure you are equipped to show shelter staff that your dog is a Leader Dog. Also, it is important that your evacuation plan include a sighted individual due to the lack of verbal information that may be provided during an emergency situation. Planning and preparing for yourself and your pet now can be life-saving in the future.



Microchips, which must be registered, are injected under your dog's skin with a specially designed syringe.



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig lion.swampthing@gmail.com

Welcome to the Teacher Training Center for your Learning Through Listening® (LTL) Program!



The sections below contain valuable information about web-based training sessions you can attend to familiarize yourself with the LTL program and many other resources that you can use in your classroom.

[Web-Based Teacher Training](#)

Now that you have the Learning Through Listening Program in your classroom, RFB&D wants to get you and your students listening and learning as quickly as possible. Attend one of the web-based teacher training sessions that RFB&D offers monthly and familiarize yourself with the LTL Program.

[Teacher Training Presentations](#)

Download a copy of the presentations from the web-based teacher training session you attended. Available in PowerPoint and PDF formats.

[Teacher Resources](#)

This section contains the tools and resources mentioned during the web-based training sessions to help you implement your LTL program quickly and easily.

[Read About Our New Learning Through Listening Website - PDF Version](#)

[Read About Our New Learning Through Listening Website - Word Version](#)

[Visit www.learningthroughlistening.org](http://www.learningthroughlistening.org) for classroom strategies, activities, listening lessons and more!



Lion Grace Clower
Diabetes Awareness Chair

Pre-Diabetes

Before people develop type 2 diabetes, they almost always have "pre-diabetes" -- blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. There are 54 million people in the United States who have pre-diabetes. Recent research has shown that some long-term damage to the body, especially the heart and circulatory system, may already be occurring during pre-diabetes.

Research has also shown that if you take action to manage your blood glucose when you have pre-diabetes, you can delay or prevent type 2 diabetes from ever developing. Together with the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, the American Diabetes Association published a Position Statement on "[The Prevention or Delay of Type 2 Diabetes](#)" to help guide health care professionals in treating their patients with pre-diabetes.

There is a lot you can do yourself to know your risks for pre-diabetes and to take action to prevent diabetes if you have, or are at risk for, pre-diabetes. The American Diabetes Association has a wealth of resources for people with diabetes. People with pre-diabetes can expect to benefit from much of the same advice for good nutrition and physical activity. The links on this page are cornerstones of successful management of pre-diabetes.

[How to Tell if You Have Pre-Diabetes](#)

Learn how you may be at risk for pre-diabetes.

[How to Prevent Pre-Diabetes](#)

Pre-diabetes is a serious medical condition that can be treated. The good news is that the recently completed Diabetes Prevention Program study conclusively showed that people with pre-diabetes can prevent the development of type 2 diabetes by making changes in their diet and increasing their level of physical activity.

Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-Diabetes

How do I know if I have pre-diabetes? What is the treatment for pre-diabetes? Learn the answers to these questions and more in this section.

Common Concerns

In this section, learn more about common concerns that people with diabetes face every day. These include what happens when you're sick, and when you travel, should you get a flu/pneumonia shot, and dealing with feelings like anger and depression.

Diabetes Learning Center

It's essential for people with diabetes to take care of themselves. To help you take the first steps toward better diabetes care, we have created the **Diabetes Learning Center**, an area for people who are newly diagnosed with diabetes, or those needing basic information.

If you would like for me to present a program to your club, please contact me at graceclower@bellsouth.net



Many people with disabilities live independent, fulfilling lives. Then there are those whose lives are, in a word, “incredible.” Meet Muffy Davis. A 2006 CCI Southwest Regional Training Center Graduate. Muffy inspires even the most cynical with: “A disability doesn’t have to be a negative. It’s just different.”

Muffy Davis began ski-racing at age three. She soon realized she had special talents and wanted some day to ski race in the Olympics. Then, at age 16, Muffy’s life changed. While skiing she veered off-course and slammed into two trees at 55 mph, crushing her back and almost killing her. In the ensuing months she faced and overcame numerous physical and psychological challenges.



But that little voice inside kept repeating her goals and before long Muffy was involved in disabled ski-racing winning many awards, including four gold medals. This tenacious lady also participates in water-skiing, wheelchair road racing, weight training, fly fishing — even horseback riding, scuba diving, kayaking and adaptive mountain biking!

In August 2006, Muffy graduated from CCI with Service Dog Leibe, a two year- old black Labrador. Muffy feels she has more adventures and explores more because of Leibe. One of her favorite pastimes is to picnic on the warm but slightly damp grass in the sprinkler park. But she couldn’t get back into her wheelchair alone. Now, that has changed as the two play together, with Leibe bracing Muffy so she can get back into her seat.

“With Leibe I’m able to do more and go farther,” she says. “Before Leibe, the social stigma of being disabled always made me feel that people thought, ‘Oh, poor girl in that wheelchair.’” Now, those alienating barriers are dissolved as instead she hears, “Wow! What a great dog!”

In her own inimitable way, Muffy exemplifies the meaning of life for people everywhere, not only those living with disabilities. “Everyone has struggles,” says Muffy. “No one gets through life without something. You’ve got to pick yourself up and get on with it. Live for today, hope for tomorrow.”

Veterans Program: CCI provides assistance dogs to injured military personnel. Check out the web site for more information. <http://www.caninecompanions.org/veterans/index.html>



Happy 50th Anniversary to the Leo Club

Program! Since 1957, when the first was organized, the Leo movement has grown to more than 5,500 clubs in more than 130 countries with approximately 140,000 members. Joining a Leo club is a great way to become involved in your community, serve as a leader to your peers and make friends. Click one of the links below for more information about Leo clubs.

* **Leo Membership** - to find out about joining a local Leo club visit the Leo Directory and search for a club near you.

• **Lions clubs** interested in sponsoring a Leo club can learn how by contacting Lion Steve Helwig.

* **Leo members** can view the Leo Photo Gallery, read news about the Leo club program, and visit the new Web page Leos at Convention.

Leos are both generous and creative when implementing community service projects. Listed below are a few examples of successful LEO projects:

> **Onkama Leos , Michigan , USA ,** planted 900 daffodil flower bulbs in an 80-acre public park.

> **Members of the Albion Leo Club, Indiana, USA,** scrubbed moss, mold, and tree sap from 110 headstones in a local cemetery.

> **Clarke Middle LEO Club, Athens , Georgia** along with these service projects, students have traveled to Waycross , Ga. for a weekend to do repairs at a camp for the blind. Students have also assisted in a major clean-up of the Brooklyn Cemetery, an African-American cemetery in Athens dating back to the mid 1800s. The cemetery was so overgrown by vines and bushes that headstones were covered. LEO Club members and other students removed 20 tons of debris during a cleanup project.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH A CHILD (OR ANY- ONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER):

* Take a 'timeout' from the situation when you know you're losing your cool.

* Never pass up the opportunity for a hug, a handshake, or pat on the back.

* Take time to listen and understand the little things. Time is often more important than substance.

* Always greet someone with enthusiasm.

* Always be loyal, even to a child, if you expect them to be loyal to you.

* Take a nap if you feel tired in the afternoon.

* Love one another.



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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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 Minneapolis. 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 or CELL 678-617-0184



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.



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